

## 55 City and County Leaders Recognize Critical Role of AmeriCorps and Senior Corps in Communities Across Pennsylvania

On April 4, 2017, 55 mayors and county leaders across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are recognizing the impact AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs have made on their local communities. Given the many social needs facing communities – and the fiscal constraints facing government at all levels – cities and counties are increasingly turning to national service as a cost-effective strategy to meet local needs.

The fifth annual Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service is a nationwide bipartisan effort to recognize the positive impact of national service, thank those who serve, and encourage citizens to give back to their communities. Across the country, 4,520 elected officials representing more than 194 million Americans will participate.

The initiative is being led by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency that administers AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and other volunteer programs, in partnership with the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties (NACo), and Cities of Service.

“We are proud to be working with city and county leaders across America as we continue to strengthen communities through national service,” said Kim Mansaray, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service. “Local leaders get things done and they know firsthand the value of national service in tackling problems. I commend the participating mayors and county leaders for working with us to improve lives and strengthen communities through national service.”

Each year, more than 15,000 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members are “getting things done” for Pennsylvania – building safer, stronger, and healthier communities. At more than 2,300 locations throughout the Commonwealth, these everyday heroes support veterans and military families, respond to disasters, assist the elderly, tutor and mentor children, restore the environment, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

Participating mayors and county officials will visit AmeriCorps and Senior Corps service sites, join in service projects, present proclamations, and host events recognizing the contributions of national service. A full list of participating mayors and county leaders can be found [here](#). By shining the spotlight on the impact of service and thanking those who serve, local officials hope to inspire more residents to get involved in their communities.

