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THE FACTS ABOUT AMERICORPS AND THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

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AmeriCorps is getting things done -- bi-partisanly

- *2/3 of the AmeriCorps programs are chosen by Governor-appointed State Commissions (3/5 of which are headed by Republicans) to address local needs. The program works. An evaluation of AmeriCorps programs by Aguirre International -- headed by President Ford's Commissioner of Education -- found that **just one-tenth** of the AmeriCorps Members taught 23,641 students; tutored 24,867 individuals; mentored 14,878 youths; helped 2,551 homeless people find shelter; planted more than 210,000 trees; collected, organized, and distributed 974,103 pounds of food and 5,000 pounds of clothes; developed and distributed 38,546 sets of information about drug abuse, street safety, health care, and other issues; ran violence-prevention after-school programs for 49,632 youths; performed energy audits for more than 18 million square feet of buildings; and **Leveraged 669,369 hours of service by unstipended volunteers -- each AmeriCorps member leverages about 16 volunteers and generates 246 volunteer hours.***

AmeriCorps is cost-effective

- *The Corporation for National Service is spending less per AmeriCorps member than it had promised. The GAO reported that the Corporation predicted it would spend \$18,800 on each AmeriCorps member, including the \$4725 education award and the Corporation's 85% (\$6,900) share of the stipend. The GAO found the cost to be \$17,629.*
- *Numerous independent studies this year, including one by conservative "Chicago School" economists sponsored by three private foundations to test their investment in AmeriCorps, confirmed that investments in national service programs are sound, yielding from to \$1.54 to \$3.90 for every dollar invested.*

AmeriCorps has broad community support

- *Religious groups like the Catholic Network of Volunteer Service, The Episcopal Church, and Agudath Yisrael of America strongly support AmeriCorps.*
- *Volunteer sector leaders like Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers / Big Sisters, the Red Cross, and the YMCA strongly support AmeriCorps.*

Republican Governors on Americorps:

- *"...possibly one of the most intelligent uses of taxpayer dollars ever."
-- Governor William Weld, MA 10/12/95*
- *"AmeriCorps captures the promise found in all citizens, young and old, who see problems in their communities and work together to solve them."
-- Governor John Engler, MI (need cite)*
- *"The National Service program has been a great success in the State of New Hampshire and I anticipate it will continue to be in the future.... These motivated individuals make AmeriCorps work for New Hampshire and I am pleased to be a partner in this process."
-- Governor Steve Merrill, NH 7/10/95*