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The Governor's Commission on Service

# Making an Imprint on Nevada



**Biennial Report 2010-2011**

# Nevada Volunteers is...

## Connecting



## Building Quality



**"By giving visibility to the impact of volunteer and national service programs across the state, Nevada Volunteers continues to build a strong foundation for 'service above self' in Nevada."**

*Governor Brian Sandoval*

**"Tapping the idealism of volunteers and national service participants through high quality programs is a powerful strategy for change."**

*Shawn Lecker-Pomaville, CEO*



## Recognizing

**"One of my greatest pleasures is coming together to recognize our volunteers – both the national service members and those in the community through the Governor's Points of Light Awards."**

*Tiffinay Pagni, Chair*



# Building Quality

## in volunteer and service programs to deepen our imprint

Nevada Volunteers provided resources, training, and professional networking opportunities to enhance national service programs and community/business volunteer programs. Quality programming requires commitment, skilled volunteer coordination, mechanisms to measure impact, processes for safety and fairness, and creative ways to attract and engage volunteers.

### Nevada Volunteers has leveraged federal and private funding to provide:

- Volunteer Management training to over 100 members and directors of national service programs, plus 45 agencies and community organizations.
- Training for 140 community partners to work with higher education campuses to engage students.
- Facilitation of over 160 faculty and staff on Nevada campuses on best practices for service and service-learning.
- Pre-service orientation and civic engagement training along with First Aid and CPR to 565 AmeriCorps members.
- Administration of a 250 member list-serve for volunteer managers.
- Initiation of a new professional association for volunteer coordinators in northern Nevada.
- Sponsorship of attendance at volunteering and service conferences for 10 national service staff and members.



## AmeriCorps Programs

Over the past two years, Nevada Volunteers has awarded 12 program grants for a total of \$4,014,970. Our programs included:

- The Great Basin Institute: Nevada Conservation Corps (GBI-NCC)
- The Great Basin Institute: Clean Energy Corps (GBI-CEC)
- Luz Community Development Coalition (LCDC)
- The Children's Cabinet (CC)
- Nevada Outdoor School (NOS)
- United Way of Southern Nevada (UWSN)
- Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation (PTCF)

## AmeriCorps Impact Areas

565 AmeriCorps members served 534,331 hours to address needs in local Nevada communities. In exchange for this service, AmeriCorps members received a modest living allowance and a higher education award.

The impact of AmeriCorps member service included:

### Basic Human Services—Hunger, Homelessness:

- 15,600 sack meals fed on average 300 homeless individuals weekly (UWSN)
- 98,291 pounds of food was collected for 16,654 unduplicated individuals (PTCF)
- 12,531 individuals were screened for emergency food, support services, and to alleviate long-term hunger (LCDC)

### Senior or Disability Services:

- 6961 rural seniors provided with congregate meals and 7,518 meals delivered to homebound individuals (NOS)
- Health/aging programs for 7,499 seniors (PTCF)
- Transportation to 551 individuals, allowing them to live independently. (PTCF)

### Educational Support—Tutoring, Mentoring, Healthy Futures:

- Case management/academic support to 286 students and families; 80% of those students showed improved attendance (CC)
- 22,943 youth were offered guidance (CC)
- 15,677 students in Humboldt County received lessons in natural science (NOS)
- Tutored 929 Lander County students in reading/math (NOS)
- Coordinated 15 substance abuse prevention events and 23 training sessions targeting 478 youth (LCDC)
- 1006 children received no-cost immunizations (UWSN)
- 3,427 children engaged in physical education activities with the purpose of reducing childhood obesity (LCDC)
- Facilitated 291 GED prep courses for 849 unduplicated participants (UWSN)

### Environmental Stewardship and Safety:

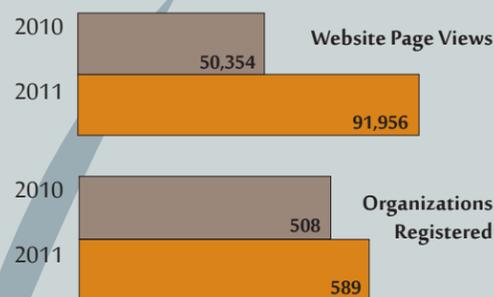
- 145 miles of trails were built and maintained (GBI-NCC)
- Planted 16,991 plants and trees (GBI-NCC)
- Removed hazardous fuels from 321 acres of public lands (GBI-NCC)
- Cleaned or improved 4,575 acres of parks and public lands (GBI-CEC)
- 2,694,924 acres were assessed for land health (GBI-CEC)

# Connecting

## volunteers to impact the needs in local communities

To make an imprint on a community, it is essential to know its needs. Nevada Volunteers worked closely with government and community organizations to identify the most pressing needs and aligned our AmeriCorps programming to alleviate those needs. In addition, the Nevada Volunteers website and social media outlets provided ready access for community organizations, faith-based groups, and governmental agencies to post their volunteer needs so interested people could readily find a way to help.

### Website and Social Media



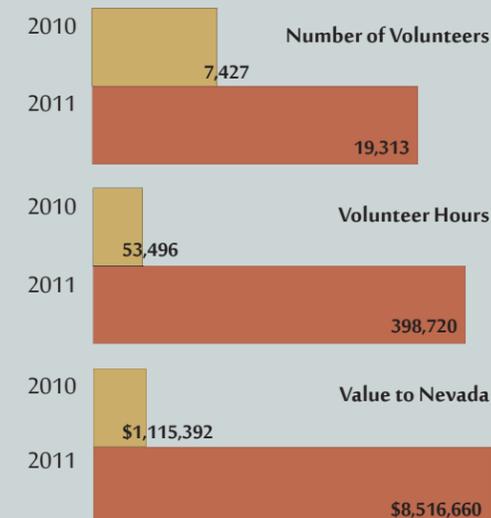
Follow Nevada Volunteers on Facebook and Twitter for regular updates and volunteer opportunities.



### Higher Education Initiative

- Leveraged congressionally-directed funding and an AmeriCorps\*VISTA program to increase opportunities for Nevada's college students to engage in service and service-learning.
- Made 100 presentations to student groups, classes, and community groups to help them make a good volunteer match.
- Engaged over 2,400 students in service activities and enlisted 225 community organizations that have established partnerships with campuses.

### Volunteers Recruited by Nevada's AmeriCorps Members





## Recognizing those who give so much

During the annual Governor's Points of Light event, Nevada Volunteers recognized outstanding people, businesses, and nonprofits who have enhanced lives and communities in Nevada through volunteering and service. In 2011, Governor Sandoval provided an inspiring keynote address to honor the awardees. From over 125 nominations, 6 were awarded:

- *Individual, Northern Nevada:* Darryl Feemster (Reno), Project Solution Volunteer
- *Individual, Southern Nevada:* Frank Mahoney (Henderson), Las Vegas Metro Police Department Volunteer
- *Individual, Rural Nevada:* Kent Aveson (Elko), City of Elko Volunteer
- *Volunteer Manager:* Gabrielle Totten (Reno), Trauma Intervention Program of Northern Nevada (TIPS)
- *Business Volunteer Program:* NV Energy (statewide), Employees Volunteer Program
- *Nonprofit Volunteer Program:* Three Square Food Bank of Las Vegas (Las Vegas), Volunteer Program

People make significant differences every day across Nevada through their service. Our website and blog highlighted significant efforts of our AmeriCorps members and our nonprofit partner organizations.

*Because tracking the impact of volunteers is essential to quality programming, Nevada Volunteers is grateful to Fred Barrie, a software engineer, who donated his time to develop a free, computer-based system for tracking volunteer hours.*

*Tracking hours can aid a nonprofit in calculating the value of their volunteer programs.*



### Nevada National Service Awards

#### Nevada AmeriCorps\*State Member of the Year:

2010, Dannyn Smith  
2011, Vanessa Nesbitt  
2011, Jessica Perlick

#### Nevada AmeriCorps\* VISTA of the Year

2010, Natalie Minev  
2011, Alexandra Ellison  
2011, Cindy Ringer

#### Nevada AmeriCorps\*State Program Director of the Year

2010, Michelle Redmond  
2011, Julie McKnight

#### Nevada Senior Corps/RSVP Participant of the Year

2010, Linda Haigh  
2011, Don Edwards

#### Nevada Learn and Serve Participant of the Year

2010, Marilou Tognarelli

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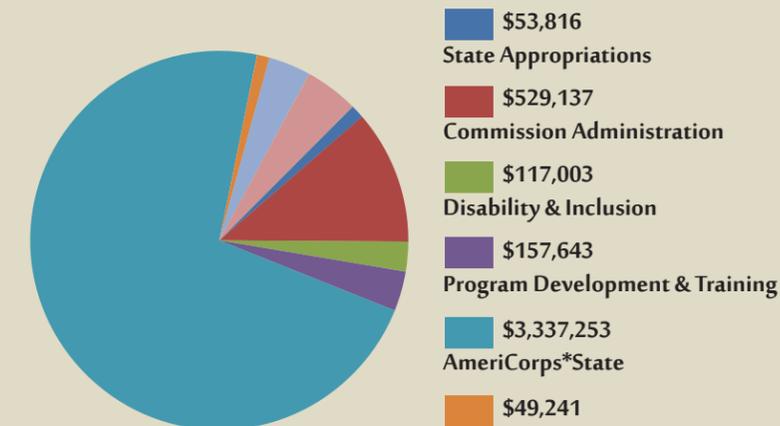
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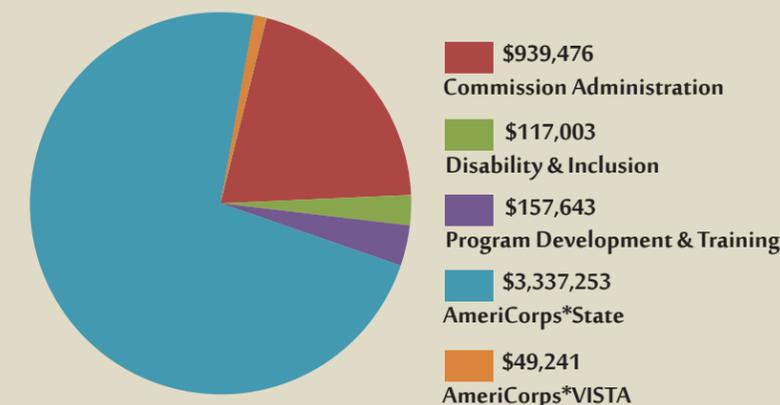
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Nevada Volunteers is the premier resource for building a culture of service in the state. The commission administered AmeriCorps\*State grants and leveraged resources and expertise to get things done for Nevada.

## 2010-2011 Combined Revenue \$4,624,326



## 2010-2011 Combined Expenses \$4,600,616



Nevada received a return on investment of \$65 for every \$1 it invested in AmeriCorps funding.



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Nevada Volunteers creates opportunities for individuals, organizations, and businesses across Nevada to engage in volunteering and shape a culture of service and citizenship.

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