

# Serve Wisconsin

Annual Report  
2012 -2013



Program Year



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Community Service Board**  
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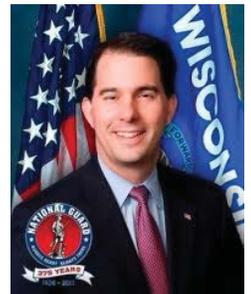
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**SCOTT WALKER**  
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June 11, 2014

Dear Staff and Volunteers of Serve Wisconsin AmeriCorps:

Congratulations to all of the staff and members of Serve Wisconsin AmeriCorps on your commitment to service in the State of Wisconsin during the previous program year (2012 – 2013). You have improved the lives of our citizens through supporting community service and volunteerism in educating and mentoring young people, building homes for low-income families, preparing residents to respond to disasters, and helping meet basic human needs.

The lives of thousands of Wisconsin's citizens are being enriched every day because of dedicated service organizations and volunteers. Government alone cannot solve every problem nor meet every need, so we must rely on people helping people. On behalf of our state, I thank you for your efforts.

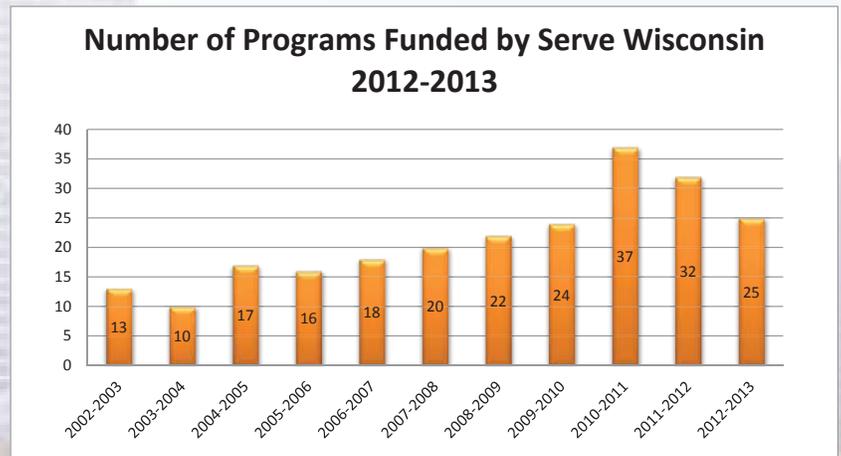
I hope this report will inspire others to service, and to make a difference in the lives of their fellow citizens.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker  
Governor



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## Wisconsin State Commission

The Wisconsin National and Community Service Board, also known as Serve Wisconsin, was established January 28, 1994, by Governor Tommy G. Thompson under Executive Order “to encourage community service and volunteer participation as a means of community and state problem-solving; to promote and support voluntary citizen involvement in government and private programs throughout the state; to develop a long-term vision and plan of action for community service initiatives in Wisconsin; and to serve as the state’s liaison to national and state organizations which support its mission.” The Board was later codified under 1993 Wisconsin Act 437.

Serve Wisconsin is a 21-member citizen body appointed by the Governor to support community service and volunteerism. Federal AmeriCorps resources from the Corporation for National and Community Service are awarded to organizations seeking to deliver services through an evidence-based approach creating community solutions. Management efforts will continue towards solutions that reach beyond continuous government support. In addition, Serve Wisconsin will support organizations that scale delivery system models addressing one or more of the six focus areas.

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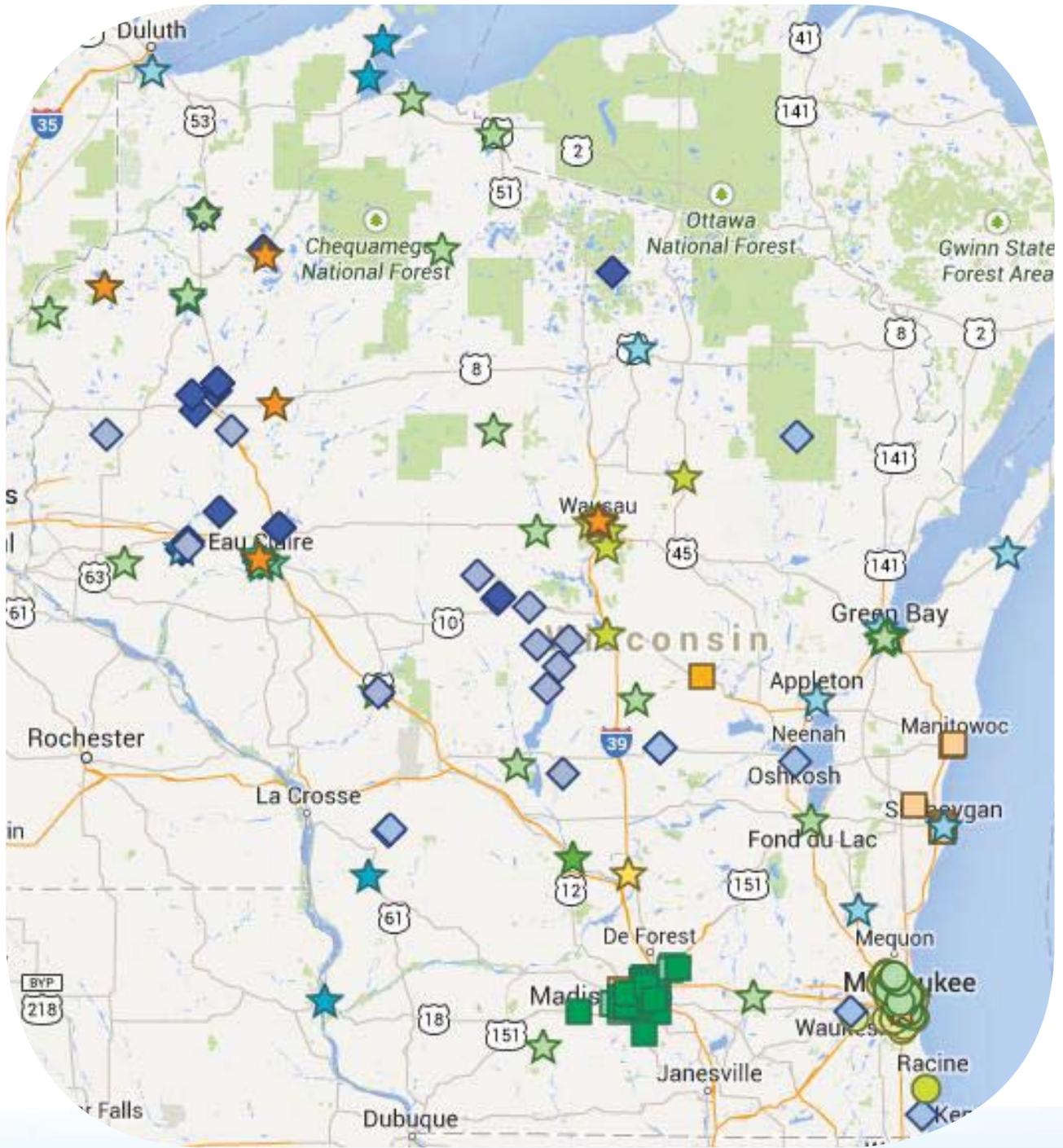
### ***Six Focus Areas***



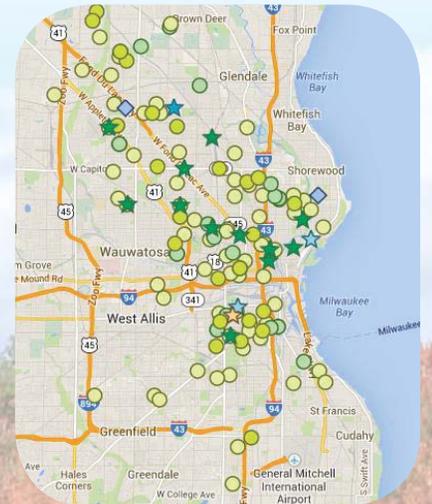
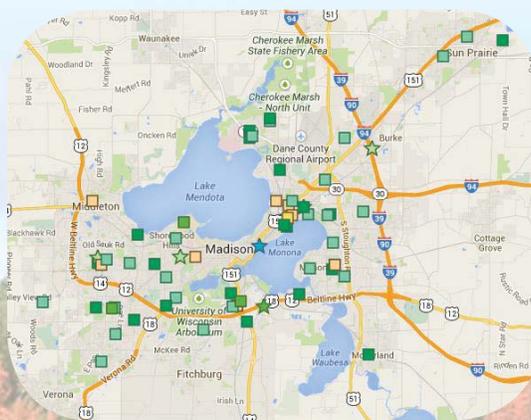
## Serve Wisconsin State Service Plan Objectives:

1. Serve Wisconsin will invest in sustainable service solutions that are supported by evidence based community needs and methods which increase the number of volunteers recruited, retained, managed, and recognized.
  - a. Support the development of organizational capacity to engage additional volunteers.
  - b. Continue to support Volunteer Connection as the electronic internet connector of volunteers with volunteer opportunities.
  - c. Expand the reach of AmeriCorps by providing more choices to serve in rural and urban communities and track actual member placement using Beale Codes.
  - d. Support cross sector collaboration (Corporate, non-profit, & government) as a service strategy to increase the number of volunteers while encouraging shared measurements and terminology.
  - e. Evaluate volunteer experience by creating a survey with standardized implementation practices, terminology, and reporting.
  - f. Identify through the evaluation process and report out exemplar strategies and promising practices.
  - g. Enhance AmeriCorps member experience and verify through annual member survey.
2. Serve Wisconsin will promote AmeriCorps and Volunteer Connection to expand recognition and awareness of service and volunteer opportunities.
  - a. Secure a champion of service and volunteerism in Wisconsin.
  - b. Maximize the use of the Volunteer in America Report information in defining volunteerism in Wisconsin.
  - c. Continue the Governor’s Service Awards.
  - d. Serve Wisconsin will develop a plan to address needs in marketing and public relations around the concept of Volunteerism.
3. Serve Wisconsin board members and program staff will engage in professional learning around the concept of collective impact.

Map Marker	Program Name	Members	CNCS Grant Amount	Program Impact
	Board of Regents – UW Madison Project Grow	40	\$69,160	Education -Tutoring/Mentoring Pre-K
	Boys & Girls Clubs Greater Milwaukee	69	\$266,000	Education -Literacy, Arts Ed, Environmental Ed
	CAP Services' Waupaca Fresh Start	10	\$123,690	Economic Opportunities - Youth Corps
	Dane County Human Services - Partners for After School Success	35	\$414,963	Education -Tutoring & After School Program
	Easter Seals WI	49	\$231,524	Healthy Futures & Veterans - Respite & Other Services
	Indianhead CAA	23	\$152,600	Economic Opportunities - Youth Corps
	Marshfield Clinic	20	\$260,000	Healthy Futures - AODA Education
	Marshfield Clinic Afterschool	24	\$312,000	Education - After School
	Milwaukee Christian Center	25	\$169,650	Economic Opportunities - Youth Corps
	Milwaukee Teacher Education Center	145	\$116,000	Education - Teacher Preparation
	Mount Mary College – Urban Education Fellows Program	48	\$38,400	Education - Urban Education Fellows
	North Central CAP	29	\$235,584	Education -Tutoring & Other Services
	Operation Fresh Start	95	\$562,312	Economic Opportunities - Youth Corps
	Partners Energy Conservation Corps	8	\$104,000	Environmental Stewardship - Weatherization
	Partners for Community Development	10	\$147,696	Economic Opportunities - Hispanic Community Outreach
	Renewal Unlimited	36	\$185,879	Economic Opportunities - Youth Corps
	Teach for America - Milwaukee	87	\$156,600	Education - Teaching, Achievement Gap
	United Way of Dane County - Mobilizing Skilled Volunteers	20	\$257,188	Economic Opportunities - Education
	United Way of Dane County - Schools of Hope	49	\$344,320	Education -Tutoring & Mentoring
	UW Eau Claire - ECLIPSE	45	\$86,944	Education -Tutoring/Mentoring Pre-K
	Western Dairyland EOC	19	\$122,330	Economic Opportunities - Youth Corps
	WI Assoc. for Runaway Services	25	\$277,336	Other - At-Risk Youth Outreach
	WI Dept of Agriculture- Farm to School	15	\$117,819	Healthy Futures - Nutrition Edu/Local Food
	WI Dept of Public Instruction- Service for Learning and Life	32	\$267,000	Education - Tutoring/Mentoring
	WI Primary Healthcare Association	14	\$182,000	Healthy Futures - Health Clinic



IMPACT AREA
Disaster Services
Economic Opportunity
Environmental Stewardship
Education
Veterans and Military Families
Healthy Futures



Link to interactive map can be found at [servewisconsin.wi.gov](http://servewisconsin.wi.gov)

## 2012-2013 Serve Wisconsin Programs

### **Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System: Project Grow**

PROJECT GROW works to improve the kindergarten readiness skills of at-risk preschool children with primary emphasis on language, literacy, social interaction and initiative skills. PROJECT GROW's college student AmeriCorps members are paired with low-income preschool children in the classroom setting to work together on language, literacy, social and initiative skills, via three-month, one-to-one mentoring and classroom tutoring with young children.

### **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee: SPARK Early Literacy Program/ Environmental Education/ Arts Education**

AmeriCorps members serving as part of the SPARK (Spheres of Proud Achievement in Reading for Kids) Early Literacy Program serve both during and after school in ten club/school partnership sites. Members work with students in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades that have been identified by their classroom teachers as struggling readers. AmeriCorps members implement the SPARK Program by providing one-on-one and/or small group reading activities and initiate fun literacy games/activities that build students' phonemic awareness, phonics skills, reading fluency, vocabulary, and text comprehension.



Environmental Education members serve as village coordinators or as instructors in adventure based learning, agriculture/animal husbandry and outdoor living skills for youth attending Boys and Girls Clubs' Camp Whitcomb/ Mason.

Arts Education members serve in 15 Clubs locations as arts instructors teaching fundamental art skills and techniques in media such as illustration, ceramics, painting, photography, and textiles.

### **CAP Services, Inc.: Waupaca Fresh Start**

AmeriCorps members serving with CAP Services Waupaca Fresh Start receive training and support in basic education skills, pre-employment skills, job specific/work maturity skills as well as leadership capabilities. Members are also involved in the construction of two Energy Star certified, single-family, three bedroom, two bath homes. These homes are sold to low- to moderate- income families. In addition to home construction training, members who do not possess a HS diploma participate in academic services designed to obtain a high school diploma, GED or HSED. AmeriCorps members also complete a number of community service projects, including the development of nature/hiking trails along the Waupaca River, the eradication of non-native vegetation on a section of Waupaca's walking trail, and assistance with remodeling/renovation projects designed to increase accessibility and safety for targeted elderly populations within Waupaca.

### **Dane County Department of Human Services: Partners for After School Success (PASS)**

Partners for After School Success (PASS) is a collaborative, multi-site program between the Dane County Department of Human Services and host site agencies that provide youth development programming throughout rural and urban Dane County. PASS responds to the Education Corps call to service by placing AmeriCorps members at host sites in predominantly low-income or resource scarce communities. The goal of PASS is to enhance the academic achievement and school engagement of middle and high school youth through positive relationships and the following member activities: literacy tutoring and academic support; youth development; after school programming that promotes school engagement, social and life skills; and youth engagement in community service and volunteer opportunities.

### **Easter Seals Wisconsin**

The mission of the Easter Seals Wisconsin AmeriCorps program is to increase independence, maximize opportunities, minimize barriers, and enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities. Members serve during camp sessions throughout the year, increasing the camps' capacity to serve more individuals with disabilities. Additional members provide significant outreach activities for recreational/therapeutic camps for veterans and their families and for increasing awareness about the inclusion of people with disabilities in their communities.

### **Indianhead Community Action Agency, Inc.: Indianhead (ICAA) Wisconsin Fresh Start**

Three crews of ICAA Wisconsin Fresh Start AmeriCorps members build new, affordable, energy-efficient homes according to ENERGY STAR standards in three rural Northwestern counties. Homes are sold or rented to first-time, lower income individuals or families. Members are also involved in other community service and environmental conservation projects in Washburn, Rusk, and Sawyer Counties, and on the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Reservation. HSED instruction/completion and basic skills instruction are services available to members. AmeriCorps members also work to develop career goals, learn adult living skills, and develop a sense of community through service and learning.

### **Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation: Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps Coalition**

Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps is a community-based initiative designed to strengthen the capacity of coalitions and achieve positive outcomes related to the reduction and prevention of substance abuse among youth. To reach this goal, the program places members in coalitions across Wisconsin to support out-of-school time activities and other evidence-based approaches to prevent youth substance use. Members



provide program support, planning, after school activities, mentoring, learning events and more. The local coalitions and their partnering agencies provide supervision, service planning and support to each member.

#### **Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation: Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps Afterschool**

The purpose of Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps Afterschool is to develop a comprehensive afterschool model with a sustainable case management infrastructure capable of promoting academic success, personal/social development and healthy active living, which can be replicated at the state and national level. Members work directly with children to support and enhance healthy active living programs, provide academic assistance in day schools, participate in service learning and recruit/manage volunteers.

#### **Milwaukee Christian Center, Inc.: Youthbuild**

Milwaukee Christian Center - Youthbuild (MCCYB) is a Wisconsin Fresh Start Initiative. MCCYB AmeriCorps members build new in-fill housing, constructing Energy Star certified homes for sale to families earning no more than 80% of County Median Income. During the warm weather months, Corps members assist in vegetation management along the Kinnickinnic River corridor. The Corps members are also engaged in GED/HSED completion, basic skills instruction, citizenship and emergency response training.

#### **Milwaukee Teacher Education Center (MTEC)**

MTEC AmeriCorps members implement meaningful and relevant service learning projects with students. By implementing service, the goal is to strengthen teachers as educators and as citizens, and to create awareness among students of their role as citizens and community members. The end goal is to bridge schools and communities in an effort to find solutions for “everyday” issues.

#### **Mount Mary College: Urban Education Fellows Program (UEFP)**

The UEFP provides professional development through accelerated and non-accelerated components as a teaching fellows program. In the accelerated two-year component, members teach full-time while completing their program requirements. In the non-accelerated component, members fill teacher shortages and may have been granted emergency licensure or are unlicensed teachers while completing coursework and fieldwork requirements to meet new certification and/or master’s degree requirements. All members integrate service learning into their curriculum, which helps improve the overall skills of their students, teaches civic responsibility, and positively affects their community.



#### **North Central Community Action Program: AmeriCorps Team-Greater Wausau Area**

AmeriCorps Team – Greater Wausau Area members serve at 12 different host sites that include schools and a variety of local non-profit organizations. Focusing on educational opportunities, positive interactions, and outreach to underserved populations, AmeriCorps members primarily provide direct services to youth and their families as mentors and tutors during and after school. Students served include pre-K, elementary, middle school, and high school learners. Members are also engaged in planning and serving at a number of community service projects throughout the year.

#### **Operation Fresh Start – (OSF) AmeriCorps**

OFS AmeriCorps members perform three significant types of community service: construction of affordable, energy-efficient housing in Madison and Dane County; completion of high-quality environmental projects in Madison, Dane County, and surrounding counties; and participation in national and local days of service. Supervised by skilled adult trainers, members work in crews of 8 to 10 and perform all hands-on tasks not requiring trades licenses (such as plumbing) or highly specialized equipment (such as foundation excavation). Career development, college exploration, completion of high school certification, basic skills instruction, and placement in employment or post-secondary education are services available to members.

#### **Partners for Community Development: Hispanic Information Center and County Wraparound Programs**

Through this program, AmeriCorps members assist Hispanic individuals in their integration into the community in a positive way by utilizing existing community services. Members are also located in schools in Sheboygan and Manitowoc Counties mentoring Hispanic at-risk students by introducing them to academic, social and vocational activities. They work with teacher-referred students in need of assistance and model how to become involved citizens. Finally, some members assist the Human Services departments in both counties with their Wraparound services.

#### **Partners for Community Development: Energy Conservation Corps**

AmeriCorps members provide free-of-charge weatherization and retrofitting services to low-income families. By providing this public service to their communities, Partners’ AmeriCorps members learn valuable skills in the energy conservation field while implementing energy-efficient and safety measures in the homes of low-income individuals in their communities. Service in the Energy Conservation Corps exposes Partners’ AmeriCorps members to new career paths.

#### **Renewal Unlimited, Inc.: Fresh Start Program**

The Renewal Unlimited Fresh Start Program works with youth between the ages of 17 and 24; the majority of these youth are high school dropouts. The youth serve in crews, and each crew constructs a single-family home consisting of three bedrooms. Upon completion, these houses are

sold to low-to moderate-income families. Youth in this program receive training to improve in the areas of basic educational skills, pre-employment skills, job specific skills, independent living skills, health and nutrition, and leadership development skills.

### **Teach For America: Milwaukee**

Teach For America is the national corps of recent college graduates who commit to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in expanding educational opportunity.



### **United Way of Dane County: Schools of Hope**

The AmeriCorps Schools of Hope Project is a collaboration of the Madison Metropolitan School District, United Way of Dane County, and Centro Hispano of Dane County, with support from the Sun Prairie Area and Middleton-Cross Plains Area school districts. This effort aligns community volunteers and other resources to improve the academic achievement of low-performing pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students from a range of ethnic and linguistic backgrounds and low-income families. AmeriCorps members place and support trained tutors in elementary schools in Madison, Middleton and Sun Prairie. Home-based literacy materials are also provided to families.

### **United Way of Dane County: Mobilizing Skilled Volunteers**

The AmeriCorps Mobilizing Skilled Volunteers Project is a collaboration of the United Way of Dane County, Urban League of Greater Madison, the Financial Education Center, the Exchange Center and Madison-area Urban Ministry. The program's twenty AmeriCorps members recruit, train and manage volunteers to provide sustained support to children and adults at multiple service sites.

### **UW-Eau Claire: ECLIPSE**

Early Childhood Literacy Intervention Program, Services and Evaluation (ECLIPSE) provides intervention in the areas of language, literacy, social interaction, and initiative skills to 3-to 5-year old children who are at-risk, and/or from families with low income. ECLIPSE members provide children who have been identified through screening with intense one-to-one intervention sessions during the school year. Members also provide additional support to the classroom teachers during regular class to improve the teacher-child ratio at the centers.

### **Western Dairyland EOC: Fresh Start**

The Western Dairyland Fresh Start program provides at-risk youth with essential social, educational, employment, community service and life skills training. While constructing two new homes for income-eligible families in the local communities, the young adults work on achieving high school diplomas/HSEs, developing career goals, improving self-esteem and alleviating barriers to economic self-sufficiency. The achievement of AmeriCorps education awards provide members with funding for post-secondary school training. Members emerge from the program as

renewed young adults, prepared to enter the workforce or college as responsible citizens.

### **Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services: Direct Service Outreach to Runaways**

The Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services AmeriCorps program provides street outreach services and response to referrals from police departments, schools, and other youth-serving agencies. AmeriCorps members are available to youth who are homeless, runaways or in crisis and are therefore "on the street." Youth are provided with hygiene packets, food vouchers, transportation vouchers, clothes, educational materials, and, most importantly, referral services to provide them with safe alternatives to the street. Members also provide services in shelters for runaway and homeless youth or homeless pregnant and/or parenting teens.

### **Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection: Farm to School**

AmeriCorps Farm to School members leverage volunteers to implement farm to school strategies in 8 high-need Wisconsin communities. Each community has at least one AmeriCorps member who focuses on community outreach and/or nutrition education. The main goal of the program is to expose students to local foods through farm to school activities including nutrition education in the classroom, lunchroom and other school programs, and garden education.

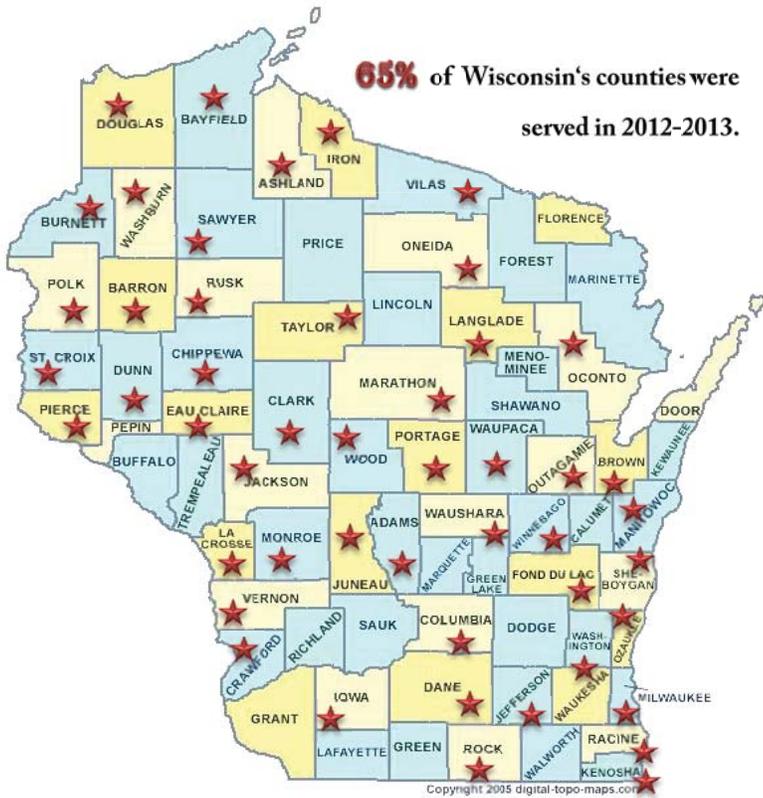
### **Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: Service for Learning and Life**

The Service for Learning and Life program is administered in conjunction with host sites around the state. Most members serve in schools; some serve under the auspices of Boys and Girls Clubs and the Special Olympics of Wisconsin. The program provides direct tutoring to students who need extra help, recruits and coordinates volunteer programs, and coordinates high-quality service-learning projects.

### **Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association: Wisconsin HealthCorps**

Wisconsin HealthCorps is a joint program between the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association and the Wisconsin Public Health Association, which places AmeriCorps members in either Community Health Centers or Public Health Departments, working on various levels of the health care delivery system. Members serve in several capacities: as patient navigators, assisting patients through the health care system by providing information on access to care, benefits, call-backs; as health educators, preparing materials for both individual patients and communities, teaching healthy lifestyles, eating habits, chronic disease maintenance, and public health concepts; and as community outreach specialists, working with several local organizations to improve the quality of care and resources available to patients.





In 2012-2013, 25 Serve Wisconsin AmeriCorps programs enrolled 956 AmeriCorps members who served over 1,144,814 hours. These hours generated a local community value of \$21,579,744 when using the Independent Sector calculation method.

Similarly, in 2012-2013, Serve Wisconsin AmeriCorps programs mobilized 19,673 volunteers and generated 221,335 volunteer hours resulting in the equivalent of \$4,172,165 in local community value.

The total AmeriCorps program investment in 2012-2013 was \$9,816,610

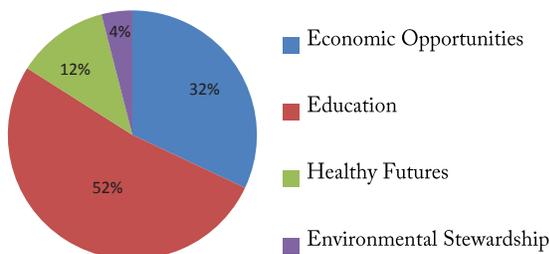
“Every small impact an AmeriCorps member can make is a butterfly effect of positive interventions, tiny ripples from an organization that makes big waves. The mission is to serve others, not ourselves. This I have witnessed from supervisors, organizers, and my fellow AmeriCorps members. And it is not called work. It is our service to our community, state, and nation.”

-- Sara McManus '12

Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services



### 2012-2013 Program Impact Areas

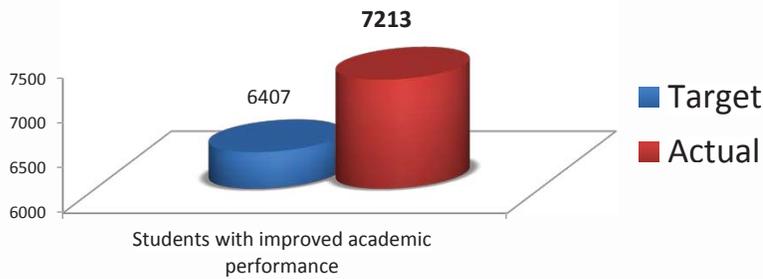


### 2012-2013 Quick Facts

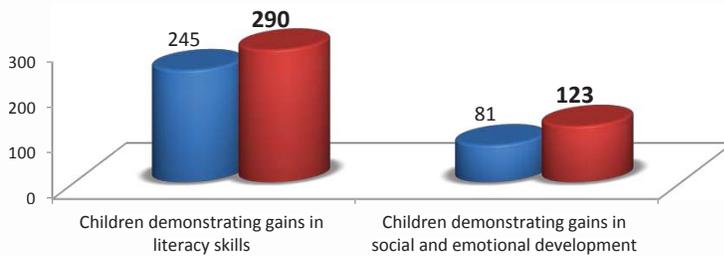
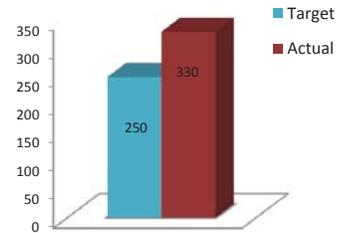
25	Programs
673.42	Total Member Service Years
956.00	Total Member Positions
\$7,723.26	Overall Cost Per MSY
269	Total Competitive Slots
58	Total Full-Time Fixed Slots
349	Total Formula Slots
280	Total EAP Slots

## 2012-2013 Program Impact Highlights

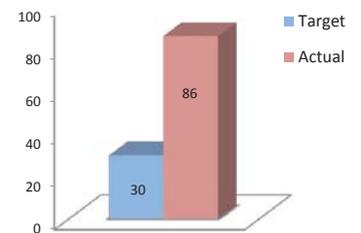
Children demonstrating gains through participation in a Serve WI AmeriCorps program



Housing units weatherized or retrofitted in a Serve WI AmeriCorps program

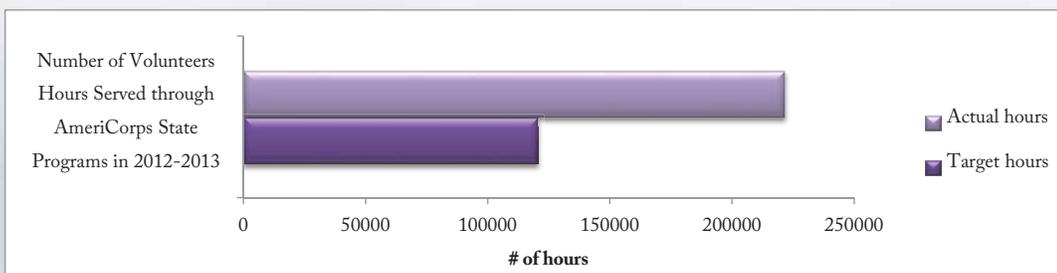
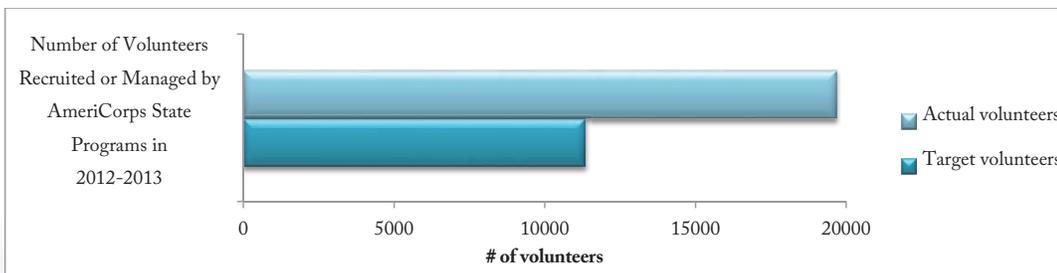


Number of veterans' family members that received assistance in a Serve WI AmeriCorps program



## Volunteerism in Wisconsin

Serve Wisconsin's AmeriCorps programs regularly exceed their goals in mobilizing everyday citizens in volunteer work.

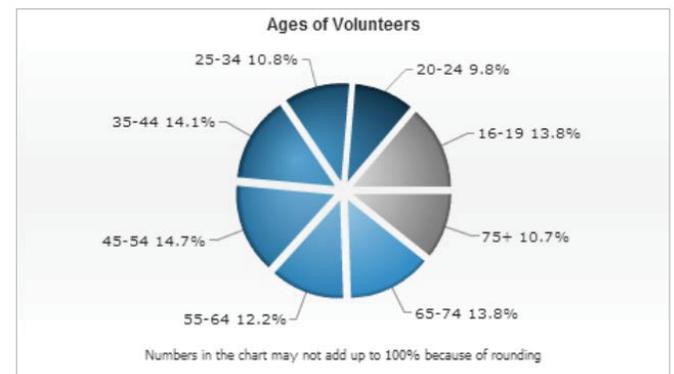
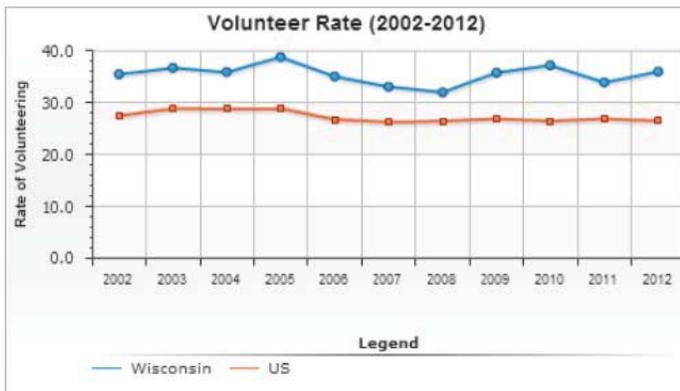
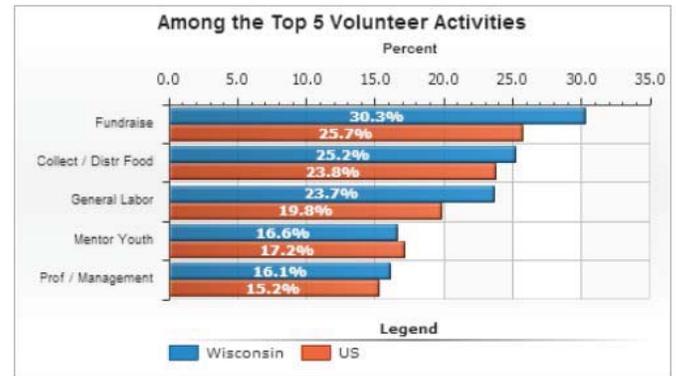
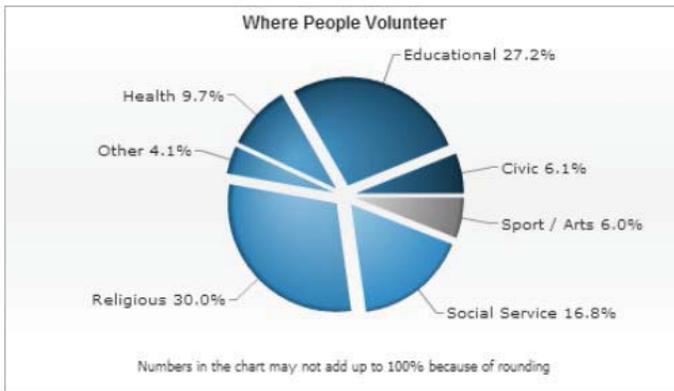


Serve Wisconsin requires that volunteers be recruited by programs to help serve the community, and regularly works with local Volunteer Centers and national volunteer resources that offer ample opportunity for civic participation.

## Civic Life Report: Volunteering and Civic Engagement in Wisconsin

Overall, in Wisconsin in 2012:

**35.6%** of residents volunteered, ranking Wisconsin **8th** among the 50 states and Washington, DC. \* **36.7 volunteer hours** were served *per resident*. \* **1.62 million** volunteers gave their time. \* **165.3 million** hours of service was given. \* **\$3.7 billion** contributed to service. \* **60.6%** of residents donated to charity. \* **34.7%** of residents over age 55 volunteered.



## Partner Volunteer Organizations



Initiated by a Volunteer Generation Fund grant by the Corporation for National and Community service, **Volunteer Wisconsin** is an initiative working in collaboration with Volunteer Centers and Serve Wisconsin to connect volunteers, promote volunteering, and support the capacity of nonprofits through volunteers. The mission is to leverage volunteer capabilities and local assets to enhance communities throughout Wisconsin.

In addition to Volunteer Connection, volunteering is promoted by partnering with organizations to showcase the impact of volunteering in Wisconsin and showcasing news and messages around how people can volunteer locally. The capacity of nonprofits is supported by providing volunteer management training workshops and webinars to increase nonprofit effectiveness in engaging volunteers to meet their mission.

## National Volunteer Resources

- Corporation for National and Community Service
- United We Serve - Serve.gov
- Hands on Network
- Points of Light Foundation
- The Independent Sector
- Network for Good
- NobleHour
- Volunteer.gov - Public Sector Volunteer Opportunities
- Volunteer Match
- Volunteer Solutions

“I ask you to be citizens: citizens, not spectators; citizens, not subjects; responsible citizens, building communities of service and a nation of character.”

~ George W. Bush

## 2012-2013 Member Reflections & Program Stories

The 2012-2013 Program year saw countless acts of service, numerous moments of personal transformation, and many hours of dedicated effort by people across the state. The impact of AmeriCorps programs goes far beyond the quantifiable data produced by these outstanding programs. As any member who has ever been a part of AmeriCorps knows, service is not just about giving back; it is about becoming an active citizen within this country.



Easter Seals member pictured with campers

“I am impassioned to work hard to help bring my community back to that ‘village’ it once was through my service and advocacy. My personal and professional growth comes from the work I put forth to rebuild that ‘village’ by being a voice for people who feel they have no voice, to represent for those who have no other representation, and to show that change does come if we stand together as one.”

-- Connie Townsend '12  
Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association

“National service is important because policy makers can make big changes, but individuals who serve can implement programs across a community, a region or state that make a difference for individuals that may not have taken place at the governmental level. Service can inspire others to dream for more, reach for more, but most importantly do more. Even the shortest term of service can make a difference for our nation and inspire so many other individuals to get involved and make a difference in their communities, which will make our nation a safer more successful place for all future generations.”

~ Ashley Mertins '12  
Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps-Coalition



PASS members pictured with students during Mayor's Day celebration



Boys and Girls Clubs member

“AmeriCorps has provided me with a platform to use my own skills and creativity to work towards solving problems that are important to me. Not only have I been able to benefit my community, but I have also grown substantially through the challenges that have been placed before me. I have learned an enormous amount about the field of education and about myself as an individual. For that, I will be forever committed to the AmeriCorps mission.”

-- Ben Traun '12  
Dane County Human Services Partners For After School Success

## 2012-2013 Highlights

### WNCSB Leadership Honored for Service to State of Wisconsin

The Wisconsin National and Community Service Board honored Commissioner Marguita Fox (right, with Anthony Hallman) for her 20 years of service to the Commission at the March 2013 board meeting. During her tenure on the board, over 20,000 Wisconsin AmeriCorps members have provided over 25 million hours of service and have received nearly \$70 million in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards. Her experience, knowledge and dedication to service in Wisconsin have been an asset to the Commission, and it has benefited the people of Wisconsin tremendously. Of her time on the Board, she says “I’ve enjoyed every moment of it!”



Also honored at the March board meeting was Serve Wisconsin’s Executive Director, Thomas Devine. Tom was honored for his 15 years with Serve Wisconsin by Tom Branen, Executive Director of the American Association of State Service Commissions (ASC). Branen thanked Devine for his 15 years of “being a mentor, a confidant, and a friend,” and that [ASC] is “fortunate to have [him] in the state commission/service family.”

(left to right: Tom Devine, Executive Director;  
Kathleen Groat, Commissioner; Anthony Hallman, Commission Chair)

### Opening Ceremony & Swearing-In

Nearly 400 members and program directors attended the 2012-2013 Opening Ceremony and Swearing-In on November 15, 2012. Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson administered the oath of service, and members had the opportunity to meet with their local legislators to discuss community service and attend workshops with fellow members from across the state to discuss their service and program accomplishments. Former Wisconsin National and Community Service Board Chair, Mark Muller, pictured right



### Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service

On April 9, 2013, mayors across the country put the spotlight on the importance and impact of national service during the first ever Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service. This initiative was led by Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, who is the current president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Mayors from Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Kenosha, La Crosse, Madison (Mayor Soglin pictured left), Milwaukee, Racine, and Wausau all participated in the celebration of service.

*“Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”  
~ President John F. Kennedy*

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I will get things done for America -  
to make our people safer,  
smarter, and healthier.

I will bring Americans together  
to strengthen our communities.

Faced with apathy,  
I will take action.

Faced with conflict,  
I will seek common ground.

Faced with adversity,  
I will persevere.

I will carry this commitment  
with me this year and beyond.

I am an AmeriCorps member,  
and I will get things done.

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