



Missouri Community Service Commission

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Mission

- Strengthening Missouri communities through volunteerism and service
- Oversee Missouri's AmeriCorps programs
- Help with the recruitment, retention, and recognition of volunteers
- Assist disaster response efforts
- Provide training and support to organizations that utilize volunteers.



Why does volunteering matter?

- People who volunteer:
 - Are more likely to find a job
 - 27% more likely/55% in rural areas
 - Live healthier lives
 - Live longer
- Communities with more volunteers have:
 - Less crime
 - Faster economic growth
 - More educational attainment



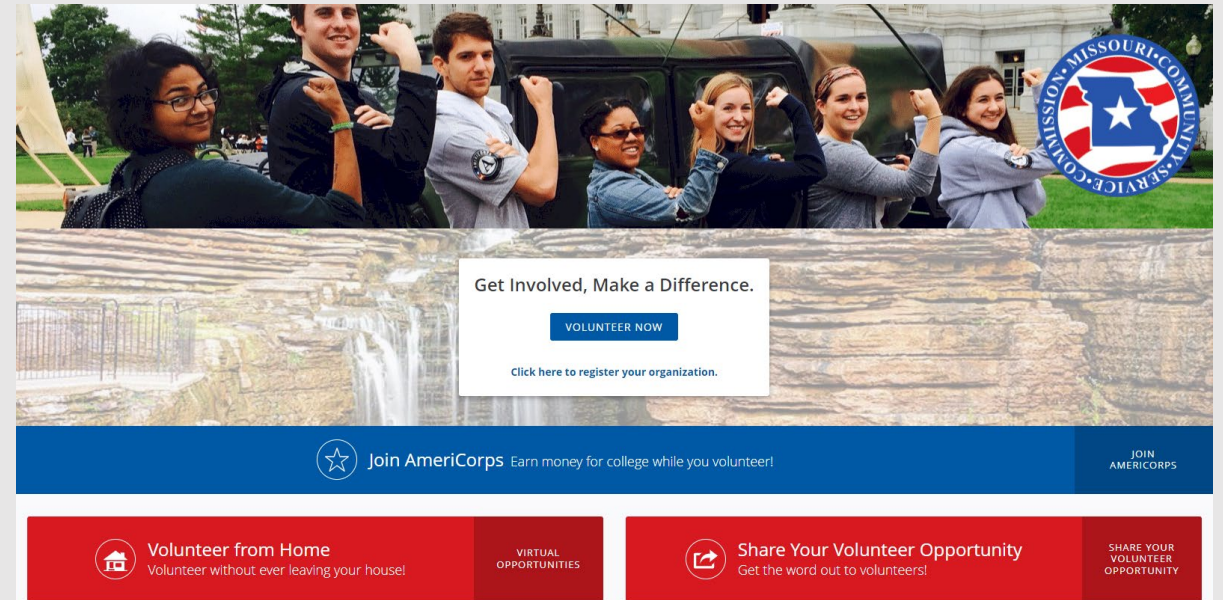
Volunteerism in Missouri

- Missouri by the numbers:
 - 1,529,792 volunteers
 - contribute 133.0 million hours of service
 - 31.9% of residents volunteer, ranking them 28th among states
 - 55.2% of residents donate \$25 or more to charity
 - Volunteer service worth an estimated \$3.6 billion
- Why don't people volunteer?



ShowMeService.org

- Volunteerism portal:
 - 20,226 quarterly hits
 - 584 organizations seeking volunteers
 - 16,186 active opportunities
 - 5,875 connections made
- Marketing:
 - 6,480 TV and radio spots in 2021
 - 9,079,712 digital impressions since April



AmeriCorps

- “Domestic Peace Corps”
- AmeriCorps Members serve in a community with the goal of alleviating or eliminating a community need
- Open to citizens and permanent resident aliens 17 and over
- Serve 300 – 1,7000 hours
- Full-time eligible for
 - Living stipend
 - Healthcare
 - Child care (based on family income)
- Earn an education award at the completion of service (\$6,495)



Missouri AmeriCorps

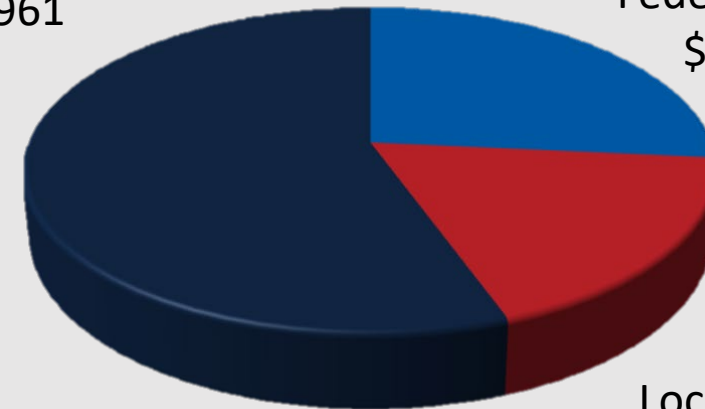
- 2021-22 Highlights

- 816 Members
- 170 service sites
- 932,433 hours served
- \$3,562,443 earned for college
- 1,146 individuals improved access to medical care
- 2,190 veterans and military family members served
- 26,262 students served
- 186,440 victims of disaster served



Total Investment
\$43,605,519

Volunteer Hours
\$24,205,961



Federal Investment
\$11,552,903

Local Investment
\$7,846,655



Coming This Year

- Increased AmeriCorps programs through federal appropriations and ARP
- New service learning initiative
 - Working with DESE and teachers to build a curriculum library
 - US House is seeking to appropriate \$200,000 for service learning
- More active role in disaster response
 - Hiring a Volunteer Programs Officer
 - Member of the national AmeriCorps Disaster Response Team (A-DRT)
- Show Me Service VISTA Corps
 - 15+ VISTAs at DED, SEMA, and other partners
- Show Me Service Foster Grand Parent Corps
 - 115 volunteers in northern MO schools (grant pending)
- Business Volunteerism initiative with DED
- Continued growth of www.ShowMeService.org
- New 3 year State Service Plan



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