



LISC AmeriCorps

LISC's sponsorship of an AmeriCorps program is another strategy used to assist our Building Sustainable Community Partners help themselves. LISC AmeriCorps has been generously sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) for 17 years. By 2011 LISC AmeriCorps will have enlisted 2,173 members to work with neighborhood organizations in 35 cities nationwide. 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 Financial Opportunity Centers helping low income families increase wealth and income.

Investing in Building Sustainable Communities

In 2010, CNCS's \$2.24M investment in the LISC AmeriCorps program will yield:

- 303,700 hours of direct community service at non-profit organizations
- \$ 3,186,000 in stipend earning for members who would likely be seeking unemployment
- \$ 2,713,000 in private investment to support LISC's *Building Sustainable Communities* strategies
- \$ 954,430 in education awards earned to either pay down student loan debt or return to college

Developing, preserving, and investing in the physical environment

LISC AmeriCorps members have helped over 40,000 individuals with all aspects of home ownership, including budgeting, credit counseling, foreclosure prevention, and mortgage approvals. This has led to nearly 1,500 families having stable housing. Members also aided in the development of more than 8,000 new or rehabbed affordable housing units.



Increasing Family Wealth and Income

Only in the past three years have members have counseled over 12,000 clients gain nearly \$2.5MM of assistance to help them create more financially stable environments. 32% of clients counseled in job programs have been placed and volunteer tax assistance programs have helped residents see refunds of over \$32.5MM.

Improving access to quality education

LISC AmeriCorps members have established after school programs for 35,000 youths in predominately minority and immigrant neighborhoods across the country. Members provide educational activities such as tutoring, homework assistance and reading enrichment. They 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 1,400 neighborhood groups and associations – including crime watch groups, tenant associations, resident groups, etc. – by 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. Members know that they can not get things done all on their own and have recruited nearly 88,000 volunteers to provide more than 483,000 hours of service to their communities.

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