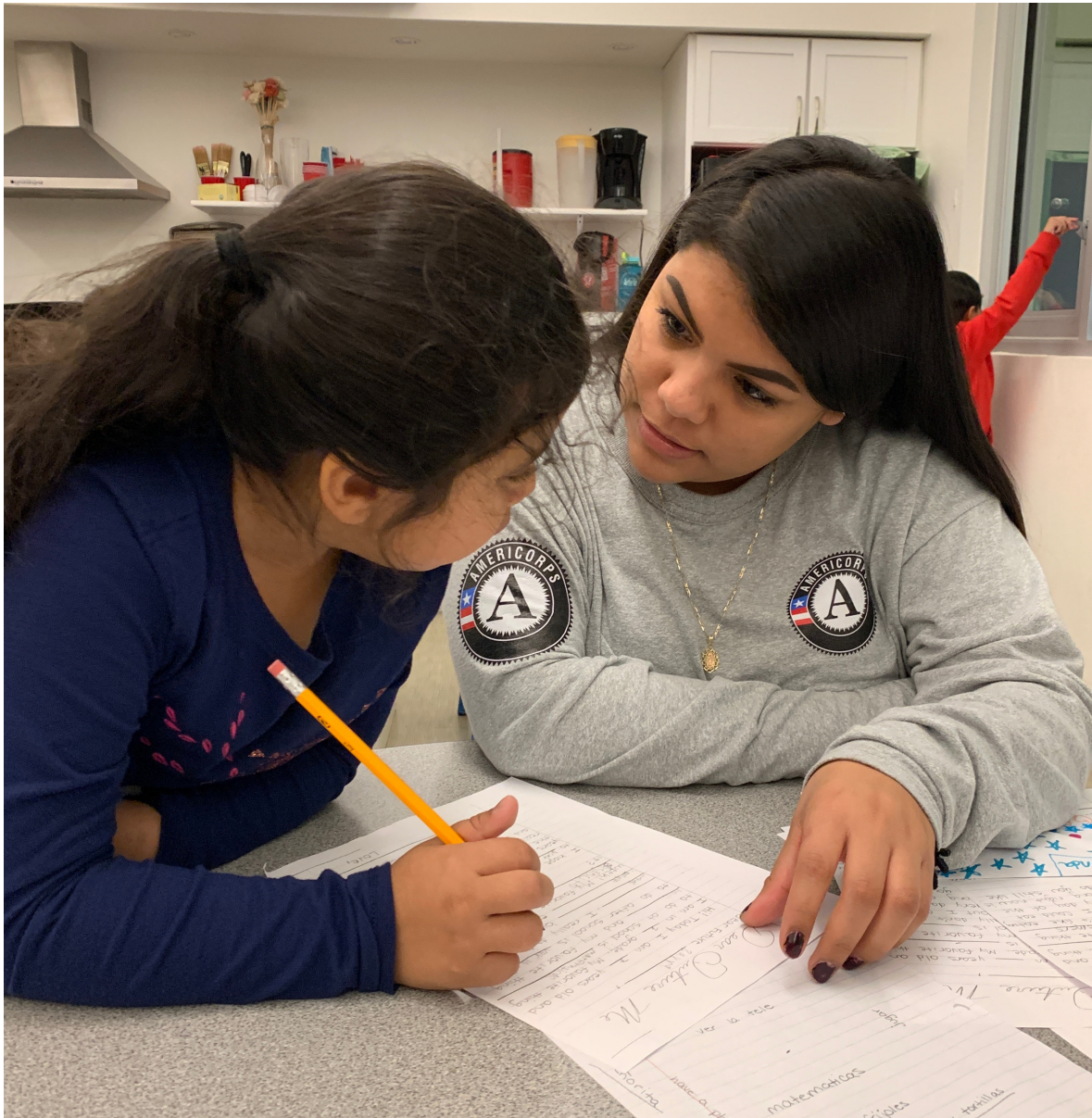


ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

Notre Dame Mission Volunteers



Educating | Providing Opportunity | Building Community

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It has been an extraordinary year in many ways. COVID-19 created a great number of challenges for us to overcome as we strove to support our communities. In spite of closures, resource shortages, and social distancing our members rose to the occasion and found new ways to help communities. They created new opportunities, built new relationships and found new ways to continue to serve the kids and adults they met this year.

They are making a difference, even during the unprecedented health crisis. Though our primary service is tutoring children and adults, our Notre Dame AmeriCorps members have also responded to the immediate needs in their communities impacted by COVID-19. We have supported over 400 seniors in need, distributed over 17,000 meals, and have continued e-learning for over 2,500 students across the country. They have called upon their leadership and creativity to not only respond to COVID-19, but begin sharing a vision for what comes after.

As Executive Director I have a new perspective on our work. NDMVA has been an AmeriCorps grantee for 26 years - one of the longest consistently funded AmeriCorps programs in the country. We have served more than 775,000 children and adults through the hard work of more than 5,700 volunteers. After decades of service, and even now when we are teaching from afar, we see that kids succeed when they have loving educators and adults to support them.

Our foundresses, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, have tasked us with a mission to engage each person where they are – to see the dignity of every child and adult. Our Notre Dame AmeriCorps members not only serve for one year, but they carry this service with them for a lifetime. Enclosed you will find stories and numbers that attempt to capture this dynamic, life-changing work. We thank you for your continued support.

In the words of John Lewis:

"We may have not chosen the time, but the time has chosen us."

Adrienne Andrews
Executive Director

A handwritten signature of Adrienne Andrews in black ink.

THE NEED FOR EDUCATION

Resources for education institutions are shrinking and the number of students falling behind grows every year.

Only **37%** finish highschool at 12th grade Math proficiency



While Reading levels are even lower with only **25%** finishing at a 12th grade proficiency.



Adults in economically disadvantaged communities lack basic skills and certifications, reinforcing high unemployment rates and poverty, while

college graduates earn **66%** more than highschool graduates.

OUR SOLUTION

Academic achievement and engagement improves when students are provided one-on-one and small group support. Evidence from Loyola University of Maryland evaluations of our program show that NDMV Members significantly improve the academic engagement and success of our students and their communities.



Teacher Student Relationships



Peer Support for Learning



Intrinsic
Motivation



Family Support for Learning



Future Goals and Aspirations

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OUR HISTORY & MISSION

Since 1804 the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur have worked to improve communities through education. Today, Notre Dame Mission Volunteers continues this work to bring education to underserved communities across the United States and the world.

"Teach them what they need to know for life."
St. Julie Billiart

Notre Dame Mission Volunteers believe that education is the central tool in the struggle of the poor for human dignity, self-esteem, and willpower. We seek to build community among our members, as well as the people with whom we work by reaching out across culture and class. We are committed to helping people help themselves. Our goal is to promote and encourage education, community empowerment, leadership development and multicultural harmony.

We contemplate and share this goal through the Hallmarks of Notre Dame learning communities:

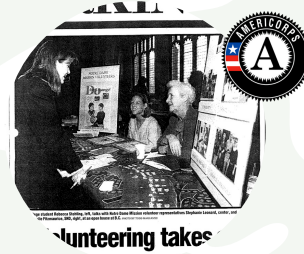
- We honor the dignity and sacredness of each person.
- We educate for and act on behalf of justice and peace in the world.
- We commit ourselves to community service.
- We embrace the gift of diversity.
- We create community among those with whom we work and with those we serve.
- We develop holistic learning communities which educate for life.
- We proclaim by our lives even more than by our words that God is good.

1990



WE PUT DOWN ROOTS

1 Site
6 Members



OUR GROWTH BEGAN

4 Sites
40 Members
1,500 Students Served

1995



WE SOUGHT OPPORTUNITIES

13 Sites
50 Members
5,600 Students Served

2000



EXPANDED OUR IMPACT

14 Sites
340 Members
7900K-12+4000adults
16,000 Students Served

2005

GREW INTERNATIONALLY

21 Sites
380 Members
4 Volunteers in Haiti
20,000 Students Served

2010



PARTNERED WITH PURPOSE

23 Sites
401 Members
28,000 Students Served

2015



OUR STORY CONTINUES

25 Sites
520 Members
27,000 Students Served

2020



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

We remain as committed as ever to building strong, supportive communities around our Members and their students.

In 2019 we exceeded many of our projected education goals, despite recruitment challenges. Our members supported 8,700 children and helped 1,300 adults advance in their careers.

2019 STUDENT SURVEY

63%

K-12 Showed More Engagement

79%

Adults reached Job Readiness Goals



EMPOWERING VOLUNTEERS

Members gain an amazing array of skills and experiences through their year of service. Through their new experiences they are able to explore their talents as tutors, leaders, and mentors.

ONE MEMBER'S IMPACT: DREAM LAKE ELEMENTARY

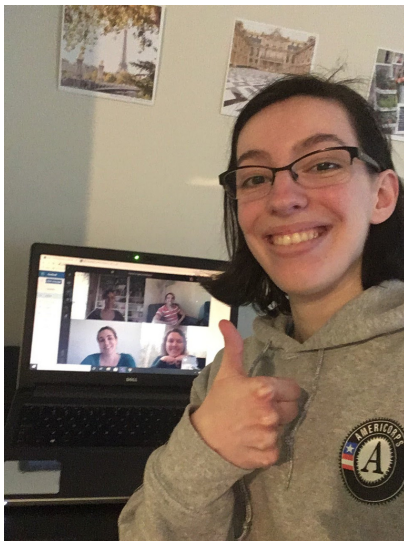


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"Our teachers and students alike love to work with [the Notre Dame AmeriCorps Member]. We have been using her to work with struggling readers at different grade levels throughout the school day... the kids who worked with her had as much as 100-200% of one year's academic growth in ½ year! ... She is a real asset to our team."

SUPPORTING EDUCATION DURING COVID-19

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.



COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the communities we serve. While challenges presented by the virus are significant, our service members rose to the occasion and acted quickly to support their communities by providing extended and virtual learning opportunities, supporting community services through food distribution, home deliveries, PPE production

COVID-19 RESPONSE

NDMVA Members supported their communities by

Transitioning

2,500

Students to
learning at home

Helping

400

Seniors in Need

Distributing meals to

17,000

People

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HAITI

The work in Haiti continues to amaze us. Despite a year of political turmoil, a global pandemic, and resource shortages, our partners in Les Cayes have kept the bakery operating and growing, providing pillar of support for the community.



42

Jobs Created

72

Scholarships

45

Staff Trained



We are also hoping to break ground on our new water filtration project at the Boulangerie Notre Dame. The kiosk will provide affordable clean water to the community that can be distributed through our existing network.

PERU

After many years NDMV is planning on returning to Peru!

We received a request for support from the Sisters of Notre Dame working at the Fe y Alegria School in Lima. Working together we plan to place Mission Volunteers in the library and classrooms to provide institutional support and english instruction.



PARTNERS

Through our network and partnerships with over 150 local and national organizations we are able improve the academic success of students across the country.



DONORS

Thank you to all our donors who believe in our organization and our mission. With donor support we are able grow and find new paths to share education with everyone.

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