

VOICES FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

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About Voices for National Service

Voices for National Service is a coalition of national service programs, state commissions, and supporters committed to growing and deepening opportunities for Americans to serve. Founded in 2003 in response to major cuts in federal funding, Voices for National Service has built strong bipartisan support among our nation's leaders and helped position national service as a viable policy solution to tackle unmet needs, to expand opportunity, and to strengthen social capital.

The coalition sponsors policy forums on national service and hosts annual events including the Friends of National Service Awards Reception, which honors public and private leaders who have shown extraordinary support for national service, and the Voices for National Service Capitol Hill Day, which educates our nation's leaders in Washington, DC about the power and impact of service. Voices for National Service hosts the "go to" site – www.voicesforservice.org – for the latest legislation and mobilization updates – and supports the bipartisan National Service Congressional Caucus. Cited in TIME and on the floor of Congress, Voices for National Service is a primary source of information on issues affecting national service.

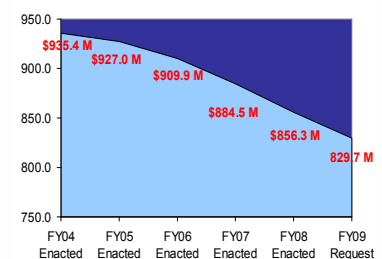
Stay Informed

Americans of all ages and backgrounds have stepped forward in record numbers to serve their local communities and the nation, but continued reductions in federal funding have prevented service programs from growing at the rate necessary to meet demand. Since fiscal year 2004, the budget for the Corporation for National and Community Service has declined 11%. Voices for National Service is working to safeguard Corporation funding from further cuts and to encourage lawmakers to reinvest in national service.

Congress has shown recent interest in improving and strengthening the federal service programs, introducing a series of bills including the Generations Invigorating Volunteering and Education (GIVE) Act in the U.S. House of Representatives and the AmeriCorps: Together Improving Our Nation (ACTION) Act in the U.S. Senate. These proposals aim to increase opportunities to serve, raise the value of the AmeriCorps education award, and create new programs such as the Summer of Service, a service-learning initiative for middle school students. Voices for National Service continues to be a resource to lawmakers as they develop new national service policy.

You can stay informed of events and legislation affecting the national service field by subscribing to the Voices for National Service E-Newsletter. Go to WWW.VOICESFORSERVICE.ORG to subscribe today. You will receive important legislative updates, alerts on actions you can take to support national service, and links to news and events.

Federal Appropriations for CNCS (\$Millions)



Be A Voice

**Voices for National Service
Capitol Hill Day Event**
September 24-25, 2008
Washington, DC
Register Online
www.voicesforservice.org/events.htm

You can help build support for national service by sharing your stories of service and program impact with public leaders. Join us September 24-25, 2008 for the Voices for National Service Capitol Hill Day and be a voice by visiting your Members of Congress during a day of coordinated meetings. Last year representatives of the national service field, including alumni, program staff, service partners, and corporate sponsors, brought evidence of programs' performance and impact from 31 different states and more than 60 organizations.

The best opportunity to build support for national service involves inviting public leaders to visit your local program. Voices for National Service recommends contacting your public leaders, including your mayor, city council members, governor, and Members of Congress. The best time to schedule an event with a Member of Congress is when they are home in their district during a congressional recess. Congress is currently scheduled to conclude the 2008 legislative session on September 26.

For tips on how to invite elected officials for a visit and other actions you can take to support national service visit the website WWW.VOICESFORSERVICE.ORG/ACTION.HTM.

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Join Us, Become A Member

When you become a member of Voices for National Service, you help to leverage and grow the nearly \$1 billion in federal funds annually invested in citizen service. Your membership supports efforts to educate our nation's leaders about the power and potential of national service and connects you to up-to-date information about legislation and policies affecting your program and the national service field. Members join a diverse community of national service programs, state agencies, local community initiatives, and individual supporters. Together, we will help set the future direction for national service in America.

To learn about membership dues and to join us, visit WWW.VOICESFORSERVICE.ORG/BE_A_VOICE.HTM.

Benefits of Membership

- ▶ **Admission to annual events:** Voices for National Service sponsors policy forums on national service and hosts annual events including the Friends of National Service Awards Reception and the Voices for National Service Capitol Hill Day.
- ▶ **Representation on Capitol Hill:** Voices for National Service initiates, monitors, and supports legislation that strengthens national service. Your membership dues support a government affairs committee, which works with public policy leaders and decision makers to inform legislation and agency regulations that affect national service programs and their participants.
- ▶ **Participation in an active group of thought leaders:** Members join an active group of thought leaders and experienced national service practitioners who are proposing ideas for new innovative programs and strategies to strengthen and expand national service.
- ▶ **Ongoing access to information:** A monthly e-newsletter, action alerts, and www.voicesforservice.org provide up-to-date information on national service funding and legislation. The website also serves as an information portal to research and other resources on the impact of national service.



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