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--The Notre Dame Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) received the 1995 C. Alfred Koob Award for "most outstanding contribution in the Catholic education". One of ACE's program directors, Sr. Lourdes Sheehan, will be receiving the award in 1996. Students from Notre Dame, Georgetown and Gannon College are involved in this program.

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- 1) The University of San Diego
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--Service/leadership courses for UCSD students to prepare students for various mentoring, tutoring and assistance projects in community.
- 2) Fairfield University (CT)
 - a) Dr. Judith Primavera, Dept. of Psychology,
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-- Students participate in literacy projects in community.
 - b) Dr. Suzanne McEvoy, Sch. of Nursing 203-254-4150
--School of Nursing established an Urban Health Care Center in an economically disadvantaged area of Bridgeport.
- 3) Univ. of Notre Dame (IN)

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--Teacher training program for Notre Dame students to teach in 30 severely under-resourced schools in 4 states.

- 4) College of St. Catherine (MN)
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--Occupational therapy courses to prepare students and faculty to teach parenting and coping skills to homeless adults and to conduct educational and health screenings for homeless children.
- 5) La Salle University (PA)
Ms. Rosemary Barbera 215-951-1804
--Strengthening its service learning curriculum; students working on child immunization and a survey to increase women and children's knowledge of environmental hazards
- 6) St Edwards University (Austin, TX)
Ms. Donna Hagey
-- Community mentoring program (already in existence) that has people from migrant/seasonal farmworker or low income families mentor at-risk children; provide legal aid
- 7) Gonzaga Univ (WA) School of Law
Mr. Mark E. Wilson (509-238-4220 ext. 3723
American Indian Law Program : strengthen tribal justice systems; legal aid; students learn tribal law
- 8) USCC : Fostering Citizenship project:
Americorps members provide reading skills, job mentoring programs for immigrants and create partnerships with immigrant organizations

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Catholics who signed "Religious Leaders for National Service" statement:

Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, President Emeritus of Notre Dame
Margaret A. Fogarty, Catholic Network of Volunteer Service

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COMMENTS:

As discussed. . . A few notes -
* The Press releases are only different in terms of the title.
* The enclosed letter, which was sent to invite participation
in a conference call of nat'l religious leaders, mentions
our funding to Catholics.
* You might want to add these press outlets to your mailing list
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ext. 267****NATIONAL SERVICE CHIEF HARRIS WOFFORD CALLS FOR PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND AMERICORPS****Halls Partnership with U.S. Catholic Conference and
Support of U.S. Religious Leaders**

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NATIONAL SERVICE CHIEF HARRIS WOFFORD HAILS PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN U.S. CATHOLIC CONFERENCE AND AMERICORPS

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Statement of Support

We urge the continuation of the National Service program. Service to others has long been an important tenet of the religious tradition shared by all faiths. The religious community in America pioneered the ethic of service when the nation was young. Religious teachings inspired Americans to work together for the common good of all, to join in voluntary association to feed the needy, raise barns, build housing and care for those who had suffered misfortune. Through service, people of religious conviction learned to understand the struggles of their neighbors and to appreciate the dignity of diverse tradition and cultures.

As the nation has grown, meeting human needs has required social invention. The challenges facing modern America are more complex today than in the early days of the republic. Churches, synagogues, mosques and religious-affiliated institutions cannot meet these needs alone. At a time of growing national concern about homelessness, illiteracy, environmental degradation, violence, poverty and social detachment, the ethic of service to others can bring us back together as one nation. The new national program, AmeriCorps, is enlarging the resources available to communities through partnerships with local religious bodies, charitable organizations, schools, corporations and police departments. The partnership with religious bodies and non-profit agencies afforded by national service has enormous potential to empower and multiply existing resources to help us meet the challenges we face today.

National service should be supported because it builds and strengthens the spiritual bonds that make community possible. Service helps us to recognize our common humanity instead of the differences that divide us. AmeriCorps members work side by side with people from different ages, races, religions and economic backgrounds. The results of this enterprise are not just concrete improvements in people's lives – healthier children, safer streets, better schools and a cleaner environment – although these are very important. A less tangible but no less important by-product is greater compassion and tolerance for others. In a diverse society these are crucial values we must uphold and enlarge.

To those who are concerned that the root of our problems in America is a matter of values -- a lack of self-discipline, a loss of civic mindedness -- national service offers a powerful antidote to the toxic influence of cynicism and selfishness. It reflects core ethical values of sacrifice and shared responsibility. In a nation that is becoming more individualized and detached, service can be a force to unite us in a concerted effort to solve our common problems.

The tradition of religious based service was recognized by Congress when it included special provisions to enable the participation of religious institutions in national service. Across the land, national service members are now serving with religiously affiliated institutions in non-sectarian service -- delivering meals to senior citizens, planting trees, mediating conflicts, building homes, tutoring school children, and caring for the sick.

The sustained presence of full time AmeriCorps members helps charitable organizations leverage additional volunteers and resources. National service programs are having beneficial impacts on our communities, and these benefits will last for a long time to come. National service instills the "habits of the heart" which DeToqueville recognized as the guiding spirit of early America -- habits that will lead a new generation of young people to volunteer and serve their communities not just for a year but for a lifetime.

Martin Luther King, Jr. reminded us that "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. And you can be that servant." As people of faith, we nourish and support the grace and love which resides in each person. And as religious leaders, we encourage and support the young national service movement. National service is a new manifestation of a very old tradition in our country and in religious beliefs.

If it is allowed to grow, this young program will help make service to others the expectation and common experience of every American. Our religious principles tell us that when we serve our neighbors we serve God's purpose best. National service is an important partner in this spiritual responsibility.

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September 11, 1995

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Dear [redacted] (salutation) [redacted] (Last):

Service to others has long been an important tenet of the religious tradition shared by all faiths, and religious-based service has long provided an opportunity for individuals to serve their communities. At a time of growing national concern over education, health, the environment, and violence, national service brings crucial resources to communities through partnerships with service organizations, schools, corporations, police departments, and -- quite importantly -- religious institutions. In fact, the National and Community Service Act, which created the Corporation for National Service, included special provisions to enable the participation and leadership of religious institutions in national service programs.

It is in the context of these uniquely shared missions that we are writing to invite you to join other national religious leaders in an intimate conference call with us on **Friday, September 15, 1995 at 3:30pm (Eastern Daylight Time)**. During the conference call, we hope to explore how to build upon recent successes in national service and expand our relationships with the religious community.

As you may know, national service efforts supported by the Corporation address the nation's challenges with a strong emphasis on achieving direct and demonstrable results. Through its three main programs -- AmeriCorps (which is known as the new domestic Peace Corps), Learn and Serve America (which supports school-based experiential learning programs), and the National Senior Service Corps (which includes the Foster Grandparents Program, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and Senior Companions Program) -- the Corporation is strengthening many of the services that have been an historical part of your mission.

Serving among the extensive network of more than 300 national service grantees are many programs with religious-based affiliations. For example:

- Throughout the country, the **Faith in Action** organization is utilizing national service members from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Senior Companion Program to recruit and train volunteers from various denominations who care for patients suffering from AIDS and Alzheimer's disease in local hospices.
- In Owensboro, Kentucky, one senior citizen from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program is joining other volunteers she has mobilized to prepare and serve dinner to nearly 100 families and children every night at the Tenth Street Baptist Church.

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- In Philadelphia, the Jewish Social Center is working with national service members from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program to tutor and mentor students in area public elementary schools.
- In Cocoa, Florida, AmeriCorps Members have helped collect 187,000 pounds of food for the poor as part of a food drive of the Brevard Community Food Bank administered by Catholic Social Services. They have established 10 food cooperatives, recruited over 60 community volunteers, reached 200 new clients, and raised almost \$30,000 from foundations to support the food drive.
- In Pittsburgh, AmeriCorps members are serving with the East End Cooperative Ministry and the National Council of Churches to tutor local school children and operate neighborhood drop-in centers.
- In Fallon, Nevada, AmeriCorps members are serving with the St. John's Lutheran Church to provide day school and day care services for parents who are taking high school classes and are working toward a GED or high school diploma.
- In the Bronx, NY, AmeriCorps members are serving with the South Bronx Churches and the Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition to restore urban park areas by constructing roads and paths, repairing benches, and planting trees.
- In South Bend, Indiana the Alliance for Catholic Education Program at Notre Dame University has placed 90 recent college students in 30 financially strapped parochial schools located in four southern states. The students become first-year teachers. The program is set up under a Learn and Serve America: Higher Education grant.
- In Frostproof, Florida, AmeriCorps members are serving in rural areas with a Christian service organization called "Frostproof Care Center" to counsel at-risk youth, tutor, deliver meals to elderly citizens and conduct parenting skills seminars.
- In Dallas, AmeriCorps Members are working with the Greater Dallas Community of Churches to bring together local congregations of many denominations and other community-based organizations to operate summer food programs, teach conflict resolution, and educate the community about health care and available health and nutrition resources.
- In Fairfield and Bridgeport Connecticut, Jesuit-based Fairfield University is working through the national service Learn and Serve America program in a Head Start center to tutor children and provide parenting workshops for adults.

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These examples underscore the potential of AmeriCorps as a resource for your communities -- one wise enough to build on the foundations of service success and flexible enough to meet the missions of church and state.

If you wish to join in the conference call, please call David Premo at (202) 606-5000 extension 278 by Monday, September 11th, close of business. Please leave the following information: 1) Name of conference call participant, 2) Organization affiliation, 3) Contact phone number, and 4) Phone number where participant can be reached for the conference call if it is different than the contact phone number. The operator will call you PROMPTLY at 3:30pm on Friday, September 15th.

I trust that the enclosed material will be useful to you in anticipation of the conference call. If you require additional assistance, please call Gloria Johnson, White House Liaison and Director of Constituent Relations, at (202) 606-5000 extension 234.

We look forward to working with you as we seek to find common ground through national service. Thank you again for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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John - Here is the information regarding national service and Catholic colleges and universities. I promised you Thursday evening at the "Women in Government Relations" reception.

I also included other general info about national service and other religious institutions. - Sylvia Herz

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These programs receive
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Catholic programs
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Massachusetts

I Have a Dream Foundation*I Have a Dream/AmeriCorps*

AmeriCorps Members tutor and mentor youth and work on service projects developed by the youth. The children participate in academic, social, cultural, recreational and after school programs supported by education institutions. AmeriCorps Members build strong partnerships with schools through increased parental and business involvement.

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Natl Council of Educational Opp Assoc*AmeriCorps College Bound*

AmeriCorps Members train Upward Bound and college students as tutors and mentors for low income secondary school students. Members organize community service projects and coordinate education workshops for parents.

Tom Putnam Northfield, MA 01360 Phone 413-498-3416 FT 19 PT 0 Area Served: Both NAT

Northeastern University*Athletes in Service to America*

AmeriCorps Members, current or former college athletes at six university sites, will use the team sport ethic to teach conflict resolution techniques and race/gender violence prevention methods to school-age youth. Acting as role models, Members also train youth to teach these new skills to their peers.

Richard Lapchick Boston, MA 02115 Phone 617-373-4025 FT 8 PT 8 Area Served: Urban NAT

Notre Dame Mission Volunteer Program*Notre Dame School and Community Improvement*

AmeriCorps Members tutor low income children, teach literacy skills to adults, and operate after school enrichment programs. Members also recruit volunteer parents for enrichment programs, teach conflict resolution skills, and provide school-to-work transition support for migrant farmworkers.

~~Maria Delaney SND South Boston, MA 02127 Phone 617-268-1912 FT 12 PT 0 Area Served: Urban NAT~~

Summerbridge National*Summerbridge AmeriCorps Teaching Program*

AmeriCorps Members recruit college and high school students to teach and mentor school-age youth during full-time summer and year-round after school programs. The Members train the teachers; monitor and support their work; provide information and opportunities for teachers seeking education and human service careers; and expand the program's partnership with parents and school and community agencies.

Sarah Feldman Cambridge, MA 02138 Phone 617-349-6647 FT 1 PT 2 Area Served: Urban NAT

YMCA of the USA*YMCA Earth Service Corps Fellowship Program*

AmeriCorps Members coordinate school-based community service clubs that sponsor park clean-up, urban garden development, and recycling projects. Members teach leadership skills to low-achieving youth and integrate hands-on service projects and service learning activities into their school curricula.

	Becket, MA 01223	Phone 413-623-8991	FT 2 PT 0	Area Served: Rural	NAT
Elsa Bengel	Boston, MA 02115	Phone 617-536-6950	FT 4 PT 0	Area Served: Urban	NAT
John Bengel	Brockton, MA 02401	Phone 508-583-2155	FT 3 PT 0	Area Served: Urban	NAT
Carol Measom	Fall River, MA 02720	Phone 508-675-7841	FT 2 PT 0	Area Served: Urban	NAT

YouthBuild USA, Inc.*YouthBuild USA Multi-State AmeriCorps Initiative*

AmeriCorps Members serve directly with community based organizations to rehabilitate abandoned housing and build new homes for homeless people, persons with HIV/AIDS, the physically challenged, and low income

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Number*

<u>Program</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
<i>Parent Organization Subtotal</i>	0.0

Council of State Governments/March of Dimes

Hand in Hand, Brownsville, TX	9.5
Corpus Christi TX	
Hand in Hand, Charleston, SC	11.0
Charleston SC	
Hand in Hand, Dallas, TX	9.0
Dallas TX	
Hand in Hand, Robeson County, NC	10.0
Maxton NC	
<i>Operating Site Subtotal</i>	39.5

Council of State Governments/March of Dimes

Lexington KY	0.0
<i>Parent Organization Subtotal</i>	0.0

Northeastern University

Athletes in Service to America	12.0
Boston MA	
Athletes in Service to America	10.0
Lexington KY	
Athletes in Service to America	10.0
Reno NV	
Athletes in Service to America	20.0
Buffalo NY	
<i>Operating Site Subtotal</i>	52.0

Northeastern University

Boston MA	0.0
<i>Parent Organization Subtotal</i>	0.0

Notre Dame Mission Volunteer Program

Notre Dame School and Community	10.0
South Boston MA	
Notre Dame School and Community	6.0
Baltimore & Boston MD& MA	
Notre Dame School and Community	10.0
Cincinnati OH	
Notre Dame School and Community	10.0
Apopka FL	
Notre Dame School and Community	10.0
Baltimore MD	
<i>Operating Site Subtotal</i>	46.0

Notre Dame Mission Volunteer Program

Baltimore MD	0.0
<i>Parent Organization Subtotal</i>	0.0

The Enterprise Foundation

The Community Safety Project	25.0
Columbus OH	

George Jones

213-895-7777

Los Angeles

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UC 4-H Youth Development

AmeriCorps*VISTA Members recruit community volunteers from local colleges. They are involved in the planning process with volunteers to develop program ideas useful for the youth in the clubs. The Members' efforts are focused on teamwork.

Keith Nathaniel

213-744-4872

Los Angeles

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University of Texas at Austin - AmeriCorps for Math and Literacy*

AmeriCorps Members teach elementary school children early reading, writing and mathematics skills. The Members serve in after school and latch key programs and train families to better support their children's efforts in school.

Adria Klein

909-880-5646

San Bernardino

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US Catholic Conference - Fostering Citizenship*

AmeriCorps Members teach reading skills, prepare immigrant refugees for citizenship exams, and create partnerships with immigrant assistance organizations. Members also serve with community agencies to integrate immigrants into new communities and provide job mentoring.

Tam Nguyen

209-264-6400

Fresno

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Kathy Vander-Werff

213-251-3489

Los Angeles

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Kathy Lenny

714-662-7500

Santa Ana

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US Dept of Justice - JustServe*

AmeriCorps Members, in collaboration with community partners and local law enforcement agencies, teach conflict resolution, work in community policing, operate recreational programs for young people, institute neighborhood crime watch programs, and create and monitor safe corridor programs in schools.

Michael Thompson

213-485-4452

Los Angeles

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US Dept of Labor - Youth Fair Chance AmeriCorps Program*

AmeriCorps Members serve with community partners to: enhance youth literacy by tutoring children in early grades with reading difficulties; assist high school students in learning about college, registering them for PSAT and SAT exams, and with college loan and grant applications; and help teen mothers and pregnant teens with health and nutrition information, social support and medical referrals.

Donna Dewar

209-456-4890

Fresno

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Ann Giagni

213-485-8428

Los Angeles

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US Dept of the Interior - DOI-AmeriCorps*

AmeriCorps Members serve with community partners to conduct eco-system restoration projects in the Everglades, protect natural resources and restore wildlife habitat along the Rio Grande corridor; enhance and protect wildlife habitat at a former military base in Monterey, California. Members also implement a water conservation program in southern California.

Kourt Williams

310-660-0280

Carson

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Joe Griffin

408-277-1150

Santa Clara

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Amel Corp
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Program	FTEs	Yes
Parent Organization Subtotal	0.0	

National Council of La Raza

Proyecto Educar		10.0
Chicago	IL	
Proyecto Educar		6.0
Chicago	IL	
Proyecto Educar		10.0
Houston	TX	
Proyecto Educar		9.0
Houston	TX	
Operating Site Subtotal		35.0

National Council of La Raza

Proyecto Educar		0.0
Washington	DC	
Parent Organization Subtotal		0.0

National Organization for Victim Assistance

Red Hook Public Safety Corps		50.0
New York	NY	
Operating Site Subtotal		50.0

National Organization for Victim Assistance

Washington	DC	0.0
Parent Organization Subtotal		0.0

US Catholic Conference

Fostering Citizenship		3.0
Somerville	MA	
Fostering Citizenship		6.0
Fresno	CA	
Fostering Citizenship		3.0
Hartford	CT	
Fostering Citizenship		5.0
Honolulu	HI	
Fostering Citizenship		4.0
Los Angeles	CA	
Fostering Citizenship		3.0
Santa Ana	CA	
Fostering Citizenship		3.0
Portland	OR	
Fostering Citizenship		5.0
Syracuse	NY	
Operating Site Subtotal		32.0

US Catholic Conference

Washington	DC	0.0
Parent Organization Subtotal		0.0

National Council of La Raza

Washington	DC	0.0
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Natl AIDS Fund - AmeriCorps Program*

AmeriCorps Members deliver meals, provide transportation to medical appointments, educate communities about HIV prevention, care for HIV-positive infants, and offer crisis support to families who have lost a member to AIDS. Members also recruit community volunteers and administer HIV anti-body tests with pre and post-test counseling sessions.

Luigi Procopio	513-225-3058	Dayton	7
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Natl Council of Educational Opp Assoc - AmeriCorps College Bound*

AmeriCorps Members train Upward Bound and college students as tutors and mentors for low income secondary school students. Members organize community service projects and coordinate education workshops for parents.

Louis Niro	216-987-4196	Cleveland	20
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Natl Council of the Churches of Christ - Ecumenical Program for Urban Service (EPRUS)*

AmeriCorps Members tutor and mentor students, conduct preparatory sessions for GED and SAT examinations, and teach conflict mediation. Members recruit community volunteers, and find transitional housing and employment, education, health care, and training assistance for homeless youth.

Elving Otero	216-631-2037	Cleveland	21
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Neighborhood Centers Association - ClassMATES (Mentors and Tutors Enhancing Schools)*

AmeriCorps Members tutor and mentor youth, teach conflict resolution skills, provide drug and alcohol prevention training to youth, staff in school Youth Resource Centers, and connect youth to community resources.

Howard Wolf	216-391-4707	Cleveland	30
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Northeast Ohio Coalition For The Homeless

AmeriCorps*VISTA Members have established and implemented programs that address the needs of children and youth and their families in homeless shelters. Members provide counseling, education, job training, mentoring, and safety training.

Brian Davis	216-291-4231	Cleveland	9
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Notre Dame Mission Volunteer Program - Notre Dame School and Community Improvement*

AmeriCorps Members tutor low income children, teach literacy skills to adults, and operate after school enrichment programs. Members also recruit volunteer parents for enrichment programs, teach conflict resolution skills, and provide school-to-work transition support for migrant farmworkers.

Mary Judith Tensing SN	513-381-5882	Cincinnati	10
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Ohio CDC Association

AmeriCorps*VISTA Members assist local community development corporations in building capacity and establishing programs. They focus on affordable housing development, community economic development, and community planning and organizing.

Renee Higgins	614-461-6392	Columbus	19
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Site

of Ameri Corps members

<u>Program</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Fr</u>
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U		
Ecumenical Program for Urban Service	19.0	
Kansas City MO		
Ecumenical Program for Urban Service	19.0	
Cleveland OH		
Ecumenical Program for Urban Service	19.0	
Pittsburgh PA		
Ecumenical Program for Urban Service	19.0	
Seattle WA		
Ecumenical Program for Urban Service	10.0	
Orlando FL		
Ecumenical Program for Urban Service	350.0	
New York NY		
<i>Operating Site Subtotal</i>	<i>436.0</i>	
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the L		
	0.0	
New York NY		
<i>Parent Organization Subtotal</i>	<i>0.0</i>	
National Multiple Sclerosis Society		
	55.0	
Aggregate Operating		
<i>Operating Site Subtotal</i>	<i>55.0</i>	
National Multiple Sclerosis Society		
	0.0	
New York NY		
<i>Parent Organization Subtotal</i>	<i>0.0</i>	
New York University		
Project SafetyNet	5.5	
Atlanta GA		
Project SafetyNet	8.2	
Greensboro NC		
Project SafetyNet	7.8	
Riverdale NY		
Project SafetyNet	2.7	
New York NY		
Project SafetyNet	5.0	
Pomona NJ		
Project SafetyNet	9.0	
Charlotte NC		
Project SafetyNet	4.0	
Tuscaloosa AL		
Project SafetyNet	3.5	
Atlanta GA		
Project SafetyNet	13.3	
New York NY		
<i>Operating Site Subtotal</i>	<i>59.0</i>	
New York University		
	0.0	
New York NY		
<i>Parent Organization Subtotal</i>	<i>0.0</i>	

Cuts will destroy the core of American values

By Theodore M. Hesburgh

The House of Representatives is proposing retroactive cuts that would shut down AmeriCorps, the new national service program. The House would reduce current funding for AmeriCorps by more than two-thirds—funding that was approved last year by a bipartisan coalition in Congress. Believing as I do in the importance of national service and the great potential of AmeriCorps, I urge, on this issue, that we put politics aside and not back away from a program that invests in American values, promotes citizenship and enables people to work together and solve their communities' problems.

Perhaps no concept so permeates the history of our nation nor captures the essence of our religious and ethical tradition as does service. I have seen many types of national service, from the Civilian Conservation Corps, which I served as chaplain from 1940 to '41; to the Peace Corps; to the bipartisan commission I co-chaired in 1979, which recommended a new national service initiative; and to AmeriCorps, the latest and best conceived movement for national service. In the recent debate about AmeriCorps facts sometimes seem to get lost, and that's a shame—not just for the 20,000 Americans interested in joining it, but for the hundreds of communities around the country that AmeriCorps has reached and the thousands that need its touch.

That is where the real AmeriCorps begins: in local communities. It works in our biggest cities, like New York, where the New York's police department reports that recreation areas policed by AmeriCorps members in a 1994 pilot program were free of assaults for the first time in years. Or in Kansas City, Mo., where AmeriCorps members shut down crack houses and build programs that give youth alternatives to drugs and gangs.

AmeriCorps works in smaller cities and tiny rural hamlets, too. Notre Dame has seen AmeriCorps' value. That's why I joined, fielding 40 extraordinary college graduates who teach in South Bend, Ind., schools in the summers and in 30 severely strapped schools in four Southern states during the school year. The principals say AmeriCorps members' spirit and commitment have enriched their students' lives and re-energized their teachers. Those students wouldn't make it without AmeriCorps members—and the 40 members couldn't live out their commitment without AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps is guided by a corporation (the Corporation for National Service), but it has also moved most of the decision-making closest to problems by giving authority and responsibility to the states and by having programs operated by local non-profits. AmeriCorps is funded by Congress, but it requires local companies and foundations to foot a substantial part of the bill. And AmeriCorps is headed by business people, monitored by a private-sector board, and wedded to competition, not politics, as the method by which grants go out and participants join up.

Some have wondered whether the \$600 a month living allowance AmeriCorps members, and the \$4,725 scholarship or student loan repayment they can earn through a full year's service, destroy the spirit of service. It hasn't done so in the Peace Corps. It hasn't in AmeriCorps. Those of us in the clergy take a vow of poverty. Citizens need only take a vow of responsibility. AmeriCorps does demand sacrifice from its members. And for those who answer the challenge, it provides not only the opportunity to pay for college, but the higher gift of making a difference, and the lifelong satisfaction of building community.

Our church has always called parishioners to aid those in need, and Americans of all faiths have been the most generous people on earth. But more is needed. Weekend volunteers return to their jobs Monday mornings, as do parents to their children and the clergy to their congregations. AmeriCorps is designed to make the most out of what each American can give in time and talent—that's why those organizations that have always made service their mission, from the Red Cross to Habitat for Humanity to the YMCA to the Multiple Sclerosis Society—350 in all—have been proud to join the AmeriCorps network.

Sixteen years ago our commission concluded that service was critical to the education and development of young Americans for adult lives of productive work and good citizenship. National Service was a non-partisan idea then, as it was when President Bush signed a national service law in 1990. It was a non-partisan idea when Congress created AmeriCorps less than a year and a half ago, as it was when the first AmeriCorps members began serving last fall.

It should be free from political gamesmanship now and given a chance to succeed. Values matter, now more than ever. Let AmeriCorps help nourish the roots of citizenship, so that all our American dreams can flower.

The Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh is a former president of the University of Notre Dame.

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Statement of Support

We urge the continuation of the National Service program. Service to others has long been an important tenet of the religious tradition shared by all faiths. The religious community in America pioneered the ethic of service when the nation was young. Religious teachings inspired Americans to work together for the common good of all, to join in voluntary association to feed the needy, raise barns, build housing and care for those who had suffered misfortune. Through service, people of religious conviction learned to understand the struggles of their neighbors and to appreciate the dignity of diverse tradition and cultures.

As the nation has grown, meeting human needs has required social invention. The challenges facing modern America are more complex today than in the early days of the republic. Churches, synagogues, mosques and religious-affiliated institutions cannot meet these needs alone. At a time of growing national concern about homelessness, illiteracy, environmental degradation, violence, poverty and social detachment, the ethic of service to others can bring us back together as one nation. The new national program, AmeriCorps, is enlarging the resources available to communities through partnerships with local religious bodies, charitable organizations, schools, corporations and police departments. The partnership with religious bodies and non-profit agencies afforded by national service has enormous potential to empower and multiply existing resources to help us meet the challenges we face today.

National service should be supported because it builds and strengthens the spiritual bonds that make community possible. Service helps us to recognize our common humanity instead of the differences that divide us. AmeriCorps members work side by side with people from different ages, races, religions and economic backgrounds. The results of this enterprise are not just concrete improvements in people's lives – healthier children, safer streets, better schools and a cleaner environment – although these are very important. A less tangible but no less important by-product is greater compassion and tolerance for others. In a diverse society these are crucial values we must uphold and enlarge.

To those who are concerned that the root of our problems in America is a matter of values -- a lack of self-discipline, a loss of civic mindedness – national service offers a powerful antidote to the toxic influence of cynicism and selfishness. It reflects core ethical values of sacrifice and shared responsibility. In a nation that is becoming more individualized and detached, service can be a force to unite us in a concerted effort to solve our common problems.

The tradition of religious based service was recognized by Congress when it included special provisions to enable the participation of religious institutions in national service. Across the land, national service members are now serving with religiously affiliated institutions in non-sectarian service – delivering meals to senior citizens, planting trees, mediating conflicts, building homes, tutoring school children, and caring for the sick.

The sustained presence of full time AmeriCorps members helps charitable organizations leverage additional volunteers and resources. National service programs are having beneficial impacts on our communities, and these benefits will last for a long time to come. National service instills the "habits of the heart" which DeToqueville recognized as the guiding spirit of early America — habits that will lead a new generation of young people to volunteer and serve their communities not just for a year but for a lifetime.

Martin Luther King, Jr. reminded us that "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. And you can be that servant." As people of faith, we nourish and support the grace and love which resides in each person. And as religious leaders, we encourage and support the young national service movement. National service is a new manifestation of a very old tradition in our country and in religious beliefs.

If it is allowed to grow, this young program will help make service to others the expectation and common experience of every American. Our religious principles tell us that when we serve our neighbors we serve God's purpose best. National service is an important partner in this spiritual responsibility.

~~Rev. Theodore Hesburgh~~
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~~University of Notre Dame~~

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Johnnie Smith Ministries
Greenville, South Carolina

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Managing Director
Habitat for Humanity International

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February 5, 1996

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Dear **FIELD**(salutation) **FIELD**(Last),

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed article written by Tony Campolo. I also attach a letter from Millard Fuller, founder of the religiously inspired Habitat for Humanity. Support for national service, and for AmeriCorps, among members of our nation's religious community is strong because service represents the values persons of faith hold dear -- strengthening the bonds of community, helping those in need, knowing that it is better to give than to receive.

AmeriCorps has been establishing partnerships with the religious community and AmeriCorps members contribute a myriad of services through religious organizations. They assist refugees through the Lutheran Family Services in North Carolina; provide recreation programs and teach job skills to former gang members through the Ecumenical Program for Urban Service, run by the National Council of Churches; serve meals to children living in poverty through the Greater Dallas Community of Churches; tutor inner-city schoolchildren through Pittsburgh's East End Ministries; coordinate immigrant services for Hispanics and the Hmong community in the San Joaquin Valley through the U.S. Catholic Conference; tutor and mentor inner-city children in Philadelphia through the Jewish Social Center; serve health needs of homeless and impoverished children through a program run by the National Council on Aging and the Christian Children's Fund, and teach at-risk children at 30 schools in four states through the University of Notre Dame's successful and innovative Alliance for Catholic Education, among other programs.

I am personally giving special emphasis to the strengthening of ties between America's religious communities and national service.

If you would like more information on these or other points, please contact me at (202) 606-5000, ext. 167 or Gloria Johnson, White House Liaison and Director of Constituent Relations, (202) 606-5000, ext. 234.

Sincerely,

Harris Wofford
Chief Executive Officer

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Christians should support AmeriCorps

Evangelicals are all too ready to attack President Clinton when he takes action that outrages us. In the minds of many of Christians, he could not have outraged us more than if he had deliberately set out to do so.

Few Evangelical commentators on radio and television have failed to be upset by the decisions Clinton made and the policies he implemented during his first month in office. The Evangelical community in general didn't just criticize him, they demonized him! Our anger toward the President has at times verged on hatred. Many of us are not about to give him credit...even when credit is due.

Of all of the programs that the Clinton Administration has implemented, one program deserves some praise and support from us. It is the "AmeriCorps" program. We have become so prone to ignore anything positive coming out of this administration that most of us do not have a clue what AmeriCorps is all about. What's more, we're not even aware that this program has done much for Christian ministries across the nation.

AmeriCorps is a program that has enlisted thousands of young people to work in social situations throughout the United States. Organizations as far ranging as the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity have benefited from



Tony
Campolo

the AmeriCorps Program. Christian colleges such as Azusa, Pacific University and Eastern College have also been able to take advantage of AmeriCorps volunteers as they developed outreach ministries to children "at risk."

The young people who work as AmeriCorps volunteers render community service in exchange for tuition grants. The program helps young people to get the financial help they need for education by working for it in programs that are helping to cut back on urban crime, clean up the environment and improve education in urban schools. Let me give you a few examples:

1. In Owensboro, Kentucky, one senior citizen from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program is joining other volunteers she has

mobilized to prepare and serve dinner to nearly 100 families and children every night at the Tenth Street Baptist Church.

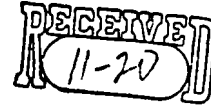
2. In Pittsburgh, AmeriCorps members are serving with the East End Cooperative Ministry to tutor local school children and operate neighborhood drop-in centers.

3. In Frostproof, Florida, AmeriCorps members are serving in rural areas with a Christian service organization called "Frostproof Care Center" to counsel at-risk youth, tutor, deliver meals to elderly citizens and conduct parenting skills seminars.

Not only do we Evangelicals not recognize the value of the AmeriCorps program, but we are ready to stand by and allow Congress to cut the funding for it. We are so anxious to make President Clinton look bad, that we cheer while the gang on Capitol Hill destroys a good thing.

It is time for us to grow up and act like the fair-minded people that we are supposed to be. If this President does some good for the Kingdom of God, let us support him in any such effort. Certainly, with the AmeriCorps program he deserves more help from us than he is getting.

Tony Campolo is an author, evangelist and professor of sociology at Eastern College, St. Davids, Pennsylvania.



The Honorable Harris Wafford
CEO
Corporation for National Service
1201 New York Ave, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wafford:

I am writing to congratulate you on your appointment as CEO of the Corporation for National Service. It was my pleasure to meet Eli Segal and I look forward to meeting you as well. Your wealth of experience will serve you well as you enter the delicate negotiations in the months ahead.

David Mc Daniels, Habitat's AmeriCorps Grant Director, and Scott Squeglia, our Grant Manager, were in attendance at the South and Atlantic Cluster meetings respectively. Each has told me of the references you made to Habitat•Americorps in your remarks and of how the partnership has significantly contributed to our house building capacity in participating sites. As you noted in your remarks, as AmeriCorps members gain in construction skills our Affiliates are able to expand the number of occasional volunteers through increased capacity to supervise and manage volunteers.

The first year of our partnership was an exciting and productive one especially highlighted by the Mother's Day Blitz build in which ten houses were built in a week here in Americus. We at Habitat for Humanity look forward to our second year of participation in AmeriCorps as we move toward our vision of a world with no more substandard housing and homelessness.

Let me close by extending a personal invitation for you to visit any of our Habitat•Americorps sites during your travels. I know that our program will feature at least two Blitz builds this year, with one in Savannah and another in Cleveland. I'll ask David to keep you informed as these plans become concrete.

Again, I wish to congratulate you on your appointment and to thank you for your years of public and community service.

In the spirit of a Building partnership,

Millard Fuller
President

September 11, 1995

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Dear **FIELD**(salutation) **FIELD**(Last):

Service to others has long been an important tenet of the religious tradition shared by all faiths, and religious-based service has long provided an opportunity for individuals to serve their communities. At a time of growing national concern over education, health, the environment, and violence, national service brings crucial resources to communities through partnerships with service organizations, schools, corporations, police departments, and -- quite importantly -- religious institutions. In fact, the National and Community Service Act, which created the Corporation for National Service, included special provisions to enable the participation and leadership of religious institutions in national service programs.

It is in the context of these uniquely shared missions that we are writing to invite you to join other national religious leaders in an intimate conference call with us on **Friday, September 15, 1995 at 3:30pm (Eastern Daylight Time)**. During the conference call, we hope to explore how to build upon recent successes in national service and expand our relationships with the religious community.

As you may know, national service efforts supported by the Corporation address the nation's challenges with a strong emphasis on achieving direct and demonstrable results. Through its three main programs -- AmeriCorps (which is known as the new domestic Peace Corps), Learn and Serve America (which supports school-based experiential learning programs), and the National Senior Service Corps (which includes the Foster Grandparents Program, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and Senior Companions Program) -- the Corporation is strengthening many of the services that have been an historical part of your mission.

Serving among the extensive network of more than 300 national service grantees are many programs with religious-based affiliations. For example:

- Throughout the country, the **Faith in Action** organization is utilizing national service members from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Senior Companion Program to recruit and train volunteers from various denominations who care for patients suffering from AIDS and Alzheimer's disease in local hospices.
- In Owensboro, Kentucky, one senior citizen from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program is joining other volunteers she has mobilized to prepare and serve dinner to nearly 100 families and children every night at the **Tenth Street Baptist Church**.

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August 31, 1995

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- In Philadelphia, the **Jewish Social Center** is working with national service members from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program to tutor and mentor students in area public elementary schools.
- In Cocoa, Florida, AmeriCorps Members have helped collect 187,000 pounds of food for the poor as part of a food drive of the Brevard Community Food Bank administered by **Catholic Social Services**. They have established 10 food cooperatives, recruited over 60 community volunteers, reached 200 new clients, and raised almost \$30,000 from foundations to support the food drive.
- In Pittsburgh, AmeriCorps members are serving with the **East End Cooperative Ministry** and the **National Council of Churches** to tutor local school children and operate neighborhood drop-in centers.
- In Fallon, Nevada, AmeriCorps members are serving with the **St. John's Lutheran Church** to provide day school and day care services for parents who are taking high school classes and are working toward a GED or high school diploma.
- In the Bronx, NY, AmeriCorps members are serving with the **South Bronx Churches and the Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition** to restore urban park areas by constructing roads and paths, repairing benches, and planting trees.
- In South Bend, Indiana the **Alliance for Catholic Education Program at Notre Dame University** has placed 90 recent college students in 30 financially strapped parochial schools located in four southern states. The students become first-year teachers. The program is set up under a Learn and Serve America: Higher Education grant.
- In Frostproof, Florida, AmeriCorps members are serving in rural areas with a **Christian service organization** called "Frostproof Care Center" to counsel at-risk youth, tutor, deliver meals to elderly citizens and conduct parenting skills seminars.
- In Dallas, AmeriCorps Members are working with the **Greater Dallas Community of Churches** to bring together local congregations of many denominations and other community-based organizations to operate summer food programs, teach conflict resolution, and educate the community about health care and available health and nutrition resources.
- In Fairfield and Bridgeport Connecticut, **Jesuit-based Fairfield University** is working through the national service Learn and Serve America program in a Head Start center to tutor children and provide parenting workshops for adults.

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These examples underscore the potential of AmeriCorps as a resource for your communities -- one wise enough to build on the foundations of service success and flexible enough to meet the missions of church and state.

If you wish to join in the conference call, please call David Premo at (202) 606-5000 extension 278 by Monday, September 11th, close of business. Please leave the following information: 1) Name of conference call participant, 2) Organization affiliation, 3) Contact phone number, and 4) Phone number where participant can be reached for the conference call if it is different than the contact phone number. The operator will call you PROMPTLY at 3:30pm on Friday, September 15th.

I trust that the enclosed material will be useful to you in anticipation of the conference call. If you require additional assistance, please call Gloria Johnson, White House Liaison and Director of Constituent Relations, at (202) 606-5000 extension 234.

We look forward to working with you as we seek to find common ground through national service. Thank you again for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Reverend Dr. James A. Joseph
Chair of the Board
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LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA: HIGHER EDUCATION

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Program Description

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The University of San Diego will build upon its current community service projects by developing service-learning initiatives that strengthen connections to curriculum. Through a faculty/student leader team approach, the program will develop eight new service-learning courses each semester and increase student involvement. The program will select up to eight student leaders to work with faculty in identifying appropriate service projects and placements in the Linda Vista neighborhood and greater San Diego community, conducting reflection seminars, and monitoring the students' service activities. Service activities will include mentoring for 50 high school students, tutoring for more than 10 pregnant school-aged students, and developing 30 links between students and persons who are homeless, new immigrants, living with AIDS, or recovering from substance addiction. The program will provide faculty curriculum development workshops, and it will support faculty initiatives through a minigrant program. Student leaders will take part in 12 hours of leadership training.

The Family Literacy Project will continue to address fundamental education needs of pre-school children and their parents in the city of Bridgeport through a collaboration between Fairfield University and A.B.C.D. Head Start. Eighty students, most of whom are enrolled in psychology or sociology classes, served as literacy coaches by working one-on-one with 100 Head Start children and their parents in order to increase reading and comprehension skills through paired reading exercises or games. Approximately 200 parents were introduced to the "Parents as Partners in Reading" curriculum. A "Language Activities Manual" was developed to guide the coaches in their work with the children. This year, the program will continue to increase these children's language readiness for school and encourage parents to be more effective and involved with their child's education.

The Fairfield University School of Nursing has established a permanent health promotion center in an economically disadvantaged area of Bridgeport. The center is staffed by faculty members and nursing students doing their clinical rotations. In their third grant year, under the direction of the university's nursing faculty members, all 189 full-time students enrolled in the Nursing School are participating in health-related service activities at the center. Nursing students are providing health screenings, health education, preventive care, and community outreach programs. Last year, over 126 screening events (blood pressure, cholesterol, and diabetes) and health-education classes (heart health promotion, diabetes, parenting, prenatal care, and nutrition) were offered and served over 15,000 clients. Approximately 1,000 elementary school children were served through classroom presentations as well. The program includes weekly faculty-led conferences to assist students in reflecting critically on their perceptions and in learning about clinical practice. The program encourages graduates to select a career path in primary care. The Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions will use the Urban Health Center as a practicum site for their counseling students.

The Morris Brown College Service Learning Program will address unmet education needs by engaging students in a tutoring and mentoring program that serves elementary, middle, and high schools. Students will work with schools and agencies that offer placements related to their academic disciplines. Biology students will teach middle and high school students about forest and environmental issues, and sociology students will tutor children after school at the local YMCA. In addition, the program will place community health students with AID Atlanta to assist in the AIDS Awareness Education Program, and it will place early childhood education majors in the Atlanta Public Schools to serve as tutors, mentors, and teacher assistants. The Student Orientation Course, which engages each student in 30 hours of service, will coordinate the service activities.

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Program Description

The Atlanta University Center (AUC) Service Learning Collaborative, a partnership of five historically black colleges, will recruit and train 1500 students to serve as tutors, mentors and conflict mediators with 4000 children and youth in fifteen neighboring educational institutions. College students will receive academic credit for participation in service-learning activities.

North Central College will build on existing partnerships with local schools and Amoco Chemical to create an intervention and enrichment program for elementary and secondary school students. The college will engage 40 students during the academic year in weekly tutoring and periodic conflict resolution, health, and leadership education activities for 300 elementary school children. In addition, North Central will engage 15 students as teachers and counselors in a drug- and violence-free summer enrichment program for 100 elementary school children and 10 high school students. In concert with its work with school children, the college will involve parents in orientation and Family Night events. Moreover, the college will engage 20 elementary and secondary teachers in five professional development workshops. In developing strategies to integrate service throughout the college, North Central is considering adopting a service-learning requirement for all students.

Notre Dame will implement an innovative two-year, masters degree-bearing teacher training program that meets educational needs both in neighboring South Bend and across the nation. The program will improve school success among at-risk students by placing 40 recent Notre Dame graduates as teachers in the classrooms of the South Bend Community School Corporation during the summer. They will teach in remedial elementary and middle schools, as well as in the bilingual education program. The summer program will develop a corps of young, committed educators who will go on to serve as full-time AmeriCorps Members, teaching math, science, and social studies in 30 severely under-resourced schools across four states. After one year of teaching, the AmeriCorps Members will return to Notre Dame to continue and assist with the summer training program.

College Compact and Freshman Company will involve 40 college students from Calvin College, Grant Valley State University, Aquinas College, and Grand Rapids Community College in tutoring and mentoring activities for 160 at-risk, low-income freshman high school students in the city school system, in order to develop their commitment to community and graduation from high school. Teams of mentors and mentees, trained in the American Youth Foundation's Team Formula for Effecting Change, will plan, implement, and complete service projects in the immediate high school communities that address the national priorities.

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Program Description

The Minnesota Higher Education Services Office and the Minnesota Campus Compact will begin an innovative initiative that will create three to four model campus-community collaborations that address a local community issue within the national priority areas—education, human needs, environment, and public safety. Campus-community collaborations receiving subgrants will (a) demonstrate exceptional institutional commitment in order to address a particular community issue over the long-term; (b) incorporate both direct community service activities and longer-term community development/community mobilization strategies; and (c) develop an intensive training and on-going educational experience for a minimum of 100 college student participants. In order to demonstrate an exemplary collaboration, campus and community partners must also commit to share significant responsibilities and resources to carry out their proposed objectives. Funds to support the development of these model collaborations come from both the Corporation for National Service and the Minnesota State Legislature.

- ✓ 10 College of St. Catherine
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Through the College of St. Catherine's program, four required Occupational Therapy courses and the fieldwork experience will be revised to integrate community service experiences that focus on complex family issues that affect successful early childhood development. Eighty Occupational Therapy students will provide parenting skills development training to 300 - 400 parents in two shelters; conduct screenings and programming for improved infant and child development for 600 - 800 young children of homeless families; and offer training in personal coping skills and personal growth development for 200 - 300 family members. Participating students and faculty will engage in orientation and reflection sessions to enhance their experiences, practices, and commitment to working in the community.

- 11 Rust College
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Rust College's Developing Responsibility through Empowerment, Affirmation, Mentoring and Service (DREAMS) project will tutor 250 K-4 students in basic reading, writing and quantitative skills by; 1) Working in classrooms with high concentrations of low-income students; 2) Mentoring and tutoring in the after-school programs; 3) Coordinating service-learning activities for K-4 students and; 4) Involving parents, caretakers and other community members in the work participants do with students. Project DREAMS will provide academic training and social and cultural experiences to K-4 students and their parents in the Holly Springs and Marshall County School District through Rust College student volunteers.

- 12 Guilford College
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Guilford faculty and students will study and address issues of homelessness by developing an interdisciplinary course, staffing a night shelter for homeless adults, and providing tutoring and mentoring for homeless children living in a temporary housing facility. Ten Guilford students and faculty from five disciplines will form a study group to design the course, and participating faculty will develop two classes, each approaching homelessness from their respective disciplines. The program also will offer faculty seminars on integrating service into the curriculum in order to further promote service-learning within the college.

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Program Description

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La Salle University will continue to merge existing curricular and co-curricular service-learning efforts into a comprehensive institutional program. The university is strengthening partnerships with the community and placing 300 students in community service activities. Through courses that incorporate service-learning, students will ensure immunization of 90 percent of the children at a local elementary school, tutor and mentor 30 children at a transitional housing unit, and conduct 300 health surveys to inform women and their children of environmental health hazards. La Salle is increasing faculty involvement in service-learning by offering workshops on how to integrate service-learning into the curriculum and by integrating service into ten existing courses each year. Resources published to support this effort include a faculty guidebook for integrating service into the curriculum, a student coordinator handbook, and a volunteer handbook.

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The Environmental SEAMS program is designed to address environmental problems in low-income neighborhoods through service-learning courses in the science, engineering, architecture, mathematics, and computer science disciplines. Campus Compact will issue 28 subgrants to their member-school network, who will then fund a minimum of 50 service-learning grants for course development in the SEAMS disciplines. This program will expand public awareness and support for service-learning in the SEAMS disciplines; publicize replicable models of exemplary service-learning curricula; and strengthen and expand organized state and national networks of service-learning practitioners.

15 Voorhees College
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The Voorhees Community Service Project will integrate service with the liberal arts curricula by developing a service-learning seminar, improving the basic literacy skills of educationally underserved Denmark residents, and providing positive role models for parents and their children. Approximately 120 junior and senior students will enroll in a service-learning seminar and commit four hours per week serving in a local community-based agency or in one of two neighborhood education centers opened and run by Voorhees students in collaboration with the Denmark community. Students will provide tutoring to K-12 students, basic skills training to parents, and mentoring for juvenile offenders. The weekly credit-bearing seminar will train students for their service activities and offer them opportunities for reflection.

16 LeMoyne-Owen College
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LeMoyne-Owen College will build on a service-learning program already in place, enhancing the institution by increasing interdisciplinarity in curricular approach and program development. Specifically targeting the development of literacy skills among children 3 to 5 in minority low income neighborhoods around the college, the program aims to improve their chances for school success by better pre-school preparation. The program will offer the pre-schoolers a library based reading program, provide field trips and literacy activities for the youngsters and their families. To help parents provide an appropriate literacy environment for their child, participants will offer private one-on-one training.

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Program Description

The Community Mentor Program, which has been in existence for the past 5 years, proposes a *Learn and Serve America: Higher Education* Demonstration project which will engage 70 part-time AmeriCorps Members (all of whom will come from families of migrant and seasonal farmworkers or low-income families) in mentoring 500+ at-risk elementary school children; providing legal aid intake counseling with 90 low-income clients; organizing a Youth Day for 700 Austin residents to celebrate the contributions of youth to the community; and forming a Service-Learning Council to help institutionalize service-learning on the St. Ed's campus. Leadership skills of the AmeriCorps Members will be developed through a collaborative undertaking with Leadership Austin – a program that builds community networks with talented Austin professionals.

SMU's proposed program will create service-learning opportunities for approximately 1,000 college students performing community service in the Fair Park/South Dallas neighborhood. 300 students will tutor low-achieving students and 500 students will construct homes and improve neighborhood cleanup activities. In addition, a summer student intern program will provide a violence prevention program to 100 children.

The American Indian Law Program will strengthen the justice systems of two Indian reservations through the Spokane and Coeur d'Alene Tribal Courts by providing competent pro-bono legal representation to American Indians who have no other access to legal counsel. Clinic and law school faculty will supervise 75 third-year law students who will receive intensive training on tribal court practice, elder law, and mediation. The law students' service activities will include interviewing clients at the courts two days a week, conducting legal research, devising legal strategies, negotiating settlements, and writing briefs. When appropriate, the students also will encourage their clients to seek counseling and rehabilitation, and refer them to other services.

Volunteers receive training while helping people in need

Julie Greene

APOPKA

For many young adults, volunteering might mean devoting a day or two a week feeding the hungry, teaching literacy classes or helping an elderly person buy groceries.

For those involved with the Notre Dame-AmeriCorps School and Community Improvement Program, a one-year lay volunteer program, it is a 40 or more hour per week proposition.

Although the Sisters of Notre Dame have had a lay mission program since 1992, a grant from AmeriCorps, the National Service Program of the Clinton Administration, allowed them to expand the program last summer.

Of the 46 volunteers involved in the program nationwide, the seven women and three men volunteering in Florida work in Apopka with the Office of Farmworker Ministry and the Justice and Peace Office, coordinated by Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

The Florida Catholic recently met with five of the volunteers to discuss their work and the advantages of being involved in a lay volunteer program.

Rhonda Zillmer, 25, a graduate from Concordia University in Moorhead, Minn., and Alice Boyle, 23, a graduate from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., saw being involved with the Notre Dame-AmeriCorps program as a new experience.

Ms. Zillmer currently tutors at-risk students at a local school.

She also assists with conflict resolution and parent advisory groups, which assist parents in maintaining communications with school and administrators and helping children with school work.

Ms. Boyle is in her second year as a volunteer with the Sisters of Notre Dame. Currently, she teaches citizenship courses at the Farmworker Ministry Office and help youth from the farmworker community to set up a youth credit union called "Pennies for Power."

"They're learning money management and will be able to save money through the credit union," she said. Some 40 young people from fifth grade through high school are taking part in the project.

Although both women have received their initial college degrees, the volunteer pro-

gram provides an annual living allowance of about \$8,000, health insurance and an educational award of \$4,725 that may be used to further study or to pay off student loans.

Sister Ann Kendrick, SND, of the Orlando Diocese's Office of Farmworker Ministry in Apopka, said the volunteer program serves as a personal and professional development opportunity for many of the young adults in the farmworker community.

"This gives them a chance to learn what they can do and help out their community," she said. "They're receiving on-the-job training and at the same time they're helping kids who are falling through the cracks."

Leticia Zarraga, from Apopka, is the youngest volunteer at 18 and is teaching English as a second language to middle school students, as well as working with the parent advisory, conflict resolution and youth credit union programs.

She sees her volunteer year as a way to earn money for school and to discover her avocation.

"I've always enjoyed helping others and to be able to tie in work with helping others is a great opportunity," she said. "I hope to continue my education and I've learned I like teaching, particularly middle-school kids."

Sylvia Zavala, 22, of Mount Dora, unlike the others, is married with a young child.

"When I first heard Sister Ann say they needed volunteers I was interested but I was scared," she recalled. "I didn't know what I could do to help. I've gotten so much experience doing things I never thought I could do."

Now, Mrs. Zavala works with pre-kindergarten and

fourth graders at an Apopka elementary school and is responsible for coordinating the parent advisory programs. She has aspirations of one day being a teacher. Her husband, Andy, assists with day care.

Rebecca Laureano, 21, also from Apopka, thinks she's found her calling through the volunteer program. She currently tutors at Apopka Elementary School, works with youth groups and various other programs.

"I graduated high school in 1992 and wasn't able to go to college right away," she explained.

Sister Katherine "Sissy" Corr, SND, director of the national Notre Dame-AmeriCorps volunteer program, said seeing the volunteers in action helps her in trying to ensure the program's continuance. The renewal application for funding for next year is due in April.

"This program stands a good chance of getting re-funded," Sister Corr said during a recent visit to Apopka held in conjunction with a gathering of the Notre Dame order's Florida delegation Feb. 2. "It's so amazing to see all the great work the volunteers are doing. The youth credit union is a unique project and to see all these kids come together and be able to break down the concepts needed to create a board and a mission statement is great."

Along with receiving a living stipend and educational assistance, the program also offers opportunity for regular in-service training, staff and community development.

For more information about the Notre Dame/AmeriCorps program, contact Sister Kendrick at the Office of Farmworker Ministry at (407)886-5151.

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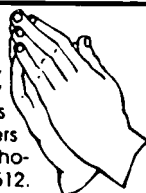
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J. Baltimore

AmeriCorps volunteers help Baltimore children reach their potential

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur sponsor national program

By Tina Vardaro
Catholic Review staff

If only every child had a tutor ... That's the musing of volunteer tutor Chad Dickerson. He has seen the good that an extra set of eyes and ears can do in a classroom of 30 students, where one child who has difficulty understanding a lesson may not get the attention of an already overburdened teacher.

Mr. Dickerson tutors at City Springs Elementary School in Baltimore as a member of Notre Dame/AmeriCorps, a national volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and funded in large part by President Clinton's AmeriCorps program.

Sister Katherine Corr, SND, national director of Notre

Dame/AmeriCorps, whose offices are based in the Baltimore neighborhood of Govans, said the program is an extension of Notre Dame Mission Volunteers, a ministry the Sisters of Notre Dame developed in 1990 in which members worked side-by-side with the sisters for at least one year in community service.

Because of the success of the pilot project in Boston, the congregation's board of directors decided to apply for federal funding from AmeriCorps to supply 10 volunteers each in Baltimore, Boston, Cincinnati and Apopka, FL.

In August 1995, the sisters learned they would receive a one-year grant of \$648,900, enough to provide a small stipend, room and board, and health insurance for each member.

The 10 AmeriCorps members in Baltimore work at City Springs and General Wolfe Elementary public schools.

Mr. Dickerson and Rebecca Knox work with first-graders at

City Springs. During class time, each one works with half the class on subjects such as reading, math and the alphabet. Tutors also help children who are less developed in an after-school program.

"I've never been in a job situation where I've been so needed in my life," said Mr. Dickerson, a graduate of the College of Notre Dame in Belmont, CA. "Some kids need constant supervision just to get by."

The volunteers emphasize that they are in the classroom to help teachers, not replace them. Mr. Dickerson said he is impressed by the dedication of the teachers, who often work from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A Baltimore native, Ms. Knox learned of the volunteer program through her work with the Julie Community Center, an outreach project of the Sisters of Notre Dame that coordinates the AmeriCorps program in Baltimore. The center helps volunteers see some of the difficulties children face outside the classroom, Sister Katherine said.

Parents are encouraged to attend after-school programs in adult literacy, parenting and conflict resolution to help them overcome obstacles, Sister Katherine said.

The president's AmeriCorps program faces elimination in the federal budget proposed by Congress. Some may question the use of government funding for a religious organization, Sister Katherine said, but Notre Dame/AmeriCorps won its grant because it shares a common goal with the AmeriCorps program - to strengthen communities through education and leadership development.

Sister Katherine said that with each member receiving about \$10,000 a year in living expenses and health benefits, the cost to taxpayers is relatively low compared to what is given in return.

And since funding from AmeriCorps is a matching grant, the Sisters of Notre Dame must provide more than \$261,000 of their own with help from foundations, grants

and friends of the community.

With so much divisiveness in our cities, Sister Katherine said, a program that promotes people working together on problems is worth every penny.

"We're doing something that's quality," she said.

As a result of his service experience, for example, Mr. Dickerson intends to add teaching credentials to his degree in behavioral science. Ms. Knox, a graduate of Community College of Baltimore with degrees in nursing and general

studies, plans to study early childhood development.

"I see the future with my name on the door of my office saying, 'I started at AmeriCorps,'" she said.



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