



Senior Corps



GENERAL BACKGROUND

Senior Corps taps the skills, talents, and experience of nearly 500,000 Americans age 55 and older to meet a wide range of community challenges through three main programs: RSVP, the Foster Grandparent Program, and the Senior Companion Program. RSVP volunteers help local police departments conduct safety patrols, participate in environmental projects, provide intensive educational services to children and adults, and respond to natural disasters, among many other activities. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to young people with special needs. Senior Companions help homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes.

SENIOR CORPS STATISTICS FOR 2005:

• Participants	494,187
• Hours Served	109 million
• Number of Projects	1,320
• Volunteer Placement Sites	65,000
• Children and Youth Served	328,781
• Children of Prisoners Mentored	9,125
• Seniors Supported in Independent Living	91,692
• Caregivers Provided with Respite Services	6,894
• Fiscal Year 2005 Budget	\$215.84 million
• Fiscal Year 2006 Budget	\$217.57 million

OTHER FACTS

- 94 percent of Senior Corps volunteers report that their service has improved their knowledge, health, or social connectedness.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Senior Corps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, which each year supports the engagement of nearly 2 million Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet critical needs in education, the environment, public safety, homeland security, and other areas. In addition to Senior Corps, the Corporation also administers AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America. The mission of the Corporation is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. Together with USA Freedom Corps, the Corporation is working to foster a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in America. For more information, visit www.nationalservice.gov.

MORE INFORMATION

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