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Notre Dame Mission Volunteers Receives \$5.3 Million in AmeriCorps Funding for Education and Community Support

Baltimore – Executive Director Adrienne Andrews today announced that Notre Dame Mission Volunteers has received \$5,306,080 in AmeriCorps funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency responsible for AmeriCorps and other national service programs.

This grant will support 490 full-time and 60 half-time AmeriCorps members in cities all over the United States who will expand access to education by supporting community centers and schools through small-group and 1-on-1 instruction.

Notre Dame Mission Volunteers, an organization founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, believes that education is the central tool in the struggle for human dignity, self-esteem, and willpower. They seek to build community among AmeriCorps members, as well as the people with whom they serve by reaching out across culture and class. Their goal is to promote and encourage education, community empowerment, leadership development and multicultural harmony.

Notre Dame Mission Volunteers AmeriCorps members continue to serve, adapting to help meet critical needs of their local communities as they address the impacts of COVID-19. This includes providing extended and virtual learning opportunities for their students, as well supporting community services through food distribution, home deliveries, PPE production and other COVID-19 response activities. So far, Notre Dame AmeriCorps Members have been supporting over 400 seniors in need, distributing meals to over 17,000 people, and are continuing online learning for more than 2,500 students across the country. Now more than ever, as the nation responds to COVID-19, Notre Dame Mission Volunteers have answered the call to national service in combating widening gaps in education.

CNCS will provide an additional \$3.2 million in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards for the AmeriCorps members funded by these grants. After completing a full term of service, AmeriCorps members receive an award of approximately \$6,000 that they can use to pay for college or to pay off student loans.

“For more than two decades, Americans have answered the call to serve by pledging to ‘get things done’ as AmeriCorps members,” said Chester Spellman, director of AmeriCorps. “Through their dedication and sacrifice, I know our nation is in good hands. We are so pleased to be supporting more members for Notre Dame Mission Volunteers AmeriCorps, where their service will help to create a brighter tomorrow. I salute all of our AmeriCorps members – past, present, and future – and thank those who help make their service possible.”



Every year, 75,000 AmeriCorps members serve through 21,000+ schools, nonprofits, and community and faith-based organizations across the country. These citizens have played a critical role in the recovery of communities affected by disasters and helped thousands of first-generation college students access higher education. They also tutor and mentor young people, connect veterans to jobs, care for seniors, reduce crime and revive cities, fight the opioid epidemic, and meet other critical needs.

AmeriCorps is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency for volunteering and service, and recently marked its 25th anniversary. Since the program's inception in 1994, more than 1.1 million AmeriCorps members have served the nation, providing more than 1.6 billion hours of service and earning nearly \$4 billion in education awards to pay for college or pay back student loans. Those interested in joining AmeriCorps can learn more at [AmeriCorps.gov/Join](https://www.americorps.gov/Join).