

# Citizen Service



## 1999-2000 Report

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# THE MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

***T**here is established the Maine Commission for Community Service... to foster the State's ethic of community service; encourage community service and volunteerism as a means of meeting critical human, environmental, educational and public safety needs throughout the State; serve as the State's liaison regarding national and community service and volunteer activities; foster collaboration among service agencies; receive gifts and grants, implement statewide service programs and make subgrants to state and local entities in accordance with the federal National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, Public Law 108-02.*

5MRSA Chapter 373, s.7501



## **Our Mission**

*To foster community service and volunteerism to meet human and environmental needs in the State of Maine.*

## **Our Vision**

*Vibrant, productive communities with involved, responsible citizens.*





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January 30, 2001

Governor Angus King Jr.  
#1 State House Station  
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Dear Governor King,

On behalf of the Maine Commission for Community Service, I am pleased to submit our 1999-2000 Annual Report. The Report reflects the work accomplished over the past two years to advance our mission: *To make real our vision of vibrant, productive communities with involved, responsible citizens.*

The mission is accomplished through the work of more than 9,000 Maine citizens of every age and background, who give their time and talents to solve problems, strengthen communities and help those in need. These volunteers mentor and tutor children, help senior citizens become computer literate, build homes, clean up parks, fight domestic violence, grow food, staff food banks and recruit and train other volunteers.

The Commission works with the Federal Corporation for National Service (CNS), which operates all national civilian service programs in the country in partnership with the states. The commission also partners with the Maine Department of Education to foster service learning in school and community settings. Together, the three government agencies administer three major community service programs which receive more than \$4 million a year in federal funding: AmeriCorps, also known as the domestic Peace Corp; Learn and Serve America; and the National Senior Service Corps.

The Commission is proud to have facilitated the Maine Promise Network, Maine's link with America's Promise, and we look forward to a new role in the public/private partnership, Maine's Promise, which is its successor.

During this report period, we have developed the Maine Service Exchange, which provides volunteer expertise to local volunteers and non-profit groups. The volunteer consultants responded to 31 requests for no-cost guidance on widely ranging topics. As expected, the organizations asking for help were from Maine's rural communities: Dixfield, Porter, Newcastle, and more.

We believe that as you review our Annual Report, you will be impressed with the significant contributions Maine citizens make to our state through their service in these programs.

The members of the Maine Commission for Community Service extend our sincere appreciation for your continued support and commitment to the vital work of the Maine Commission for Community Service.

Respectfully,  
/s/  
Susanne W. Sandusky, Chair



## Our Values and Convictions

*The Maine Commission for Community Service values service:*

- ◆ *as a community building strategy -- harnessing the energy of a few to the benefit of many;*
- ◆ *as a problem-solving strategy -- complementing the effort and energy of full-time professionals with the vision and sense of mission of part- or full-time volunteers; and*
- ◆ *as a state- and nation-building strategy -- cultivating a sense of civic identity and greater common purpose.*

*The Commission holds as strong convictions that. . .*

- ◆ *Service is a fundamental building block of a civil society;*
- ◆ *Service cultivates a sense of personal and civic responsibility;*
- ◆ *Service is a strategy for solving a range of community problems;*
- ◆ *Service varies in intensity from part-time volunteerism to full-time paid service;*
- ◆ *Service, when it is well-conceived and implemented, can be a cost-effective complement to the work of professionals;*
- ◆ *Service includes a range of activities performed by different people using different means;*
- ◆ *Service is a lifelong habit that can be most easily acquired early in life;*
- ◆ *Service works best when it is community-led and government-supported; and*
- ◆ *Service is a fundamental American tradition.*



## *The Maine Commission for Community Service: What Does it Do?*

The Maine Commission for Community Service has a straightforward mission: foster community service and volunteerism to meet human and environmental needs in the state of Maine. The 26-member commission was established in 1994 by executive order and put into state statute in 1995.

The commission is the State lead partner with the Federal Corporation for National Service, which operates all national civilian service programs in the country in partnership with the states. Together, the Commission, the Maine Department of Education (Learn & Serve administrator), and the Corporation administer three major programs, which receive more than \$4 million a year in federal funding:

- ◆ **AmeriCorps.** Known as the domestic Peace Corps, AmeriCorps provides opportunities to more than 1,600 individuals to serve their communities for a full year. They receive living stipends and, at the end of service, qualify for education awards of up to \$4,725 to pay for college or to pay back student loans.
- ◆ **Learn and Serve America.** Learn and Serve provides grants to schools, colleges and community organizations to develop service-learning programs that enlist some 4,000 Maine students – from kindergarten through college – to help meet community needs while improving their own skills and learning the habits of good citizenship.
- ◆ **National Senior Service Corps.** In Maine, more than 3,600 senior citizens contribute their time and talents under three volunteer programs. Foster Grandparents provides one-on-one help to 1,200 young people with special needs. Senior Companions helps 500 older citizens live independently in their homes. And the Retired Senior and Volunteer Program (RSVP) works with more than 600 local groups to meet a wide range of needs in their community.

Through their efforts, volunteers in these programs save their communities, and their state, millions of dollars every year while providing care and comfort to thousands of Maine citizens in need.

From 1997 – 1999, the commission also staffed the Maine Promise Network, Maine's link between America's Promise and the state Communities for Children. Early in 2000, the Network was absorbed into Maine's Promise, a public/private partnership that is charged with fulfilling Maine's responsibilities as a Model State for America's Promise. The Maine Commission for Community Service became a member of Maine's Promise and has accepted responsibility for ensuring Maine youth have access to the Fifth Fundamental Resource: Opportunities for Youth to Give Back through Service.

In March 2000, the Maine Commission for Community Service launched the Maine Service Exchange. This program was developed over two years by an advisory committee of volunteer and service program staff. It is a network of volunteer trainers and consultants who help local volunteer and nonprofit groups with their work. The Maine Service Exchange provides training to all the national service programs operating in Maine and operates through a web platform ([www.maineserviceXchange.org](http://www.maineserviceXchange.org)) that overcomes geographic issues and accessibility.



As a result of all the National Service programs' activities, there are more than 9,000 Maine citizens of every age and background giving their time and talents to solve problems, strengthen communities and help those in need. They will tutor and mentor children, help senior citizens become computer literate, build homes, clean parks, fight domestic violence, grow food, staff food banks and recruit and train other volunteers.

As Gov. Angus King said, these National Service volunteers have "improved education achievement, enhanced our environment, made our neighborhoods safer and addressed other human needs."

### ***The Maine Commission for Community Service: What Has It Accomplished?***

Over the past two years, The Maine Commission for Community Service (MCCS) has made significant progress on several fronts:

#### *Fulfilling America's Promise in Maine*

- ◆ The Commission's work to link Maine's Promise with Gen. Colin Powell's America's Promise brought national attention to Maine's efforts on behalf of children and families. General Colin Powell paid a special visit to Maine in October 1999 and spoke to over 1,000 people at the Alford Youth Center in Waterville. The event also marked the beginning of service for Maine's AmeriCorps Class of 1999.
- ◆ The continuing advocacy by MCCS on behalf of Maine prompted an invitation from America's Promise to Governor King to designate Maine as one of three Model States, along with North Carolina and Colorado. In addition, the state was chosen as a test site and pacesetter for "Small Group Leaders," a new America's Promise program.
- ◆ When the public/private board, Maine's Promise, was created, MCCS took its seat as an organizational member and accepted responsibility for ensuring that all Maine youth have access to the Fifth Fundamental Resource: An Opportunity to Give Back through Community Service.
- ◆ The MCCS Youth Service Task Force was charged with examining the status of youth service in Maine and identifying actions needed to promote volunteerism by children, teens, and young adults. By December 2000, the Task Force had hosted two forums with over 96 youth and 25 adults. Those forums generated three priority recommendations to strengthen youth service in Maine:
  - ✓ Service must become a meaningful way for youth to be active citizens and make a difference in their communities
  - ✓ Communities must create places and programs that connect youth with opportunities to serve
  - ✓ Volunteer work by youth should bring them in contact with new people, ideas, skills and places outside the school.



### Strengthening Volunteerism and Community Service

- ◆ The commission launched the Maine Service Exchange in March 2000 after fifteen months of development. The Maine Service Exchange seeks to address the training and technical assistance needs of the numerous community service and volunteer organizations across the state. Using the internet and world wide web as a means to overcome geographic challenges, the Maine Service Exchange connects volunteer professional consultants and trainers with the small, local groups requesting assistance.

In its first 10 months of operation, the Maine Service Exchange volunteers provided cost-free assistance to 29 organizations. As anticipated, the groups asking for help were located predominantly in small towns (i.e., Dixfield, Patten, New Portland, North Waterboro, Old Town, Porter, Dover Foxcroft, Searsmont, Addison, Woolwich).

- ◆ By December 1999, the Commission wrapped up work on its 1998-1999 Strategic Plan. In conjunction with the updating of plans by all state agencies, the Commission undertook a review of priorities, needs, opportunities, and constraints over the course of Spring 2000. As a result of meetings and information presented from external groups, the following performance measures were adopted in place of a Strategic Plan for the period 2001 – 2003:

The impact of M CCS will be evident in

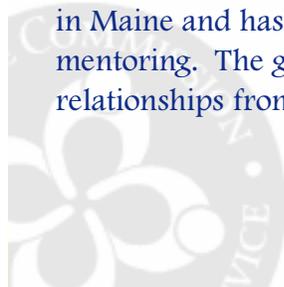
a) the percentage of Maine adults who devote discretionary time to either community organizations or civic activities as well as the number of school-aged youth who are engaged in community service;

b) the percentage of community service leaders who have the knowledge, information, and skills they need to manage the risks associated with community service and volunteer programs;

c) the percentage of youth community service leaders who have the knowledge, information, and skills necessary to operate programs that provide youth with opportunities to serve their communities. (Adopted 6/21/2000)

- ◆ M CCS formally voted to partner with the Maine Mentoring Partnership, formerly known as the Governor's Committee on Mentoring Youth. At the request of the Governor's Office, M CCS has served as fiscal agent for the Mentoring Partnership and helped locate a consultant who could guide the project through the steps of becoming a Maine nonprofit.

This role has been a natural extension of M CCS's role in fostering the Maine Mentoring Partnership. The founders of the Partnership first met during the Governor's Institute on Mentoring, a conference sponsored by M CCS. During the intervening years, M CCS has funded three AmeriCorps programs to expand mentoring in Maine and has worked with the regional VISTA projects that are focusing on mentoring. The goal of the Mentoring Partnership is to increase youth mentoring relationships from 3,000 to 30,000.



### Supporting Maine National Service Programs

- ◆ In December 2000, the annual customer evaluation of MCCA services was compiled. The composite rating was 85% satisfaction with the services provided by the Commission. On individual items, the Commission received high marks in the following areas:
  - ✓ Creating a Vision for Service in Maine (97%)
  - ✓ Creating a Vision for National Service in Maine (87%)
  - ✓ Providing Training and Technical Assistance (83%)
  - ✓ Responding to Customers in a Timely Manner (90%)
- ◆ The commission secured federal support for a major new public education campaign to help promote volunteerism. It will focus on three major themes: the ethic of service, recognition of the social and financial contributions volunteers make to their communities and state, and the concept that anyone, anywhere can serve. The campaign will kick-off April 23, 2001 during national volunteer week with an all-day at the State House, followed by a week-long campaign profiling volunteers and the citizens they serve.
- ◆ In February 2000, the Commission authorized its staff to be part of the collaboration known as the Maine National Service Alliance. The Maine National Service Alliance is a collaboration at the staff level of government agencies and private nonprofits that receive direct grants from the Corporation for National Service. The Alliance identifies opportunities for collaboration and common needs that can be dealt with more effectively by an approach that covers all the branches of National Service.
- ◆ An evaluation of the experience of Maine AmeriCorps volunteers was completed. It details why people serve, what supports their success during service, and how they learned of the program. Some insights about Maine AmeriCorps Members:
  - ✓ They are older (avg. 29 years) than the national average of 18-22.
  - ✓ They are more often motivated by the opportunity to acquire work-related skills;
  - ✓ They are likely to be married or formerly married;
  - ✓ They are likely to have at least some college, and most often are women volunteers.
- ◆ The commission secured public and private funds and conducted a grant competition for a series of community-based service projects designed and carried out by youth during Martin Luther King Day in 2001.
- ◆ The Web Based Reporting System, which was developed and piloted by Maine and California Service Commissions, was rolled out nationwide by the Corporation for National Service for use by all AmeriCorps grantees. The degree of Maine's involvement in development was recognized by the inclusion of the MCCA director as one of the national trainers on the implementation team.
- ◆ Between November 1999 and March 2000, the Commission conducted the triennial open grant competition for state AmeriCorps Crew program funds. These grants are for a three-year period and the process commits \$450,000 in National Service funds allocated to the state on the basis of Maine's population. In addition, the Commission submitted two proposals for interstate competition and both were funded at the federal level. The next "open competition" will occur in 2003 when funding of these grants expires.



## Who Serves on the Commission?

The Maine Commission for Community Service is a geographically, professionally and politically diverse group. Its members meet once a month to share ideas, set policies and chart a course for the future. Members are appointed by the governor to serve a three-year term. Current members include:

Susanne W. Sandusky, Chairwoman  
Mapleton  
Aroostook County Action Program

Deborah Metzler, Vice Chairwoman  
Bangor  
Eastern ME Development Corp.

Catherine K. Lebowitz, Secretary  
Bangor  
Former State Legislator, RSVP Volunteer

Major Everett B. Flannery Jr., Immediate Past Chair  
Clinton  
Kennebec County Sheriff's Department

Denyse M. Anderson, Topsham  
Human Resources Administrator,  
Wright-Pierce

Dawn Girardin, Dryden  
Volunteer Coordinator,  
Western Maine Community Action

Quenten Clark, Farmington  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Me School Administrative District #58

John Hanson, Orono  
Educator, University of Maine

Randall Curtis, Camden  
Director of Educational Grants,  
MBNA New England

Roxanne Leach, Livermore Falls  
Student, Jobs for Maine's Graduates  
Livermore Falls High School

Greg DeWitt, Litchfield  
Behavioral Specialist,  
Gentiva Health Services

Ed Maroon, Augusta  
Director, Learn and Serve,  
Maine Department of Education

LTC. Mark A. Emery, Bangor  
52cd Troop Command,  
Maine Army National Guard

Rae Clark-McGrath, Cape Elizabeth  
Board member: Foster Grandparents, Senior  
Companion Program

Derwin Emerson, Charleston  
Teacher, MSAD #48,  
Nokomis Regional High School

Juan A. Perez-Febles, Portland  
Director, Division of Migrant and Immigration  
Services, Maine Department of Labor

Susan Therriault, Concord, N.H.  
Shireen Tilley, Concord, N.H.  
Corporation for National Service

Pierrot Rugaba, Portland  
Refugee Coordinator,  
Maine Department of Human Services



Walter Rosen, Brunswick  
Retired National Academy of Sciences

Peter H. Taylor, Brunswick  
Associate Dean of Students, Bates College

Edith R. Scott, Waterville  
Peoples Heritage Bank

Kristen J. Thomas, Harpswell  
Student, University of Southern Maine

Judith Stebbins, Winthrop  
Speech Therapist, Griffiths Association,  
Member Winthrop Town Council

Brenda Zollitsch, Orono  
Resource Development Officer, University of Maine  
Cooperative Extension Service, Executive Director  
Pine State 4-H Foundation

### **Commissioners Completing Service**

MCCS also thanks and recognizes the following commission members who completed service during 1999 and 2000:

Tom Broussard, Bowdoinham  
Timothy Brown, West Rockport  
Michael Crowley, Bangor  
Vin DiCara, Gardiner  
Dixie Dumond, Presque Isle  
Kathie Ferguson, Concord NH  
Perry Gates, Camden  
Mark Hews, Poland Spring  
Roxanne Lewis, Machias  
Wanda Lincoln, Old Town  
Jean Mattimore, Yarmouth  
Don McDougal, Hartland  
Joyce McPhetres, China  
Paul Offill, Portland  
Lauren Patenaude, Gorham  
Kate Roberts, Portland  
Kathy Tremper, Topsham

### **Commission Staff at State Planning Office:**

The Staff of the Maine Commission for Community Service during this period:

Maryalice Crofton, Director  
Anne Schink, Training and Technical Assistance Officer  
Heather Chandler, Grants Program Officer (until 12/00)  
Susan Spinell, Grants Program Officer  
Virginia Everett, Administrative Assistant

During these two years, the Commission was fortunate to have additional assistance on projects from Tony VanDenBossche (Grants Management), Meredith Fossell (Evaluator), Nancy Perry (Outreach and Public Education), BonnieKate Allen (Training), and Rosalynne Petrie of Dept. of Human Services (Americas Promise).



# Maine National Service: What Was Accomplished?



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## *National Service Funds: Where Does The Money Go?*

In 1999, the Corporation for National Service invested \$3.8 million in Maine. The money was distributed to three major civilian National Service programs: AmeriCorps, National Senior Service Corps, and Learn and Serve America. These three programs recruited more than 8,000 volunteers.

In addition to the \$3.8 million, AmeriCorps volunteers earned \$2 million in education awards for their one-year of service to the State. The education awards are used to pay post-secondary education expenses or repay college loans.

AMERICORPS	PROGRAM SITES	VOLUNTEERS	FEDERAL FUNDING
<i>AmeriCorps National</i>	5	76	\$227,769
<i>AmeriCorps State</i>	7	153	\$1,312,615
<i>AmeriCorps VISTA</i>	9	33	\$420,750
<i>AmeriCorps Promise Fellows</i>	1	11	\$125,000
<b>TOTAL: AMERICORPS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>\$2,086,134</b>

LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA	GRANTEES	PARTICIPANTS	FEDERAL FUNDING
<i>K-12 School-Based Programs</i>	26	3,500	\$312,428
<i>Higher Education Programs</i>	11	592	\$211,199
<b>TOTAL: LEARN AND SERVE</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4,092</b>	<b>\$523,627</b>

NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS	PROJECTS	PARTICIPANTS	FEDERAL FUNDING
<i>RSVP</i>	5	3,495	\$315,313
<i>Foster Grandparents</i>	2	179	\$618,082
<i>Senior Companions</i>	1	126	\$304,558
<b>TOTAL: NSSC</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>\$1,237,953</b>

<b>TOTAL: NATIONAL SERVICE RESOURCES</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>8,165</b>	<b>\$3,847,714</b>
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The national service programs in Maine are administered by three collaborating entities: the Maine Commission for Community Service, the Maine Dept. of Education, and the regional field office of the Corporation for National Service. The Commission receives federal funds to support its training and technical assistance duties as well as monies to underwrite accommodation needs of citizens who wish to serve in AmeriCorps.

Finally, the Commission also receives administrative support from the State Planning Office and a \$53,000 annual allocation from the state Legislature. In its role as the Community Service Team at State Planning Office, the Commission helps meet the agency goal of increasing volunteerism in Maine by 20 percent.



## *AmeriCorps: What has it Accomplished?*

The accomplishments of AmeriCorps volunteers are many and varied. They mentor troubled children, rehabilitate houses, build new trails, read to pre-schoolers and take senior citizens to medical appointments.

### *A Catalyst for Mobilizing Citizen Volunteers*

In 1999, 175 AmeriCorps members working in MCCA grant-funded programs recruited 3,208 volunteers, who put in 36,277 hours helping their communities and their neighbors. These numbers grew in 2000: That year, 224 AmeriCorps members recruited 8,179 volunteers, who worked 67,641 hours.

PROGRAM	VOLUNTEERS		HOURS	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
AmeriCorps Promise Fellows	832	2,460	5,674	20,469
Born To Read	55	102	621	829
College Conservation Corps	361	372	2,211	3,374
Maine Service Corps	NA	146	2,397	601
Maine's Promise	422	1,190	12,500	16,727
SERVE/Maine Volunteer Leaders	1,192	1,916	11,162	13,770
Teach Maine	346	98	1,712	395
4-H	NA	1,850	NA	11,250
Project Goals	—	45	—	226
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,208</b>	<b>8,179</b>	<b>36,277</b>	<b>67,641</b>

### *A Source of Financial Assistance for Post-Secondary Education*

In 1999, AmeriCorps programs received \$1.4 million in funding from the Corporation for National Service. That same year, volunteers received a total of \$623,700 in education awards for their service. Those numbers grew by 2000: Volunteers were supported by \$1.7 million in CNS funding and received \$1.9 million in education awards.

PROGRAM NAME	CNS FUNDING		ED. AWARDS	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
Conservation Corps	\$417,600	\$438,750	\$174,825	\$178,652
Maine Service Corps	\$281,256	\$281,250	\$118,125	\$118,128
Project Goals	—	\$337,500	—	\$130,878
Promise Fellows	\$128,000	\$128,500	\$51,975	\$51,975
Born To Read	\$148,750	\$102,898	\$61,425	\$56,700
Maine's Promise	\$149,315	\$129,327	\$61,425	\$54,343
SERVE/Maine	\$160,350	\$157,500	\$66,150	\$70,877
Teach Maine	\$158,194	\$163,072	\$66,150	\$76,150
4-H Volunteers	—	—	—	\$1,240,890
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,443,465</b>	<b>\$1,738,807</b>	<b>\$623,700</b>	<b>\$1,978,593</b>

### What Got Done? Which Communities Benefitted?

In 1999, AmeriCorps Promise Fellows:

- ◆ Conducted 2,813 pre-screenings for CHIP/Medicaid eligibility.
- ◆ Provided training to 200 childcare providers on how to incorporate arts into programs.
- ◆ Developed 38 new opportunities for job-readiness training, career exploration and paid employment for youth in foster care.
- ◆ Worked with 87 organizations and government agencies to help increase enrollment in children's health care programs available through the state of Maine.
- ◆ Launched nine new mentoring programs and expanded three others. This involved recruiting 189 mentors and establishing 337 mentoring relationships involving youth from primary school through high school.

Individual towns and counties also benefited:

- ◆ In ROCKLAND, established a job-shadowing program that helped 13 youth and identified community service opportunities for youth at 30 nonprofit agencies.
- ◆ In WINTHROP, started a "Read to Me" program at 16 of the 20 child care sites in town and trained 14 volunteers to read an average of six books a week to more than 150 children. In addition, volunteers expanded an after-school program for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from two to five days a week and developed a listing of child care providers which was distributed to physicians, nurses and realtors and posted on the town web site.
- ◆ In OXFORD HILLS, created a series of teen aspiration courses and developed a uniform adult screening process for all mentoring programs.
- ◆ In HANCOCK COUNTY, organized and conducted prevention seminars on tobacco, alcohol and drug use.
- ◆ In PISCATAQUIS COUNTY, helped local citizens design a program for teen mothers.
- ◆ In CENTRAL AROOSTOOK COUNTY, helped establish a new mentoring program and convinced the Presque Isle Rotary Club to raise \$22,000 to support the program.
- ◆ In WASHINGTON COUNTY, recruited five volunteers to develop a mentoring program.

In 1999, Maine Service Corps

- ◆ Helped 66 youth involved in the juvenile justice system complete community service requirements.

Maine Service Corps also helped individual communities:

- ◆ In LEWISTON, volunteers completed 50 percent of the rehabilitation work on a three-family building that was heavily distressed.
- ◆ In BANGOR, volunteers completed 100 percent of the renovations to a four-unit, multi-family residential property. The units will house low-income or first-time homeowners and one will be set aside to help a victim of domestic violence.



In 2000, Maine Service Corps continued its work:

- ◆ Volunteers renovated and/or repaired 46 units of housing, providing safe shelter to 80 people with low income or special needs, the elderly and victims of domestic violence.
- ◆ Volunteers cleaned and landscaped 40 parks, vacant lots, day care centers and housing developments for thousands of residents in Lewiston and Bangor and on the midcoast.
- ◆ Volunteers participated in 15 community events – from neighborhood block parties to Lincoln County Days – that drew more than 1,000 people.
- ◆ Maine Service Corps, recruited 185 volunteers who put in 687 hours of service helping youth at risk, low-income citizens, families in crisis, juvenile offenders and the homeless.
- ◆ Volunteers ran STD/HIV prevention clinics that reached 1,200 high school-aged teens at risk.
- ◆ Helped 12 low-income individuals move towards home ownership.
- ◆ Completed construction of four housing shelters for families in crisis, the homeless and expectant mothers that helped 35 individuals.
- ◆ Began construction of five homeless shelters for families in crisis, the homeless and teenagers that should help 55 individuals.
- ◆ Completed rehabilitation and renovation work on 10 houses, helping 47 low-income, elderly or disabled individuals.
- ◆ Completed rehabilitation/repairs to 12 community buildings that serve 3,000 families.
- ◆ Cleaned up four tons of trash from four local, distressed neighborhoods.
- ◆ Expanded two playgrounds for 30 children.
- ◆ Planted 16 gardens that helped feed 2,000 individuals.
- ◆ Recruited or trained 94 volunteers who are helping 2,500 needy individuals.
- ◆ Performed cleanup work on 14 trails and public park roads.
- ◆ Helped 50 first-time juvenile offenders complete community service work.

Maine Service Corps also helped individual communities.

- ◆ In BANGOR, volunteers rehabilitated four bus stops, providing safe shelters for children. They also repaired handrails, replaced windows, built wheelchair ramps and created a garden area for the residents of the Bangor Nursing Facility.

In 1999, Born to Read

- ◆ Trained 65 childcare providers in family literacy techniques.
- ◆ Read to 1,200 preschool, kindergarten and Grade 1 students on a weekly basis.
- ◆ Helped 18 communities in rural regions establish family literacy programs.
- ◆ Helped eight rural health care providers become advocates for family literacy.

In 1999, Maine's Promise

- ◆ Recruited 64 adult volunteers to be mentors to at-risk-youth on a one-to-one basis.
- ◆ Recruited and supervised 71 teen mentors to work with younger children.
- ◆ Operated nine school-based mentoring programs in seven communities: BIDDEFORD, BOOTHBAY, DAMARISCOTTA, FREEPORT, the PENOBSCOT NATION, PORTLAND and PRESQUE ISLE.

In 2000, the work of Maine's Promise AmeriCorps continued:

- ◆ Six full and six part-time AmeriCorps volunteers recruited 1,375 unpaid volunteers who contributed 18,714 hours of service.
- ◆ Recruited 153 adults to mentor a diverse group of youth, helping them build self-confidence and social competence.
- ◆ Mentored 320 youth performing community service work as a condition for probation.
- ◆ Helped create a new mentoring alliance in FRANKLIN COUNTY.
- ◆ Trained 12 individuals how to start a mentoring project in their community, including skills tied to recruitment, training, supervision and recognition of volunteer mentors.

In 1999, SERVE/Maine Volunteer Leaders:

- ◆ Conducted nine watershed surveys to help increase water quality stewardship.
- ◆ Created, activated or reactivated 26 volunteer environmental organizations.
- ◆ Conducted 487 water quality tests on 58 bodies of water.
- ◆ Presented 51 environmental programs in local schools and conducted environmental awareness meetings for 34 organizations, which reached 1,727 people.
- ◆ Conducted a workshop on point source/non-point source pollution for 34 people.
- ◆ Created a video on global climate change for the public schools.

SERVE/ Maine Volunteer Leaders also helped individual communities.

- ◆ In KENNEBUNK, volunteers created a water quality-monitoring program for the golf course.

In 2000, SERVE/Maine Volunteer Leaders' work continued:

- ◆ Some 13 full-time and four part-time AmeriCorps volunteers recruited 2,953 volunteers who performed 6,849 hours of community service.
- ◆ Some 58 high school students instructed 4,621 elementary school students about vegetative buffers, watersheds and other environmental concepts. Teachers were also trained on how to present watershed education to their students.
- ◆ Repaired 1.5 miles of park trails, benefiting 1,000 hikers a year.
- ◆ Planted 1,300 trees on 2.5 acres of wild lands and parklands.
- ◆ Restored or conserved 30 miles of river, river banks, beaches and fish habitat.
- ◆ Performed 4,560 water quality tests.
- ◆ Distributed 400 flyers on nutrient management to local farmers and households.

In 1999, Teach Maine:

- ◆ Recruited 128 community volunteers to donate 572 hours guiding student service projects in Maine classrooms.
- ◆ Operated a weeklong summer camp for 35 low-income youth.
- ◆ Lead service-learning projects in 20 schools that reached 462 students.
- ◆ Used service-learning techniques to teach 3,141 students about subjects ranging from history to environmental science in community educational settings like the Pejepscott Historical Society and the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District.



In 1999, Downeast Community HealthCorps:

- ◆ Had 17 full-time volunteers who put in 22,266 hours of service improving health care services in rural Washington County, most notably Lubec. These volunteers worked with 332 community volunteers, who put in 1,659 hours of service.
- ◆ Enrolled 49 clients in the breast and cervical health care program.
- ◆ Enrolled 93 clients in Medicaid/Cub Care; distributed program information to 170 sites
- ◆ Spent one day a week helping fifth grade students put on puppet performances.
- ◆ Spent one day a month working with the food distribution committee. Residents who receive the discounted food are required to participate in community service and so learn the ethic of service working with AmeriCorps volunteers.
- ◆ Organized a Safe Night for students and community members with a talent show, crafts, fortune telling and music as well safety demonstrations.
- ◆ Helped build a playground for local kids.
- ◆ Helped run the local Pee Wee Basketball program for kids in grades K-5.
- ◆ Teamed up with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class at Lubec Consolidated School as the lead survey team for a beach debris-monitoring project.
- ◆ Enrolled 407 health care clients in sliding fee scale programs.
- ◆ Started building volunteer teams in Machias, Calais and Lubec who will volunteer one to two hours a week in local nursing homes.
- ◆ Participated in the cleanup of Stockford Park.
- ◆ Enrolled 80 students in the Pee Wee Basketball program.
- ◆ Enrolled 72 children ages 5-12 in the summer recreation program and 46 children in the swim program.
- ◆ Provided weekly cooking and nutrition classes for all age groups.
- ◆ Sponsored “Adventures in Peacemaking” that helped youth learn to resolve conflicts.
- ◆ Presented at five health fairs and five community events on alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention.
- ◆ Helped oversee 11 performances of a children’s puppet theater.

In 2000, Downeast Community Health Corps continued its work.

- ◆ Provided home-based health education and helped develop safe home environments for low-income seniors.
- ◆ Provided educational outreach that helped increase participation in children’s health insurance programs, the indigent drug program and cervical and breast cancer programs.
- ◆ Encouraged healthy lifestyles among children by developing after school programs, rope climbing courses, safety courses and team building courses.
- ◆ Helped increase community involvement in blood drives, food pantry distributions and pickups, beach cleanups, marine debris monitoring and nursing home and hospice visits.
- ◆ Conducted 39 home visits to elderly clients. Volunteers also provided seniors with transportation to medical appointments and helped them fill out applications for Medicaid and Food Stamps.

- ◆ Instituted a Vial of Life program throughout Washington County.
- ◆ Conducted nutrition and weight control program that drew 30 participants each week.
- ◆ Conducted a life-skill class for 76 people.
- ◆ Operated after-school program for 40 children and a seasonal sports program for 80 young children.
- ◆ Operated a summer youth program for 72 children between the ages of five and 12.
- ◆ Helped very low-income residents apply for free prescription drugs.

In 1999, AmeriCorps Action for Children Today (ACT) program:

- ◆ Had four full-time volunteers who put in 7,784 hours working with more than 1,000 children and almost 400 parents throughout Maine.

Specifically:

Total Number of children served in child care	1134
Total number of children tutored	32
Total number of children in service learning activities	70
Total number of established after-school clubs	4
Total number of children served in literacy activities	252
Total number of parents trained in child development and child care	369
Total number of support groups created for parents	0
Total number of support groups created for teens	1
Total number of child care providers trained	188
Total number of programs served	185
Total number of volunteers recruited	149
Total number of volunteers trained to work with children and youth	113
Total number of volunteers who participated in AmeriCorps service activities	155

Individual towns were also served:

- ◆ At the BANGOR site, children participated in music, literacy activities and arts and crafts. By the end of the year, kindergartners were reading. Children also planted flower and vegetable seeds at two day care sites. They participated in a children's' fair at the Bangor Mall that drew 150 children and adults and made the ABC news.
- ◆ At the AUGUSTA site, direct services were provided to infants and children, who learned about playing safety. Children painted flowerpots, filled them with plants and delivered them to senior citizens.



- ◆ At the BRUNSWICK site, provided direct service to children at two day care sites. Children learned about composting and computers and planted a community garden. In addition, a summer food program (June - August) provided 50 children breakfast, lunch and activities.
- ◆ At the SANFORD site, provided direct service to children.

In 1999, the Safer Families AmeriCorps Program at Pine Tree Legal Assistance:

- ◆ Had one full-time lawyer and two part-time paralegals spend 1,488 and 1,642 hours providing legal services to needy families through Safer Families of Eastern Maine.
- ◆ 250 victims of domestic violence obtained temporary and permanent orders of protection from abuse.
- ◆ 50 families got legal help for child victims of domestic abuse, including housing, health services, public benefits and education.
- ◆ 200 individuals received legal assistance, individual and group counseling and instructions on how to use the Internet to avoid contact with abusers.
- ◆ Conducted community education forums for 100 low-income individuals on protection from abuse laws and other legal remedies available to victims of domestic violence.
- ◆ Developed strong ties to five domestic violence shelters. Clients at these shelters now call upon these volunteer lawyers for legal assistance.
- ◆ Conducted a forum on domestic violence for migrant farm workers.

In 2000, AmeriCorps\* Project GOALS, a new program:

- ◆ Worked in six different hub sites tutoring 5,000 librarians, teachers, library patrons and parents of schoolchildren in ways to use the Internet for research, education, communication and information. Some 627 adults gained new Internet skills.
- ◆ Recruited 45 volunteers who put in 226 hours of service.
- ◆ Developed a web site to track client satisfaction.
- ◆ With community partners, developed local “technology committees” around the state.

In 2000, AmeriCorps 4-H Youth Volunteers:

- ◆ 84 part-time AmeriCorps volunteers recruited 540 volunteers who spent 12,854 hours training student tutors, providing childcare, increasing health and nutrition education

In 1999, the College Conservation Corps of Maine:

- ◆ Built 10.5 miles of new trails and 1,534 new trail structures – bridges, waterways, even a large pavilion.
- ◆ Developed three outdoor learning centers that allowed 3,816 students to participate in experimental environmental education programs in 19 schools.
- ◆ Helped the Central Maine Boy Scouts of America develop an environmental program on low-impact camping.

Individual towns and counties were also served:

- ◆ In WASHINGTON COUNTY, conducted a watershed survey on the Dennys River for the Atlantic Salmon Commission.

In ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY, forged a partnership between the Lewiston/Auburn College and the Auburn Land Lab to develop an environmental education program for K-6 students.

In 2000, the College Conservation Corps of Maine:

- ◆ 33 full-time and 23 part-time AmeriCorps volunteers recruited 2,812 volunteers who spent 3,374 hours teaching students about the environment, cleaning up trails and public roads and building new trails.
- ◆ Environmental education was offered to 2,064 students, 25 percent of whom were considered “at risk” and attending an alternative school.
- ◆ 33.5 miles of trail (15.2 new and 18.3 existing) were built or rehabilitated. In addition, 2,363 new trail structures, such as culverts and footbridges were constructed. And, 4.2 miles of new trails were constructed in high year-round or seasonal population areas, benefiting 500,000 individuals in a 10-mile radius.
- ◆ 372 volunteers have been trained to work on improving and maintaining trails.
- ◆ An 18-element low ropes course was built for the AUBURN School District, benefiting 32,000 children.



## 1999: National Senior Service Corps Of Maine

The Senior Corps encompasses three major volunteer programs:

- ◆ **The Senior Companion Program.** Under this program, volunteers over the age of 60 provide individualized care and assistance to other adults, mostly frail elderly with mental, physical or emotional impairments. They help these elderly citizens remain in their home by personal visits and by linking them to appropriate community services. They provide companionship to homebound elderly. They teach life skills to the disabled and the blind. They provide respite to overworked caregivers.
- ◆ **The Foster Grandparent Program.** Under this program, volunteers over the age of 60 provide one-on-one help to children with special needs in public schools, in non-profit child care centers, in Head Start centers and in institutional settings. They provide families with a positive role model and help develop relationships between generations. Foster grandparents also provide home-based services for pregnant and parenting teens and at-risk families. They help elementary students with their homework. They help non-English-speaking refugees adjust. They work with mentally retarded adults in sheltered workshops.
- ◆ **The Retired Senior and Volunteer Program.** Under this program, volunteers over the age of 55 are matched with non-profit organizations in their communities, including correctional facilities, public schools, libraries, day care centers and hospitals. They work as classroom aides, “Meals on Wheels” drivers, museum docents and handymen. They make phone calls to homebound citizens. They knit hats and gloves for children. They provide entertainment at nursing homes.

In 1999, 3,610 volunteers working with the National Senior Service Corps of Maine put in 701,307 hours of service helping their communities and their neighbors. The value of their efforts: A stunning \$10 million.

PROGRAM	AREA SERVED	# OF VOLUNTEERS	# OF HOURS
U-Maine Cooperative Extension			
Senior Companion Program	Statewide	108	73,895
PROP's Foster Grandparents	Cumberland/York	150	113,605
Penquis CAP Foster Grandparents	All counties except York & Cumberland	86	25,334
Aroostook Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	Aroostook County	770	148,261
Retired Senior & Volunteer Program of Eastern Maine	Penobscot/Piscataquis	972	114,944
HealthReach Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	Franklin, Somerset, Kennebec Counties	613	88,693
Mid-Coast Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	Knox, Lincoln and Waldo Counties	399	68,358
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>3,610</b>	<b>701,307</b>
			<b>VALUE: \$10,028,690</b>



Eight specific programs in Maine comprise the National Senior Service Corps of Maine.

University of Maine Cooperative Extension  
Senior Companion Program (1999)

- ◆ Number of Volunteers: 108
- ◆ Hours Served: 73,895
- ◆ Miles Driven to Reach Homebound: 256,585
- ◆ Estimated Visits Made: 40,000
- ◆ Communities Served: ADDISON, ALBION, ANDOVER, AUBURN, AUGUSTA, BAILEYVILLE, BANGOR, BAR HARBOR, BARING, BEALS, BEALS ISLAND, BETHEL, BLUE HILL, BRADFORD, BREWER, BUCKFIELD, BUCKSPORT, CALAIS, CARTHAGE, CHERRYFIELD, COLUMBIA FALLS, COLUMBIA, CORINTH, DENNYSVILLE, DIXFIELD, EAST MACHIAS, EAST ORLAND, EASTBROOK, EASTPORT, ELLSWORTH, ETNA, FRANKLIN, GLENBURN, GREENE, HAMPDEN, HANCOCK, HARRINGTON, HARTFORD, HEBRON, HOLDEN, HUDSON, HULLS COVE, JAY, JONESBORO, JONESPORT, KENDUSKEAG, LEWISTON, LISBON, LINCOLN, LIVERMORE, LIVERMORE FALLS, LUBEC, MACHIAS, MACHIASPORT, MADISON, MATTAWAMKEG, MEDWAY, MEXICO, MILBRIDGE, MINOT, NEWBURGH, NORWAY, OAKLAND, OLD TOWN, ORLAND, ORONO, ORRINGTON, OXFORD, PASSADUMKEAG, PEMBROKE, PERRY, POLAND, ROBBINSTON, ROQUE BLUFFS, RUMFORD, SOUTHWEST HARBOR, STEUBEN, SULLIVAN, VEAZIE, WATERVILLE, WEST PARIS, WHITING, WINTERPORT and WOODLAND.

Penquis CAP Foster Grandparent Program (1999)

- ◆ Number of volunteers: 86
- ◆ Hours Served: 25,334
- ◆ Communities Served: AUBURN, AUGUSTA, BANGOR, BATH, BELFAST, BRADLEY, BREWER, BRUNSWICK, BUCKSPORT, CARMEL, GUILFORD, HERMAN, HOWLAND, JONESPORT, LEWISTON, MACHIAS, MILO, MONROE, NEWPORT, OLD TOWN, POLAND, SANGERVILLE, WASHBURN, WATERVILLE and WINTERPORT.
- ◆ In 2000, Penquis CAP, working through its Foster Grandparents program in BANGOR, provided an additional volunteer to work with nine children at the Teen Parenting Center in BRUNSWICK. A total of 70 foster grandparents served at 52 different volunteer stations during that year, providing 63,000 hours of service to children with special or exceptional needs.

PROP's Foster Grandparent Program (1999)

- ◆ Number of Volunteers: 150
- ◆ Hours Served: 113,605
- ◆ Communities Served: BALDWIN, BIDDEFORD, BRIDGTON, CAPE ELIZABETH, CASCO, DAYTON, FALMOUTH, GORHAM, GRAY, HARRISON, LONG ISLAND, NAPLES, NEW GLOUCESTER, NORTH YARMOUTH, PEAKS ISLAND, PORTLAND, RAYMOND, SACO, SANFORD, SCARBOROUGH, SEBAGO, SOUTH PORTLAND, STANDISH, WESTBROOK, WINDHAM and YARMOUTH.



### AROOSTOOK RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (1999)

- ◆ Number of volunteers: 770 (110 new recruits)
- ◆ Hours Served: 148,261
- ◆ Communities served: ALLAGASH, ASHLAND, BLAINE, BRIDGEWATER, CARIBOU, CASTLE HILL, CONNOR TOWNSHIP, EAGLE LAKE, EASTON, FORT FAIRFIELD, FORT KENT MILLS, FRENCHVILLE, GARFIELD PLANTATION, HOULTON, ISLAND FALLS, LIMESTONE, MADAWASKA, MAPLETON, MARS HILL, MASARDIS, MONTICELLO, NEW SWEDEN, OAKFIELD, PATTEN, PERHAM, PORTAGE, PRESQUE ISLE, SHERMAN MILLS, SHERMAN STATION, SMYRNA MILLS, SOLDIER POND, ST. AGATHA, ST. DAVID, ST. JOHN, STOCKHOLM, VAN BUREN, WASHBURN, WESTFIELD and WOODLAND.

### Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Eastern Maine (1999)

- ◆ Number of Volunteers: 972
- ◆ Hours Served: 114,944
- ◆ Communities Served: BANGOR, BREWER, BURLINGTON, CORINNA, DEXTER, DOVER-FOXCROFT, EAST CORINTH, GREENVILLE, GUILFORD, HAMPDEN, HOLDEN, HOWLAND, LINCOLN, MILLINOCKET, NEWPORT, OLD TOWN, ORONO, ORRINGTON, PASSADUMKEAG and SEBEC.

In 2000, seven RSVP volunteers began spending anywhere from half hour a month to four hours a week reading to children at day care centers, Head Start centers and after-school programs as part of a “Read for Success” program. Some 66 childcare locations have now been identified as reading sites.

- ◆ RSVP volunteers distributed 2,375 copies of “Blueberries for Sal” to all kindergarten children in 77 regional schools. They also collected 2,500 new or gently used books.
- ◆ RSVP volunteers in Aroostook served 627 children in literacy-focused programs, reading to children and working as tutors.
- ◆ RSVP volunteers spent 5,145 hours taking seniors to and from medical and dental appointments. A total of 87 volunteers served 377 seniors.

### HealthReach Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (1999)

- ◆ Number of Volunteers: 613
- ◆ Hours Served: 88,693
- ◆ Communities Served: AUGUSTA, BELGRADE, BINGHAM, EAST WILTON, FAIRFIELD, FARMINGTON, GARDINER, HALLOWELL, HARTLAND, JACKMAN, JAY, KINGFIELD, LITCHFIELD, LIVERMORE, LIVERMORE FALLS, MADISON, NEW SHARON, PHILLIPS, PITTSFIELD, RANGELY, READFIELD, SKOWHEGAN, SOLON, STRONG, TOGUS, WATERVILLE, WILTON, WINSLOW and WINTHROP.

In 2000, Health Reach RSVP, working with the Maine Humanities Council and the Maine Office of Day Cares and Head Starts, began a collaborative Born to Read program. This program has 24 volunteers serving in 60-day care and Head Start sites and serves about 1,100 children a year. Each child gets a book each year to take home to share with his family and each center gets three hard cover books for its library for first year and an additional book each subsequent year.

- ◆ RSVP volunteers spent over 7,000 hours visiting elderly citizens at 23 different nursing homes.

#### Mid-Coast Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (1999)

- ◆ Number of Volunteers: 399
- ◆ Hours Served: 68,358
- ◆ Communities Served: ALNA, APPLETON, BELMONT, BELFAST, BOOTHBAY, BOOTHBAY HARBOR, BREMEN, BROOKS, BURNHAM, CAMDEN, CUSHING, DAMARISCOTTA, DRESDEN, EDGECOMB, FRANKFORD, FREEDOM, FRIENDSHIP, HOPE, ISLESBORO, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, KNOX, LIBERTY, LINCOLNVILLE, MONROE, MONTVILLE, MORRILL, NEWCASTLE, NOBLEBORO, NORTH HAVEN, NORTHPORT, OWLS HEAD, PALERMO, PROSPECT, ROCKLAND, ROCKPORT, ST. GEORGE, SEARSMONT, SOMERVILLE, SOUTH BRISTOL, SOUTH THOMASTON, SOUTHPORT, STOCKTON SPRINGS, SWANVILLE, THOMASTON, THORNDIKE, TROY, UNION, UNITY, VINALHAVEN, WALDO, WALDOBORO, WARREN, WASHINGTON, WESTPORT, WHITEFIELD, WINTERPORT and WISCASSET.

In 2000, RSVP of MidCoast Maine started the “Holiday Heart Warmers” project. More than 35 volunteers based in ROCKLAND knitted afghans, hats, scarves and slippers, wrapped 68 gift packages and delivered them to 68 senior citizens who live alone or in nursing homes in KNOX and WALDO counties. A total of 3,081 hours were spent on the project.



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