



## LISC AmeriCorps

In 1994 LISC began its sponsorship of an AmeriCorps program as another strategy to help community development corporations (CDCs) help themselves. LISC AmeriCorps has been generously sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service for 15 years. Our AmeriCorps members help promote volunteerism and civic engagement by encouraging neighbors to take active roles in helping to transform their communities. Members help to develop affordable housing, manage minor repair and rehabilitation programs and provide home ownership counseling to first-time, low-income homebuyers. They participate in community building activities and serve as community organizers. Members work with young people encouraging them to participate in sports and after-school activities. They also serve as asset building counselors in Centers for Working Families helping low-to-moderate income families increase wealth and income.



## Our Success

Since its inception, LISC AmeriCorps has enlisted 1,543 members to work with neighborhood organizations in 25 cities nationwide. Members know that they can not get things done all on their own and have recruited nearly 70,000 volunteers to provide more than 373,000 hours of service to their communities. Members further LISC's Sustainable Communities strategy by:

### ***Developing, preserving, and investing in the physical environment***

LISC AmeriCorps members have helped nearly 37,000 individuals with all aspects of home ownership, including budgeting, credit counseling, foreclosure prevention, and mortgage approvals. Members also aided in the development of more than 7,300 new or rehabbed affordable housing units.

### ***Improving access to quality education***

LISC AmeriCorps members have established after school programs for nearly 24,000 youths in predominately minority and immigrant neighborhoods across the country. They provide educational activities such as tutoring, homework assistance and reading enrichment. Members have also involved young people in recreational, cultural and sports activities.



### ***Fostering livable, safe, and healthy environments***

LISC AmeriCorps members have helped form and strengthen 764 neighborhood groups and associations – including crime watch groups, tenant associations, resident groups, etc. – and connecting key local service providers. As community catalysts, members encourage the development of leadership by helping residents to resolve issues, gain access to community resources, and undertake community revitalization projects.

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