

A Message From the Chair...

2009 was quite a year!

The momentum that started in Fall 2008 with the introduction of two federal bills to reauthorize and expand national volunteer service programs surged in the opening four months of 2009. Through the leadership of the Commission Public Policy Task Force, the Maine Commission for Community Service (MCCS) was very active in tracking and providing information on what new proposals would add to the volunteer service sector in our state.

By the time the Kennedy Serve America Act was signed into law in April, most people knew the bill strengthened and expanded AmeriCorps as well as Senior Corps programs. But what equally excited MCCS were the new opportunities and implications for Maine's volunteer sector and affordable higher education.

By October, change was underway and opportunity was knocking. Parents, grandparents, and foster parents over 55 got the option to volunteer through National Service programs and designate a child or grandchild as the recipient of the educational award. This financial support for post secondary education is available through AmeriCorps but, as the new options are funded, is slated to expand to Silver Scholars.

Middle school and high school youth can pair summer learning, community problem-solving, and 100 hours of implementing solutions in a program that qualifies each youth for \$500 scholarships for post secondary education. Maine's first competitive application for Summer of Service funds was submitted in December 2009. While we wait to learn how Maine's proposal fared, we also consider how best to promote service-learning in summer programs – an approach to reinforcing academic accomplishments in the school year.

Opportunities coming early in 2010 include the Volunteer Generation Fund which will support community connections with volunteers and the Social Innovation Fund which will engage grant-makers in replication of proven, innovative community solutions. All these were the backdrop for the accomplishments and continuing efforts about which you will read in this report. We look forward to taking on our new responsibility for Maine's Learn & Serve K-12 school-based programming.

As we complete our fourth strategic planning process, we invite your input regarding how best align the Serve America Act opportunities with the needs of Maine's volunteer sector so that communities can be vibrant, productive places with engaged citizens.



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Making Our Mark

Introduction

The Maine Commission for Community Service was established in 1994 by Executive Order and under state statute in 1995. The 26-member Commission is Maine's partner for the Corporation for National Service, a federal agency that provides funding to states to increase citizen volunteer service in communities.

What We Do

The Maine Commission for Community Service builds capacity and sustainability in Maine's volunteer sector by funding service programs, developing managers of volunteers, raising awareness of the scope and impact of the sector, and encouraging an ethic of service.

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Strategies

- Focus on building capacity and sustainability in local volunteer programs.
- Partner with organizations and networks to meet the needs of volunteer programs and their leaders.
- Use federal dollars for national service to leverage community resources that can effectively engage residents to solve local problems.
- Educate and advocate for a better understanding of Maine's volunteer sector: its needs, accomplishments, challenges, and opportunities.

Commission Funding

The total federal budget for the Commission is \$1,412,537 of which \$930,557 is passed through as AmeriCorps grant dollars in support of National Service Projects in Maine.

2009 Commission Staff

Maryalice Crofton, Executive Director
Aline LaChance, Administrative Secretary
Rochelle Runge, Public Relations Representative
Pam Zeutenhorst, Training and Disability Coordinator
Harold Shaw, Grants Officer (January-October)

2009 National Service Volunteers

Elizabeth Cole, Professional Development VISTA
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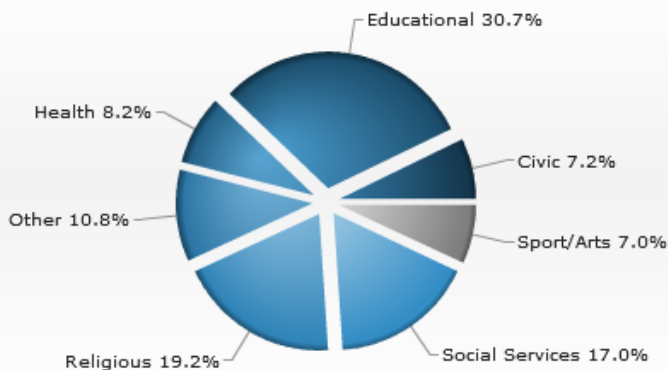


Volunteering in America Report

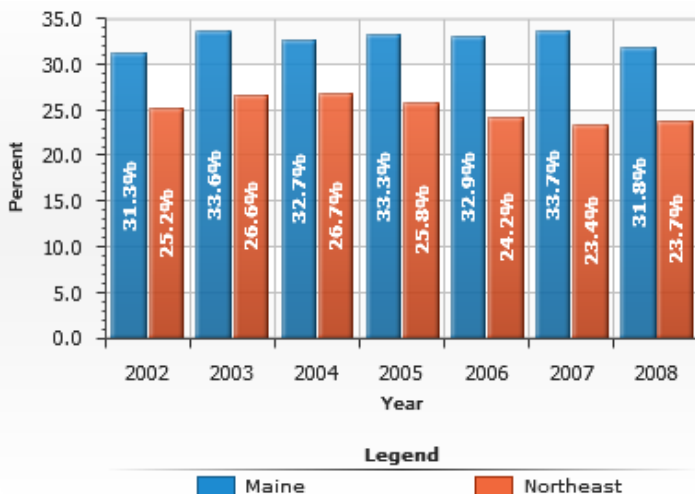
The research is based on annual surveys of approximately 100,000 individuals collected by the US Census in partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service. This year's report offers detailed information on volunteering trends and demographics from all 50 states, including Maine.

“In this time of economic distress, we need service and volunteering more than ever to build a new foundation for growth,” said First Lady Michelle Obama. “This report suggests that Americans are responding to the hardship around them by reaching out in service to others, giving their time when they cannot give their money. It reminds us of the generosity of the American spirit, and challenges us to work harder to make service part of the daily life of every American.”

Where Maine People Volunteer



Maine Compares to the Northeast



The Numbers

339.6 thousand adults in Maine volunteered in 2008. An additional 38,418 individuals worked with their neighbors to fix a problem or improve a condition in their community but did not serve through an organization. This type of volunteering is generally referred to as “neighboring.”

Even with the economic crisis, the volunteer rate in Maine remained relatively constant, at 31.8% in 2008, while the neighboring rate increased by more than 10,000 volunteers.

Maine ranked 2nd in New England in terms of the number of volunteers.

Maine ranked 7th in the nation for volunteer hours per resident.

Maine volunteers contributed 51.3 million hours of service in 2008 with an economic contribution valued at \$981,700.

Source: www.VolunteeringinAmerica.gov

Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Citizens who serve in their communities as volunteers contribute to the strength and vitality of every Maine town and city. For the 22nd year, the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards celebrated and recognized the exemplary work of Maine's most dedicated citizens.



In 2009 the Volunteer of the Year was Heidi Bowden. This award program, administered jointly by the Maine Commission for Community Service and the Governor's Office is designed to inspire others to follow the example of Maine's most extraordinary volunteers.



2009 Photo Contest Winner. Michelle Hedrich at the Freeze Out Hunger Food Drive, Portland.

Blaine House Conference on Volunteerism



In its 22nd year, this year's conference had a record breaking 310 registrants, a 43% increase over 2008, and focused on current and applicable best practices for Maine's volunteers and managers of volunteers. Conference participants gave high marks to the value of content for both their program and their agencies (3.4 score out of 4).

This year's keynote speaker was Martin J. Cowling, president of People First: Total Solutions (Melbourne, Australia). Cowling has 20 years experience as a not-for-profit leader and volunteer manager. In his keynote, he stressed the many ways the face of volunteering has changed.

Martin Luther King Day of Service



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2009 was a "day on, not a day off" for local volunteers statewide. With matching funds from Time Warner Cable, we were pleased to provide ten \$350 awards to fund community service projects across the state that honor Dr. King and his legacy. Projects took place from Kennebunk to Houlton and addressed such community needs as hunger, heating resources, and literacy.

ME Hearth Project

Home Energy Aid & Response Team Help
The Maine Commission for Community Service received a grant of \$49,972 from the HandsOn Network. The grant supported local planning and networking around community heating needs and increase visibility of sources of heating assistance. The HandsOn Network received over 140 applications and only selected 21 for funding.

The Commission identified and partnered with nine organizations to serve 10 counties. AmeriCorps*VISTA positions were made available to Maine HEARTH Partners through the America Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

183 faith-based and non-profit organizations, government agencies and businesses participated in regional or county-wide networks. 333 volunteers served 2,320 hours. 153 were first-time volunteers.

The Maine HEARTH partners are: Downeast Health Services; Habitat/7 Rivers, Health Reach RSVP, Knox County Energy Committee, Maine Sea Coast Mission, United Way of the Tri-Valley Area, United Way of York County, UMaine Cooperative Extension – Senior Companion Program, UMaine Cooperative Extension – Piscataquis County, UMaine Cooperative Extension – Somerset County.

AmeriCorps Alumni Ambassador Program

The goal of the program is to increase awareness about AmeriCorps to high school, college students, and people in the midst of career transitions. Ambassadors visited high schools, colleges, career centers, and attended conferences to spread the word about AmeriCorps. In 2009, 4 Ambassadors conducted outreach in 11 Maine counties.

INVEST

Increased Nonprofit Volunteer Education & Skill Training.

The purpose of INVEST is to increase capacity in the nonprofit sector. The project offers four tiered courses in volunteer management from non-credit certificate level work to graduate studies. Three of the four courses are on-line and, therefore, more accessible to managers of volunteers. The participating higher education institutions and contact people are:

York County Community College Novice Level, contact Office of Continuing Education. Intermediate Level, contact Enrollment Services.

The University of Maine Advanced Level, contact Carolyn Ball, Ph.D.

The Muskie School of Public Service, Expert Level, contact Dahlia Lynn.

Support to National Service Programs

A major part of the Commission's responsibility is to provide training and technical assistance for Maine's National Service programs. Highlights of work in this area include:

- Provided financial support for AmeriCorps state grantees to attend the Tri-State conference sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service.
- Provided more than 150 scholarships for National Service Program Staff and members to attend the 2009 Blaine House Conference.
- Conducted outreach to encourage collaboration among community and governmental agencies to develop new AmeriCorps programs.
- Coordinated Maine's participation in AmeriCorps Week.
- Coordinated a statewide conference for AmeriCorps members serving in Maine.
- Established two peer-to-peer networks: Androscoggin & Franklin Counties.

Building Partnerships

In 2009, Time Warner Cable partnered with the Commission to encourage an ethic of service in Maine through public service announcements and numerous other outreach initiatives. Time Warner also underwrote 5 service-learning grant awards to schools and community organizations.

Time Warner has been a supportive partner and the Commission looks forward to discovering new opportunities to collaborate with them on their new, "Connect a Million Minds" initiative.

VolunteerMaine*VISTA

Since 2007, the Maine Commission for Community Service has sponsored the VolunteerMaine VISTA Project. The goal of the project is to develop a network of “volunteer centers without walls” as a means of establishing a basic infrastructure to connect volunteer programs with each other and potential volunteers, prepare volunteer programs to participate in emergency response efforts during local emergencies, and develop a common set of resources to support Maine’s volunteer sector.

In March 2009, the VolunteerMaine VISTA Project received additional resources through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act. The project grew from eleven to forty-one AmeriCorps*VISTA positions and expanded into three focus areas under the main goal of creating volunteer centers without walls throughout Maine. The three focus areas are:

1. *Volunteer Connector Focus:* VISTA members support networks of managers of volunteers and community organizations participating in emergency response, provide training and technical assistance on volunteer management, and conduct outreach to promote volunteerism and the use of www.VolunteerMaine.org.
2. *University of Maine Cooperative Extension Focus:* VISTA members focus on volunteer program development and sustainability through targeted growth of a community volunteer base for projects as diverse as wind power, food systems, master gardening, 4-H, and micro-enterprises.
3. *Maine HEARTH Focus:* Funded with a small grant from the HandsOn Network and augmented by AmeriCorps*VISTA positions, Maine HEARTH aims to connect the many generous responses communities have developed to support those trying to stay safe and warm at home.

The Impact

- 22 trainings on essential volunteer management.
- 662 hours devoted to support Peer- to-Peer Networks or COADs.
- 310 hours spent contacting agencies about VolunteerMaine.org.



2009 Partners

- Corporation for National & Community Service
- Maine Emergency Management Agency
- Aroostook Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- Seniors Plus
- United Way of Eastern Maine
- Maine Institute for Public Safety Innovation
- Maine Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- United Way of York County
- Maine 211
- United Way of Greater Portland
- United Way of Mid Coast Maine
- United Way of Mid-Maine

VolunteerMaine.org Visibility

- The VolunteerMaine.org Blog had 112,575 visitors in 2009.
- Agency search pages- where volunteers go to search for opportunities- had 191,467 visitors, a 3% increase over 2008.
- There were 311,593 unique visits to the homepage of VolunteerMaine.org.
- 73,416 read the newsletter, VolunteerFare, online in addition to the more than 3,000 who received it by e-mail.
- VolunteerMaine has 225 Friends on Facebook and 182 Twitter followers.



National Service

Commission National Service Duties

“Select national service programs as defined in the National Service Trust Act. Evaluate, monitor and administer grants. Provide program development assistance and training to national service programs in the State. Make recommendations to the Corporation for National and Community Service with respect to priorities within the State for programs receiving assistance under the federal Domestic Volunteer Service Act.” (5M RSA c.373§7503)

The Federal Funder of National Service

The Maine Commission for Community Service is the state partner of a federal agency that sponsors, funds, and regulates National Service Programs. The Corporation for National and Community Service was organized in 1993. It was created to connect Americans of all ages and backgrounds with opportunities to give back to their communities and their nation. The Corporation was directed to manage three main programs: Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn & Serve America.

AmeriCorps

Through grants and the dedication of members, AmeriCorps strengthens communities by mobilizing community resources. AmeriCorps members give a year or two of service to their country, and, in return earn money for college. One of the primary functions of AmeriCorps is generation of volunteers for the local host organizations. AmeriCorps is made up of three main programs: AmeriCorps* State and National, AmeriCorps* VISTA, and AmeriCorps* NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps).



Governor Baldacci Proclaims AmeriCorps Week 2009.

Maine's AmeriCorps Member Profile

- 70% Female
- 93% under 40

AmeriCorps Attracts Qualified Young People

- 66% have a 4 year or other advanced degree.
- 21% had some college experience.
- 36% were not residents of Maine when they began service.
- Of non-Maine residents 17% plan to stay in Maine to work . While another 25% plan to stay in Maine to serve another year in AmeriCorps.
- 60% of members volunteered in the community in addition to their AmeriCorps volunteer service.

What AmeriCorps Members Gain

82% of AmeriCorps members indicated they improved in a number of areas including; learning new technical skills, planning for a career, creating work-life balance, and gaining a greater understanding of the work pertaining to their service area.

*“I'm so glad I decided to participate in AmeriCorps fresh out of college. I wasn't very well-equipped to deal with the working world, and being an AmeriCorps member really eased me through that transition of college student to young professional.”**

Nearly 90% of members learned through service how to meet new challenges and took responsibility for assuring work quality, safety, and results.

*“Nowadays, many people build things that won't last a day. You know what you're building here will last a lifetime”**

More than 80% of members learned to organize, plan, and prioritize work.

*“The program made me into a much better leader.”**

*Member comments in year end survey.

AmeriCorps*State

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AmeriCorps* State supports a broad range of local service programs that engage Americans in intensive service to meet critical community needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. AmeriCorps grants partially cover the expense of operating an AmeriCorps program and do not cover general organizational expenses. A cash match is required.

Community Resource Corps

Sponsor: Goodwill Northern New England

Contact: Steve Niles, 207.775.598 x428 or steve.niles@ginne.com

Size: 72 Members

Program Purpose: CRC AmeriCorps Members serve in host agencies across Maine that can articulate how an AmeriCorps Member's service will improve their volunteer recruitment and retention systems. Member activities range from leading individual volunteers in physical labor projects to developing new volunteer record management systems.

Sites: Rockport, Machias, Windham, Augusta (2 partners), Brunswick, Portland (10 partners), Windham, Farmington, Kennebunk, Bangor, Orono, Waldoboro, Wiscasset, Friendship, Steep Falls, Wiscasset, Searsport, Lincolnville, Tenants Harbor.

Community Volunteers

Recruited: 7,587

Total Hours Served: 76,364

Average Hours Per Volunteer: 10

Federal Funding: \$531,924

AmeriCorps Funds: \$775,267
match

Maine Conservation Corps

Sponsor: Maine Department of Conservation

Contact: Linda Shapleigh 207.624.6086 or linda.shapleigh@maine.gov

Size: 53 Members

Program Purpose: To accomplish natural resource related projects with long-term public benefit in partnership with public and private non-profit organizations. Sites: Acadia, Appalachian

Trail, Augusta, Bangor, Bath, Belgrade, Bethel, Brunswick, Burnt Island, Camden, Damariscotta, Fort Kent, Freeport, Greenville, Hallowell, Jefferson, Kittery, Lubec, Millinocket, Monhegan Island, Mt. Kineo, Newcastle, North Berwick, Norway, Orland, Orono, Pattern, Perham, Port Clyde, Portland, Pownal, Presque Isle, Raymond, Sidney, South Berwick, Trescott, Turner, Weld, Wells.

Community Volunteers

Recruited: 1,243

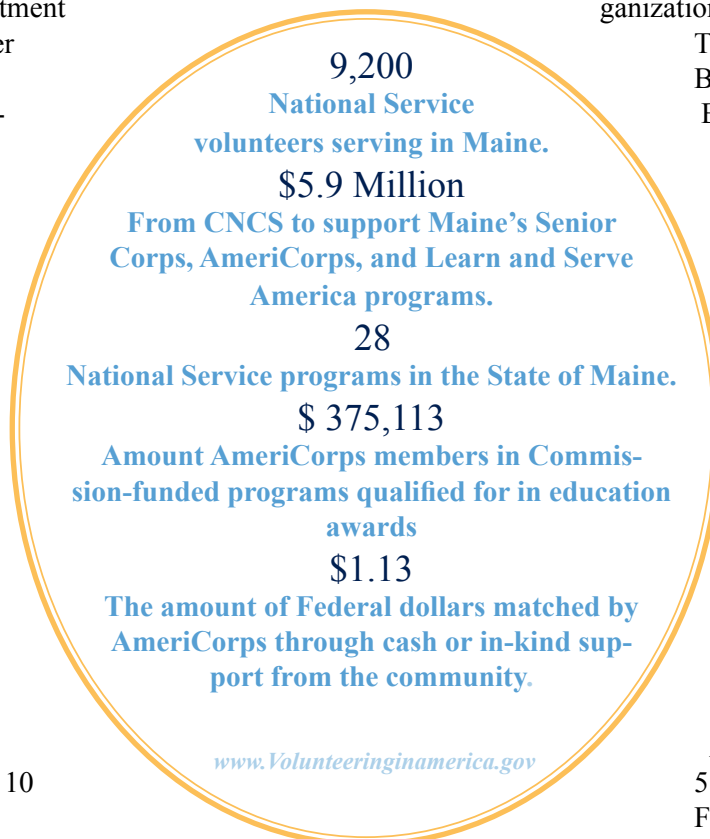
Total Hours Served: 6737

Average Hours per Volunteer: 5.4

Federal Funding: \$260,858

AmeriCorps Funds: \$553,005
(100% cash; 46% from private

non-profit organizations).



AmeriCorps*National

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The following programs operate in Maine as well as other states. They join in training and technical assistance activities but do not report performance to The Maine Commission for Community Service (MCCS).

Emergency Response Corps

Sponsor: Goodwill Industries of Northern New England, Portland

Contact: Billye Senecal, 207.491.4915 or Billye.senecal@ginne.org

Size: 20 AmeriCorps Members

Program Purpose: The Emergency Response Corps recruits EMT and firefighter volunteers to address recruitment and retention deficiencies, present public safety education and implement disaster preparedness initiatives. They are creating a network of emergency response volunteers in ME, NH, VT, and NY.

Student Conservation Association

Contact: Kate Hagner, 603.543.1700 x133

Program Purpose: SCA provides college and high school-aged members with hands-on conservation service opportunities. Members protect and restore national parks, marine sanctuaries, cultural landmarks and community green spaces in all 50 states. Nationally, SCA members partnered with over 700 community organizations and generated 80,000 hours of service to our nation's public lands and conservation areas.

Maine Sites: Acadia National Park, Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge, Baxter State Park, Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, Northeast Regional Office Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge.

Maine HealthCorps

Sponsor: Maine Primary Care Association, Augusta

Contact: Tom Godfrey, 207.621.0677

Program Purpose: Community Health Centers provide communities around Maine with a wide range of medical and social services in support of improved individual and public health. The Community HealthCorps program partners with these organizations to extend their effectiveness by placing AmeriCorps members with them. Members address a wide range of specific needs, including: self-management of disease, support of critically ill children and adults, health promotion and disease prevention, and responding to domestic violence.



AmeriCorps*VISTA

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AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty. VISTA members commit to serve full-time for a year at a nonprofit organization or local government agency, working to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, strengthen community groups, build financial sustainability, and much more. VISTA was founded in 1965, and was incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of programs in 1993.

VolunteerMaine VISTA project

Sponsor: The Maine Commission for Community Service

Contact: Pam Zeutenhorst, 207.287.5313 or pam.zeutenhorst@maine.gov

Size: 25

Program Purpose: The project supports the creation and sustainability of a statewide network of virtual volunteer centers, peer to peer networks, training in volunteer management, outreach for VolunteerMaine.org, and support for Truist (formerly Volunteer Solutions) as a free statewide database for matching and managing volunteers and opportunities through nonprofits across Maine.

Community Volunteers Recruited: 622

Total Hours Served: 2,116

Cash resources leveraged by VISTA members: \$510

In Kind resources leveraged by VISTA members: \$13,059

VISTA, Taryn Hammer, brings fresh local foods to area schools.



Communities for Children and Youth

Sponsor: State Planning Office

Contact: Chip Curry, 207.626.5238 or ccurry@usm.maine.edu

Size: 66

Program Purpose: The Communities for Children and Youth AmeriCorps* VISTA Project, a cooperative initiative between The Maine Governor's Children's Cabinet and the Muskie School of Public Service, exists to build Maine's capacity to meet the needs our most vulnerable children and youth.

Community Volunteers Recruited: 1,450

Total Hours Served: 13,628

Cash resources leveraged by VISTA members: \$367,000

In Kind resources leveraged by VISTA members: \$65,000

Hour Exchange Portland

Contact: Lesley Jones, 207.874.9868 or Lesley@hourexchangeportland.org

Size: 11

Program Purpose: Hour Exchange Portland is a service exchange based on Time, the currency of equality that empowers individuals to utilize their assets and enhance their lives, neighborhood and community.

Total Hours Served: 10,400

Maine Campus Compact

Sponsor: Bates College

Contact: Maryli Tiemann, 207.786.8217 or mtiemann@bates.edu

Size: 18

Program Purpose: The project is a coalition of 18 member campuses whose purpose is to catalyze and lead a movement to reinvigorate the public purposes and civic mission of higher education. They seek to transform campuses in ways that develop better informed, active citizen, and stronger communities.

Total Hours of Service: 37,440

Senior Corps of Maine

Senior Corps

Senior Corps connects people over 55 with the citizens and agencies that need them. Senior Corps offers several ways to get involved: Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Volunteers receive guidance and training so they can make a contribution that suits their talents, interests, and availability.

Maine Senior Corps Volunteers: 2,293

Hours Served: 551,895

Monetary Value: \$11,175,877

Foster Grandparent Program

Program Purpose: The program recruits people age 55 and older living on low incomes to serve children with special needs and their families in schools, day care centers, hospitals and homes. Volunteers serve 15 to 40 hours per week and in return receive a stipend of \$2.65 per hour.

Impact: Volunteers, in two statewide programs, provided one-to-one attention and support to 2,304 children with special needs in schools, child development centers and in homes.

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PROP's Foster Grandparent Program, Portland

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Penquis Foster Grandparent Program, Bangor

Gary Dorman, Director

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Senior Companion Program

Program Purpose: The program recruits people age 55 and older living on low incomes to serve adults with special needs to help them remain independent in their homes. Volunteers serve 15 to 40 hours per week and in return receive a stipend of \$2.65 per hour.

Impact: Volunteers in two statewide programs, made home visits to 898 isolated and or frail elders in need of companionship, transportation and help with accessing community resources in order to remain living independently.

Contacts:

UMaine Cooperative Extension Senior Companion Program, Orono

Ann Swain, Director

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PROP's Senior Volunteer Program, Portland

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RSVP

Program Purpose: The program recruits people age 55 and over. They may be of any income level; they are not paid a stipend. They serve from a few hours a week to many more; some serve occasionally on special projects. RSVP volunteers may be placed with any public or private non-profit organization, or health care organization, whether non-profit or for-profit.

Impact: RSVP Born To Read volunteers brought the joy of books to 769 pre-school children around Maine.

Volunteers also helped provide 163,797 nutritious meals to older people throughout Maine. They delivered 1,343 medical transportation rides (Aroostook). They taught Matter of Balance classes (Health Reach and Southern Maine), provided consultation to non-profits (Southern Maine) and helped out in adult day centers, an example of seniors helping seniors (UMaine Center on Aging).

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Learn & Serve America



Learn and Serve America

The United States Congress, with passage of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, created the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to develop and expand service opportunities for all Americans and service-learning activities for K-12 students through the Learn and Serve America Program. The Maine Department of Education received a three year grant (2009 through 2012) from Learn and Serve America for the purpose of introducing, integrating and sustaining service-learning into schools.

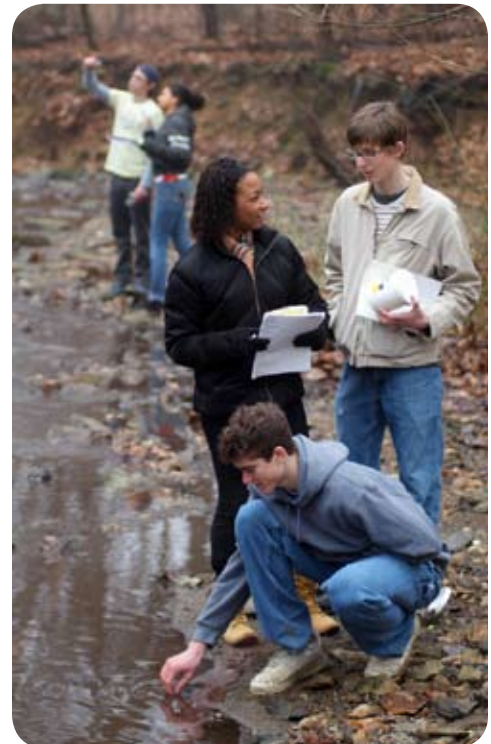
In August 2009, three school administrative units were chosen, through a competitive process, to receive Learn and Serve American sub-grants to support sustained service-learning programs and policies. These include the following: Regional School Unit 34 (Alton, Bradley and Old Town), Regional School Unit 67 (Chester, Lincoln and Mattawamkeag), and the Arthur R. Gould School at Long Creek Youth Development Center.

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“Let us put our minds together and see what life we will make for our children.”

-- Tatanka Iyotanka (Sitting Bull)

41%
of Maine school-aged
youth devoted time either
to community service,
civic activities, or
community-based service
learning in 2009.





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