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Phillip D. Sam, AmeriCorps Member  
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
44811 North Date Ave., Suite G  
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Phil:

On behalf of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in California, I am honored to present this Special Act of Volunteer Service Award for the outstanding service you have provided to the residents in the Kinneloa and Laguna fire areas.

Robert Dean, District Conservationist from the Lancaster Field Office, has kept me informed on the conservation mitigation plans you and your AmeriCorps team members prepared in order to better protect the residents and their personal properties from possible mud and debris flows due to winter rains in Southern California. Bob has also made me aware of the countless hours you have contributed in the evenings and weekends working side by side with fire victims for the purpose of putting the mitigation plan in action. Your generosity in sharing your time and expertise is greatly appreciated--you have made a significant contribution in controlling future damage and in furthering the recovery efforts from these tragic fires.

We know that hundreds of Californians affected by these events join us in our gratitude. You have demonstrated by your actions the true intention of the AmeriCorps program.

Sincerely,

  
HERSHEL R. READ  
State Conservationist

cc:  
William J. Gradle, Area Conservationist, NRCS, Salinas, CA  
L. Robert Dean, District Conservationist, NRCS, Lancaster, CA



The logo for LEARN (Los Angeles Unified School District) features the word "learn" in a stylized, lowercase, white font. The letters are slightly shadowed, giving it a 3D appearance as if it's floating above a dark surface. The background is a solid black rectangle.

## Elysian Heights Elementary School

We Are A LEARN School Community  
Committed to Learning and Improved Student Achievement

June 24, 1996

Mr. Rod Sprott  
Project Director  
AmeriCorps-Interfaith Hunger Coalition  
155 North Occidental Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90026-4641

Dear Mr. Sprott:

We are **very** grateful for the opportunity to have participated in both the AmeriCorps Interfaith Hunger Coalition's Team Gardening Project and the Start Your Head Program. In the coming year we look forward to a renewed and expanded association with AmeriCorps through involvement in the SMILES Program and in the proposed Green Islands of Los Angeles.

The students, staff, and community of Elysian Heights have had a very positive relationship with the Interfaith Hunger Coalition in 1995-96. Eight classes from prekindergarten through fifth grade, encompassing approximately 240 students, joined the Gardening Team Project. Every student in our school participated in the 2-day Americorp celebration linking the work of the Start Your Head Team and the Gardening Team. In these fine endeavors your volunteers showed exemplary leadership and were well prepared and enthusiastic.

Thank you for bringing us SMILES for the coming school year. SMILES will offer our fifth graders a valuable opportunity for community involvement, academic enrichment, and responsibility building. The implementation of this program is a very meaningful way to address our two academic student goals of improved communication and problem solving. Further, we believe the potential bond formed between our students and the senior citizens will give our students something critically needed...a caring, supportive adult who will applaud the efforts of the student and bolster self-esteem.

We appreciate the opportunity we have had to work with your organization. The skills learned, the interpersonal connections formed, the sense of pride and commitment to school and community generated, and the hopefulness imparted were evident. We eagerly anticipate our renewed partnership with AmeriCorps and hope that you will continue to advise us of any new programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Judy J. Moe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Judy" being more prominent.

Judy J. Moe  
Principal





## *Elysian Heights Elementary School*

We Are A LEARN School Community  
Committed to Learning and Improved Student Achievement

May 28, 1996

Ms. Susie Hart  
AmeriCorps Child Nutrition Team  
155 North Occidental Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90026

Dear Susie:

We at Elysian Heights have felt so fortunate to have been associated with your AmeriCorps Project this year. Both the Gardening Project and the Start Your Head Program have enhanced the pursuit of our goals in having each student become an effective communicator and problem solver.

I would like to commend you personally, Susie, for your professionalism, efficiency, and positive attitude. You kept us well informed by phone and FAX at each planning step and carried through on every detail necessary to put on our AmeriCorps extravaganza. Your team of approximately 40 workers were well organized and under your leadership were able to attend to last minute adjustments. I especially appreciate and admire how you delivered your program to every student on our campus necessitating a return visit to accommodate our prekindergarteners who are not here on Fridays. Your program was multifaceted and you orchestrated it all beautifully.

I wish you continued success in sharing this fine project with other students. We hope to see you back with us next year to reinforce the Start Your Head message.

Many thanks to you and your coworkers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Lutske".

Susan Lutske  
Outreach Consultant



CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
WEST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER  
1801 S. La Cienega  
Los Angeles, CA 90035  
(310) 202-2879

March 27, 1996

Americorps  
Interfaith Hunger Coalition  
Attention: Rod Sprott, Project Director  
155 N. Occidental Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90026

Dear Mr. Sprott:

The West Los Angeles Community Service Center is a one stop information and referral service center. Americorps is a valuable asset and resource for the West L.A. Community Service Center. We have developed a great relationship within the past few months. Through the aid of your agency co-locating within our center, we have assisted clients directly with nutrition education programs, and, food assistance programs.

We look forward to continual interaction with Interfaith Hunger Coalition to provide services to our population.

Sincerely,



Dawn M. Beal  
Program Manager

# Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

548 South Spring Street • Suite #400 • Los Angeles • California 90013  
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March 22, 1996

Mr. Rod Sprott  
Project Manager  
AmeriCorps National Service  
Interfaith Hunger Coalition

Dear Rod:

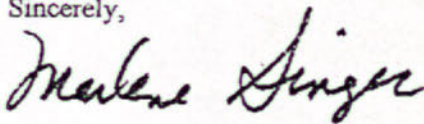
I want to express my appreciation to you regarding the fine team of AmeriCorps volunteers who are on board at Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

Their contribution has been outstanding. As outreach they intervened in many situations that represent the most difficult to reach populations. With good success they moved people in encampments into alternative programs.

They are a team who is responsive, not only to homeless people, but to government officials, business, and the community at large. As they develop their tasks they have do an exemplary job in making relationships with other service providers in order to develop a resource base.

We are very grateful for their presence!

Sincerely,



Marlene Singer, Manager  
Programs and Volunteers





## The Metropolitan Transportation Authority



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The Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
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# The Magic of Vermont

Metro Red Line—Public Affairs  
Vermont Avenue Beautification Project  
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Your participation in this project demonstrated  
your commitment to the Vermont community.



  
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**Joseph Drew**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority



November 16, 1995

Red Sprott  
Project Manager  
Inter-Faith Hunger Coalition  
Americorps Anti-Hunger Project  
2448 Hyperion Avenue Suite 108  
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Dear Mr. Sprott:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you about the work that has been taking place in the development of the City of Compton's Community Garden. Prior to speaking with you, I had met with Hope Mohr, Team Leader, on October 31, 1995. Since I initially spoke with you on November 1, 1995, I have met again with Hope Mohr on November 10, 1995.

Hope Mohr has been extremely helpful in providing information about resources that are available to garden projects such as ours and assistance in outlining a workplan.

In our meeting on November 10, 1995, we discussed the need to develop a mission statement, budget, fliers/layout, printing, business cards, phone services, public service announcements, community meeting space, ads, garden technical support, permits, fundraising and issues of Non-Profit vs. For Profit Status.

The meeting was very productive and was helpful in allowing me to look at the project and where we are at in the process of implementing the Community Garden. As my working relationship with Hope and the rest of the gardening team continues, I will keep you informed.

I would like to thank your agency for the help it has provided through Hope Mohr. She is a very special person, is generous with resources and information and ideas. I am very glad to have met her and look forward to meeting and working with her and other team members in the future.

I am working on the issues we discussed in our meeting and will keep you and Hope Mohr informed on how the Community Garden is progressing.

It would be nice to meet with you in the future. Let's stay in contact! I may be reached at (310) 763-7500.

Sincerely,

*Yolanda Vidato*  
Yolanda Vidato

cc: Hope Mohr - Team Leader

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June 7, 1995

Mr. Will Glenn  
Americorp  
2449 Hyperion Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90027

Dear Will:

I want to thank you for your time and help with our D.A.R.E. +PLUS program this spring semester at Marina Del Rey Middle School.

Without the support of people like you, our volunteer program would not be the success that it is.

I look forward to working with you again. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Nella Charles, Program Director  
D.A.R.E. +PLUS - MDR

# Antelope Valley Allied Arts Association

April 28, 1995

Mr. Bob Dean, District Conservationist  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
44811 N. Date Avenue, Suite G  
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Mr. Dean:

The Executive Board of Allied Arts Association would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the AMERICORPS volunteers who gave so freely of their time and muscle to clean and paint at the Cedar Centre. "Thank you" just cannot convey how much we appreciate all the things they accomplished in such a short time.

The main crew - SANDY HAYNES, PHILLIP SAM and APRIL JURGEN - were there faithfully each work day. Others who helped were: CHRISAND GILES, PRISCILLA GUERRERO, DAVID MACIAS and SHANNON PERKINS. We will be forever grateful for your help.

We of Allied Arts want to make the Cedar Centre a showcase of fine art to benefit the entire Antelope Valley, children and grownups alike. With the help of your outstanding AMERICORPS organization, our dreams are much closer to being realized.

Again, thank you for your invaluable help. If we can do anything to help your organization, please call us at (805) 726-0655.

Sincerely,

*Betty Midkiff*

Betty Midkiff,  
President

BM/mt



**OES COMMUNITY DISASTER RECOVERY & PREPAREDNESS CENTER**  
**3746 Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107**  
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April 20, 1995

Bob Dean  
District Conservationist  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
44811 North Date Ave. Suite G  
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Bob:

Thank you so much for the certificate of appreciation and kind words delivered by Phillip Sam of AmeriCorps. I was surprised and thrilled by the recognition. This effort to support recovery from the firestorm and prevent future disasters has been a true public-private partnership.

Recovery from a firestorm is very slow, and only 66 of the 115 completely burned private homes have entered the permit process, with about 20 of those complete. Still, at this point almost all of the fire veterans, as they prefer to call themselves, are moving forward. Our second mission, to prevent a second disaster, has been accomplished -- with your help. Through the placing of 60,000 sandbags, dozens of k-rails, enlarging and frequent cleaning out of the debris basins, installation of block walls and other barriers, the Altadena Kinneloa area avoided serious damage to property.

Your agency provided immeasurable help through the survey and identification of homes which needed mitigation measures, the door-to-door and face-to-face contacts, and your leadership in bringing all the affected agencies together to discuss the threat. AmeriCorps volunteers Phillip Sam, Sandy Haynes, and April Jurgen have been extremely helpful, and I believe that the entire fire-impacted community realizes it. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with such an outstanding group of people, from the public and private sectors, and together, we have accomplished a great deal. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Virginia Kimball  
Manager

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February 8, 1995

Mr. L. Robert Dean  
District Conservationist  
USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
44811 N. Date Ave., Ste G  
Lancaster, CA 93534

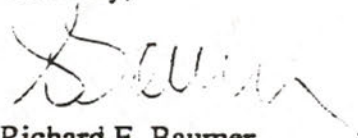
Dear Bob:

I've never been shy about telling everyone how delighted we have been by the tremendous level of service you have provided to our area since the October 1993 fire.

We're especially appreciative of the continuing great work by your Urban Team, assisted by the AMERICORPS volunteers. Their efforts have been so outstanding, we would welcome any opportunity you have to open an office on this side of the San Gabriels. We would strongly support having your Urban Team and/or AMERICORPS folks forward-based somewhere in the Los Angeles urban interface.

Please let me know how I can help you help us more efficiently.

Cordially,



Richard E. Baumer  
President





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Alhambra, Ca 91801  
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Natl. Resources Conservation Service  
Lancaster Field Office  
44211 N. Gate Ave. Suite B  
Lancaster, Ca. 93534

To Management &

I wish to express my very sincere  
"Thanks" and appreciation for the  
very excellent volunteer services  
done for me by: Sandy Haynes,  
Phillip Sam and April Jergen;  
in laying sandbags in front  
of my home, thereby protecting  
me against future "flooding"  
in this "Disaster" area!

My "Heartfelt" Thank you!  
to them and to your organization!  
They were so pleasant and very  
helpful!

Sincerely  
Helen A. Bonard



3/9/95

Dear Bob,

Thank you  
for your

Your thoughtfulness  
was appreciated.  
for arranging to  
have American  
representatives, Patti  
Novak, Sami and  
April help with  
the Arbor Day tree  
planting at the  
A.V. College.

Sincerely,  
Nevada Holman



**Wildflower Preservation Foundation**  
Post Office Box 379 • Lancaster, California 93584-0379



February 7, 1995

Americorps  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Lancaster Field Office  
44811 N. Date Ave, Suite G  
Lancaster, Ca. 93534

Attn: Sandy Haynes and Phillip Sam, Coordinators

Dear Sam and Sandy,

Our Wildflower Preservation Foundation wishes to thank you and your helpers most sincerely for seeding the area adjacent to the California State Poppy Reserve recently. Our group purchased the 8+ acres of land and are in the process now of gift-deeding it to the State of California to become part of the Poppy Reserve.

You people worked so fast that you were finished before the lunch we intended to provide you. It's really great to see our youth working so diligently to upgrade communities. Congratulations to all those involved with Americorps.

Sincerely,

  
Ann M. Gregg,  
Secretary

AG:me

cc: Richard Campbell, RCD Consultant  
Bob Dean, Area Conservationist, Lancaster Office







## Community Liaison Office

800 Glenneyre, Laguna Beach CA 92651  
(714)376-2500

*Southern California Firestorms*



February 1, 1995

Mr. L. Robert Dean  
District Conservationist  
United States Department of Agriculture  
National Resources Conservation Service  
Suite G  
44811 North Date Ave.  
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Mr. Dean:

On behalf of the entire Laguna community I wish to thank you for the report Evaluation of Watershed Conditions and Hazards and Recommendations for Additional Protective Measures for the Laguna Fire Area.

I have sent copies to all the organizations who originally requested the report (section 1.1 of the report). I will also disseminate copies to other organizations, agencies, and community groups who can benefit from the information or pass it on to those who can.

We appreciate all the effort that went into compiling this information. It will certainly assist us in our endeavors toward preparedness.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Sabaroff".

David Sabaroff, Manager  
Community Liaison Office  
Governor's Office of Emergency Services

*OES COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICE*  
3746 Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107  
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December 3, 1994

L. Robert Dean, District Conservationist  
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation District  
44811 North Date Ave. Suite G  
Lancaster, CA 93534

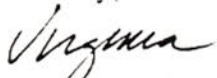
Dear Bob:

I want you to know how much we appreciate the AmeriCorps' participation in our neighborhood "sandbag walk" today. Phillip Sam and Sandy Haynes were very effective in meeting people face to face to share information about protecting homes from floods and mud. Three residents, Mike Bohlander, Phillip, Sandy, and I spent a rewarding morning in Altadena. The response was usually very favorable, with people appreciating the visit and the information shared. Some interesting issues emerged:

- Many people have taken the recommended measures already, or told us that they intend to do so soon. Some indicated that they had planned to do something, but weren't sure whether they were going to replace the sandbags, build a pipe & timber barrier, or install a block wall. They were pleased to get the "specs" for a block wall and pipe & timber barrier, and pleased to learn that the county will waive building fees.
- The most common reason cited for putting off the installation of more permanent measures was cost.
- A few people intend to gamble -- or are in denial. "I just don't think it'll be that bad." "It wasn't that bad last year." "I don't want to look at another sandbag!"
- There's quite a bit of misinformation floating around: The storm drains will take care of whatever comes down. The K-rails will act as a dam and hold everything behind them. Old, rotting sandbags are as good as new ones. The county brought these sandbags in; the county should take them away.
- The neighbors generally hate the sandbags. They're ugly, messy, and smelly.

I think today's efforts were valuable, both for the residents we reached, and for us to get a sense of the issues and challenges ahead. It was great to have Phillip and Sandy with us.

Sincerely,



Virginia Kimball





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June 5, 1995

Lee Ann Jerome, Legislative Assistant  
Office of Senator Christopher Bond  
293 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Jerome:

It has been brought to our attention that Senator Bond has introduced language in the Conference Committee Rescissions Report which would not allow federal agencies to provide AmeriCorps National Direct Grants.

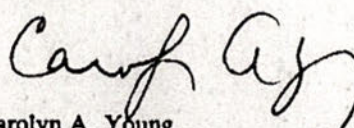
As a recipient of three separate National Direct Grants, through the USDA, the EPA and the DOT, let us advise you that this money is currently being put to good use in and around the District of Columbia. These grants support the employment of 55 young adults between the ages of 17-23 who are currently spending 11-months providing much needed community service around Metropolitan Washington.

Just a few of the services that the DC Service Corps is able to provide with the use of these National Direct Grants are:

- restoring the Anacostia River and its watershed
- teaching children in the DC Public Schools about nutrition
- helping elderly citizens fill out food stamp applications
- tutoring and mentoring elementary school children during and after school
- escorting elderly citizens on public transportation
- cleaning and restoring local parks

All of these services directly benefit the District of Columbia and are being carried out by young adults from the community who are not federal employees. On behalf of the DC Service Corps, I am requesting that the National Direct Grant rescission language be stricken from the Conference Report or modified to provide an exemption for AmeriCorps programs which are awarded by federal agencies which match them and then subgrant them to state and local organizations. Thank you in advance for your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Carolyn A. Young  
Executive Director

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71 O Street, N.W.  
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May 1, 1995

DC SERVICE CORPORATION  
Attn: Robin Dubin  
43 P Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Robin,

We at So Others Might Eat would like to thank DC SERVICE CORPORATION for helping us in our mission, of feeding some of the homeless population of Washington, DC.

During the 1994/95 school year DC SERVICE CORPORATION faithfully provided us with volunteers to assist us in serving lunch, on the first and second Tuesday of each month.

We usually provide lunch for 600 people.

We would be grateful for your continued support, during the 1995/96 school year.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. BRIGHT  
Volunteer Coordinator

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MAY 31 1995

James G. Birney Elementary School  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue & Sumner Road, SE  
Washington, DC 20020

May 30, 1995

Ms. Laura Woods  
Americorps Team Coordinator  
901 Newton Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20017

Dear Ms. Woods:

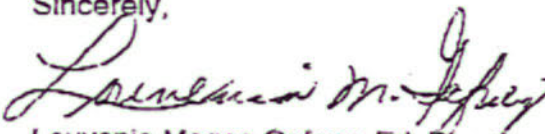
On behalf of the sixth grade students from Birney Elementary School, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the wonderful assistance that Americorps members provided on our field trip to the Izaak Walton League Conservation Center in Gaithersburg, MD on May 26th. The students were kept actively engaged in exciting learning activities throughout the entire day. This was a very rich experience for them. All of the students were excited about the entire day. The wide use of hands-on activities and the interactive nature of the entire experience made it especially rewarding for our students.

Additionally, our science program has a very strong environmental flavor here at Birney, and the students had an opportunity to experience in nature many of the concepts that we discussed in the classroom and experienced in other natural locations.

You are to be commended for your interest in, concern for, and contribution to the education of youngsters in the schools of our nation's capital. Through collaborative efforts between schools and such wonderfully supportive organizations as Americorps, we can more effectively accomplish our mission of providing a world class education for each student enrolled in our school.

Again, I thank you for your assistance and support.

Sincerely,

  
Louvenia Magee Gafney, Ed. B.  
Science Resource Teacher

  
Yvonne J. Morse  
Principal

MAY 18 1995

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
3149 SIXTEENTH STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20010



REPLY TO:  
3149 SIXTEENTH STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20010

May 12, 1995

Ms. Susan Jolley  
Americorp  
D.C. Environmental Team  
901 Newton St., N.E.  
Room 306  
Washington, D.C. 20017

Dear Sir:

This letter is in reference to the meeting that you attended on Tuesday, April 18, 1995 at Fort Lincoln Park with several other community organizations. Your interested efforts are greatly appreciated in this community project to beautify our park.

We are very grateful for your commitment of bringing your group to clean the park. The people in the community can make a difference and your commitment is an example of what we can do together.

Thank you for taking the time to work with us.

Sincerely,

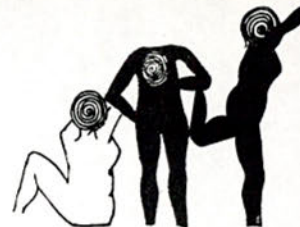
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Kimberly Moore  
Unit Manager  
Fort Lincoln Recreation Center



# RACHAEL'S WOMEN'S CENTER

*A place of hospitality and hope for women who are homeless*



1222 11th Street, NW  
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May 20, 1996

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing on behalf of the D.C. Anti-Hunger project. Rachael's Women's Center, a non-profit daytime program for women who are homeless, has worked with the Anti-hunger project for several months now. Representatives from the Project have come to the Center for workshops, in-services, and educational sessions with the staff and women. They have been very supportive of our mission in helping women on their journey out of homelessness, and worked with staff here to design ways their programs can fit with our.

I want to recommend the D.C. Anti-hunger project for the work that they are doing and for their involvement in the community. Rachael's Women's Center looks forward to continuing to work with them and include them in our anti-homeless efforts.

Sincerely,

Willa D. Morris, MSW  
Executive Director  
Rachael's Women's Center



## **Roosevelt Senior High School**

13th and Upshur Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20011

May 20, 1996

Warren , Paul and Tim  
D.C. Anti-Hunger Team  
525 A Street, NE Suite  
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Gentlemen:

On behalf of the District of Columbia Public School System, the Jobs for District of Columbia Graduates (J.D.C.G.) program and myself, I truly thank you for your time and excellent presentation to Ms. Sylvain's second period English class.

I, as well as the teacher and students found it to be very informative and entertaining. You provided very important and relevant information that our students need in order to prepare for an ever changing, challenging world.

I trust you will be able to return next school year to continue to share your knowledge of "the real world" with our students. These young persons can benefit from people like you who take the time from their busy daily schedule to come to visit them monetarily uncompensated.

Yours Truly,

A. Jamal O'Bannon



**BROOKLAND MANOR APARTMENTS**  
**Boys & Girls Club**

June 16, 1996

Lynn Waller and Josh Yates  
Congressional Hunger Center  
525 A Street NE, 4th Floor  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Lynn and Josh:

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Brookland Manor Falconland Playground. This project was a tremendous success as Brookland Manor residents and other volunteers sawed, hammered, and shoveled our empty lot into a vibrant and creative play space for the 500 children of Brookland Manor in just three short days.

As you know, this project was made possible through the generosity of hundreds of individuals and organizations that donated food, labor, and funding to the Falconland Playground. Each gift has played a critical role in making this project possible.

We have enclosed a few photographs to share with you from the ribbon cutting and the moments after when children swarmed the playground. Soon, our two-month summer camp begins for Brookland youth ages 5 to 13, and the Falconland stage will become an outdoor theater for the talents of our children. This is quite a transformation from the empty lot that filled this space just weeks ago.

Our students and adults are already discussing with pride, "If this was possible, what else can we accomplish?" On behalf of the young people and parents who enjoy Falconland Playground, we thank you again for your generous Stand for Children at Brookland Manor. You made it possible for our children to have a safe and exciting place to play this summer. We can't thank you enough.

Sincerely,



William Shelton  
Program Manager/Club Supervisor  
Brookland Manor Apartments  
Edgewood Management Corporation



Dawn Hutchison  
KaBOOM! Co-Director  
*Outrageous Expressions  
by Kids & Communities*

**Mailing Address:** 1289 Brentwood Road~NorthEast ~ Washington, D.C.~20018  
**Club Address:** 2525 14th Street~ NorthEast~Rear ~ Washington, D.C.~ 20018

(202) 529-6529

Mrs. Charles M. Cooper  
4542 Huntington Rd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32210



Mr. Allen Moore  
5542 Dunn Ave.  
Jacksonville,  
FL. 32218

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Dear Mr. Moore,

Robin Hogsten and Steve Stillner evaluated my irrigation system this morning. I can't let the day go by without saying how much I appreciate their inspection and evaluation. They both are so well informed for their work.

They had so much patience with this little old lady and left her with a nice feeling of confidence.

Thank you and them for a job well done.

3 May 1996

Sincerely,  
*Julia A. Cooper*  
Julia A. Cooper  
(Mrs. Chas. M.)





United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Rural  
Development

State Director  
355 East Hancock Avenue  
Athens, Georgia 30601-2768  
Phone: 706-546-2162

August 16, 1996

Ms. Rosie Watkins  
USDA AmeriCorps  
Crisp/Dooly Partnership, Inc.  
P.O. Box 38  
Cordele, Georgia 31010

Dear Ms. Watkins:

Congratulations on being selected as the USDA AmeriCorps Member of the Year for 1996. Your accomplishments and dedication to your community have been outstanding and reflect what the AmeriCorps program is all about - "Getting Things Done" - through service to others and community.

Thanks for being an inspiration to the youth of Crisp and Dooly Counties with your "never give up, you can do it" message and contagious enthusiasm. Your willingness to reach out to the youth and challenge them is admirable considering many today sit on the sidelines and complain about youth problems.

On behalf of President Clinton and Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman, I am honored to have the opportunity to present the USDA AmeriCorps award to you and to be able to share this day with your family and community volunteers.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

*Laura J. Meadows*  
LAURA J. MEADOWS  
State Director

# Crisp/Dooly Enterprise Community

Post Office Box 38  
Cordele, Georgia 31010

(912) 273-9111  
(912) 273-9571 Fax

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_;

On December 21, 1994, President Clinton announced the selection of Crisp and Dooly Counties as an Enterprise Community. The Crisp/Dooly Partnership was formed to implement the Enterprise Community's Strategic Plan. The Plan consists of five key strategies. Each has its own set of action plans, totaling 38- each with a set of tasks. These action plans and tasks are incorporated into a Benchmarks and Activities Guide that the Partnership uses to evaluate implementation of the action plans. The USDA approved the Benchmarks and Activities Guide before its representative signed a Memorandum of agreement between USDA, State of Georgia, and various entities within the boundaries of the Enterprise Community.

In these strategic plans, help is offered for our families for stronger and healthier children in our communities. Your family is invited to attend free classes to help your family to be the best. You will learn many home survival skills so you and your family can live a more comfortable life. A flyer is enclose with the class schedule times.

*Rosie Watkins*

Rosie Watkins/Americorps Member  
Crisp/Dooly Partnership Enterprise Community



200 Ninth Street  
Vienna, Georgia 31092  
May 10, 1996

Mr. Al Shauf  
Crisp\Dooly Partnership  
P. O. Box 38  
Cordele, Georgia 31015

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Vienna Elementary Pre-K Program

Vienna Adult Learning Center  
Vienna, Georgia 31092  
May 14, 1996

*Dr*  
Mr. Al Shauf, Executive Director  
Crisp/Dooly Partnership, Inc.  
P. O. Box 38  
Cordele, Georgia 31010

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*Ethel Ross*

Ethel Ross, Lead Instructor



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May 21, 1996

Ms. Rosie Watkins  
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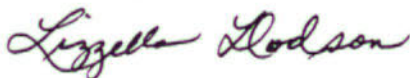
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Sincerely,



Lizzella Dodson  
Administrative Assistant  
for Student Services

LD/bj

# Crisp/Dooly Enterprise Community

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(912) 273-9111  
(912) 273-9571 Fax

DATE: 5/22/96

MR. DONNIE THOMAS  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR  
355 East Hancock Ave.  
Athens, Ga. 30601-2768

Donnie this Booklet is a summary of my AmeriCorps member experience for the seven months that i have served as an AmeriCorps Member, and also an outline of current Projects that will finish up my first year as an AmeriCorps Member.

These projects were created by me for our communities. The community is overwhelmed by these Projects and gives me all the support that I need for the success of these projects.

Words cannot express how I feel serving my country as an AmeriCorps Member. The AmeriCorps Pledge Of GETTING THINGS DONE has been a reality for me

GIVE THESE WORDS TO PRESIDENT CLINTON FOR ME

"THANKS MR. PRESIDENT FOR LETTING ME  
SERVE MY COUNTRY"

*Rosie Watkins*

ROSIE WATKINS  
AMERICORPS MEMBER CRISP/DOOLY ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY



# Austin Road Elementary School

50 Austin Road  
Stockbridge, Georgia 30281  
404-389-6556

December 6, 1995

Ms. Laurie Ford  
Mr. Quentin Holden  
Americorp Volunteers  
Americorp National Service  
Soil Conservation Service  
1262 Government Circle  
Jonesboro, GA 30237

The Austin Road outdoor project is fortunate to have access to your and your services. Our continued communication is a necessity as the project takes on different developments from week to week.

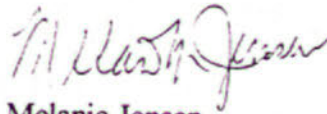
From the last meeting with Laurie I understood that:

1. Laurie had marked the two water bar sites.
2. I would solicit class assistance in moving dirt from the dirt pile to one of the two water bar sites.
3. A team of Americorp Volunteers will build the water bars and transport dirt from Stockbridge High School, if necessary, via a truck. Laurie will make the contact with Dennis Peto at Stockbridge High School.
4. After the water bars are completed, the volunteers will clean the turnouts and trails. This is scheduled for January 5, 1995.
5. Laurie assessed that the water draining from the retaining pond is causing the erosion across the proposed garden area site. She sees this area needing erosion control. She will contact Val Pickard, agronomist for NRCS, for advice and possible assessment of what can be planted to control the erosion. All of this will be done so that the site will become a learning station.
6. The other two work days follow the proposal outlined in Laurie's December 1, 1995, letter. She will solicit parent volunteers for two days in February, March, or

April for cleaning and working on the trails and the erosion control project. We discussed that Saturdays will be a better day for parents. Specifics about the nature of the work needs to be determined as the project progresses.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melanie Jensen".

Melanie Jensen  
Principal

cc: Kim Ruff  
Allison Fortner  
Members of the Outdoor Classroom



# Austin Road Elementary School

50 Austin Road  
Stockbridge, Georgia 30281  
404-389-6556

January 18, 1996

Americo  
U.S.D.A.  
Soil Conservation Service  
1262 Government Circle  
Jonesboro, Ga. 30237

Dear Laurie Ford & Quentin Holden:

You gave birth to the Austin Road "Brushpile" on January 5, 1996. We parted that day without saying good-bye. I looked for you, but assumed you were gone.

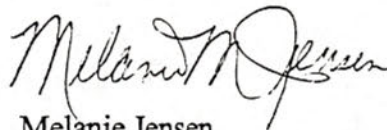
I know that it may often be easy for you to think that your work goes unnoticed and unappreciated because you come and go and don't experience any continuity with a project. We do appreciate what you did and want you to know that we respect your advice and concerns, as well as your physical labor.

The weather is too cold to get the kids out on most days. If possible, maybe we can schedule some classes to assist on your next day here.

A landscape architect walked the proposed garden area with Susan Hargrove last week and will include some suggestions for the retention pond run-off area in his report. He thinks that we can work around it and incorporate it into total plan.

Again, express appreciation to Lydia and Shelia for their assistance. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Melanie Jensen  
Principal

PS Thanks for your call this morning. We look forward to talking to Amy.

cc: Lydia Lazzari  
Shelia Hawkins

# Austin Road Elementary School

50 Austin Road  
Stockbridge, Georgia 30281  
770-389-6556

February 27, 1996

Ms. Laurie Ford  
USDA  
Soil Conservation Service  
1261 Government Circle  
Jonesboro, Ga. 30237

Dear Ms. Ford:

Thank you for the assistance given in clearing and cleaning the trail area. Please pass this on to the Greater Atlanta Americorp personnel. When you come we all seem to be going in different directions and I don't end up extending proper appreciation. Would you forward a copy of this to Jack White.

Austin Road has set two workdays, each on a Saturday. We hope you can assist us. We are encouraging all of our scouts to help as well as P.T.A. volunteers. The two dates set are March 30 and April 20 from 8:30 a.m. until \_\_\_\_\_.

Please give me call and let me know if you are available.

We appreciate your continued interest and assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Melanie M. Jensen  
Principal

cc: Jack White





## CLAYTON COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

1600 BATTLE CREEK ROAD  
MORROW, GEORGIA 30260  
TELEPHONE: (770) 961-2130

November 16, 1995

MELVIN L. NEWMAN  
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DENNIS M. HAMMOCK  
NEAL A. WELLONS

Ms. Allison Forkner  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
1262 Government Circle  
Jonesboro, GA 30237

Dear Allison:

I enjoyed our meeting and tour of the Newman Wetlands Center yesterday. I was very impressed with Laurie Ford and Quentin Holden, and feel that they will both be of value to our staff during the coming year on whatever basis we can work out. I appreciate your idea of involving them at the Wetlands Center.

Quentin spent this morning with me, assisting with a large school group. He seemed to have a good rapport with the students, answered their questions easily and was very helpful. I later showed him some of the other water facilities in Land Management and oriented him a little better to the Water Authority. I was sorry that Laurie was ill today, and hope to get her back to the Center soon for a similar activity.

It will probably be most useful to us to have them working in interpretive roles as needed, possibly helping with the development of the primitive trail system, and any other projects that we can come up with. Let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions. I hope to talk with you again soon. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Carol Lambert  
Conservation Specialist  
Newman Wetlands Center

Site R138  
Question 18

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May 21, 1996

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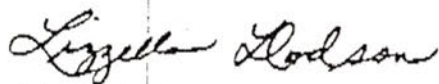
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Site R 13 B  
Question 18

Vienna Adult Learning Center  
Vienna, Georgia 31092  
May 14, 1996

*Dr*  
Mr. Al Shauf, Executive Director  
Crisp/Dooly Partnership, Inc.  
P. O. Box 38  
Cordele, Georgia 31010

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200 Ninth Street  
Vienna, Georgia 31092  
May 10, 1996

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P. O. Box 38  
Cordele, Georgia 31015

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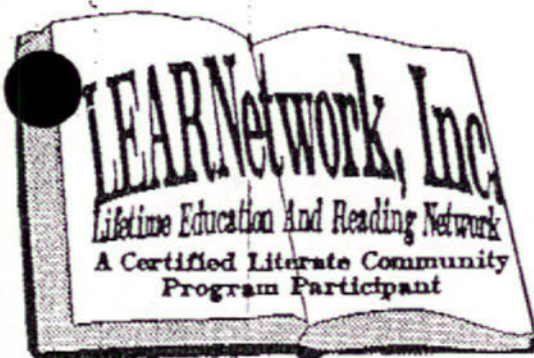
Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours,

*Dora C. Griffin*

Dora C. Griffin  
Family Services Coordinator  
Vienna Elementary Pre-K Program



Site A128  
Question 12  
June 5, 1996

Mrs. Rosie Watkins  
Crisp/Dooly Partnership, Inc.  
118 East 10th Ave.  
Cordele, GA 31015

Dear Mrs. Watkins:

LEARNetwork, Inc. (Lifetime Education And Reading Network) is a partnership of all adult education providers in Crisp and Dooly counties. We are the group that initiated participation in the state's Certified Literate Community Program. Our Program Coordinator runs the computer teaching lab at the Housing Authority and is our liaison with other education-related committees along with keeping the required records for the Certified Literate Community Program.

We are currently expanding the Board of Directors for LEARNetwork, Inc. and would welcome your taking a part in it. We meet quarterly in alternating counties for a Dutch treat lunch. Our next scheduled meeting is Friday, July 19, at noon at the Cordele Housing Authority's main office at 401 S. 10th Street.

We have been impressed with your community involvement and feel you would make an important contribution to our Board. And we feel the information shared might benefit your other areas of concern in the community.

I will call you in the coming week to answer any questions you may have about LEARNetwork. I hope we can look forward to your joining us.

Sincerely,

Marlene S. Kimball  
LEARNetwork, Inc.  
Board of Directors Chairperson



CWM Resource Management, Inc.

5371 Cook Road  
Morrow, Georgia 30260  
404/361-6181 800/443-5645

June 3, 1996

Ms. Laurie Ford  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Americorps  
1262 Government Way  
Jonesboro, GA 30236-3694

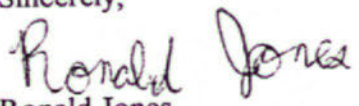
RE: Facility Presentation

Dear Ms. Ford:

CWM Resource Management, Inc. thanks you for coming to our facility on May 22, 1996, and presenting the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream program. All members of The Green Team (our facility group participating in excellence achievement for environmental, health, and safety concerns) found your information of great interest. The June 1, 1996 scheduled date for the Adopt-A-Stream training workshop is a bit too soon for us to make a firm decision as a team. We are seriously considering the adoption Upton Creek, our nearby waterway.

Once again, thank you for spending the time with us and we hope to see you in the near future. Please contact us through Carol Carollo, our Environmental Manager, with the schedules for additional training workshops.

Sincerely,

  
Ronald Jones  
The Green Team Chairperson  
Morning Session

  
Kim Elmore  
The Green Team Chairperson  
Afternoon Session



Dear Laurie, Quentin, Alison, and Americorps  
Contingent

Thank you very much for exhibiting  
at the Wetlands Festival. I greatly  
appreciate your enthusiasm and  
willingness to be a part of this event.

Laurie & Quentin - Thank you for  
leading the Stream Study & Pond Study  
programs. The participation in those  
programs was the best that we ~~had~~ have  
ever had. It's too bad that the Stream  
Program was rained out before you finished.  
I know everyone would have enjoyed getting  
their feet wet!

I have enclosed an evaluation form and look  
forward to your comments so that we can make  
improvements for next year.

Again - Thank you All!! Sincerely -  
Marcia

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1606 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 209  
Richmond, VA 23229-5014

*Handwritten notes:*  
N. E.  
B. Hatcher  
E. J. Humberg  
D. Goff  
AG - Grogg

May 10, 1996

Mr. Earl Cosby, State Conservationist  
USDA, NRCS  
Federal Building, Box 13  
355 East Hancock Avenue  
Athens, GA 30601-2769

Dear Earl:

I'm delighted that your Urban Treehouse project will be one of those featured in the "Legacy of Service" video that NHQ is funding through the National Watershed Coalition and Virginia is coordinating.

Ron Hamilton, the videographer, said that Wendi Kroll did an excellent job of coordinating the on-site arrangements and activities for the filming of that segment.

I hope you're looking forward to the finished product as much as I am. It will be terrific to have a volunteer recruiting tool, as well as having captured the history of service that NRCS has provided over the years to help communities protect and improve their natural resources.

Sincerely,



M. Denise Doetzer  
State Conservationist

CC: Wendi Kroll, PAS, Atlanta





**GWINNETT COUNTY**  
Department of Public Utilities  
(770)822-7171

May 10, 1996

Ms. Laurie Ford  
NRCS AmeriCorps  
1262 Government Way  
Jonesboro, Georgia 30058

Dear Ms. Ford:

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to participate in the Department's third annual Yellow River Environmental Education Day. Over 600 Gwinnett County students, 60 parents, and 20 teachers were given the opportunity to learn, enjoy, and experience nature's most precious natural resource - water. Your support for environmental education in water quality awareness and river ecology is tremendously appreciated. Once again, thank you for your time in sharing your talents and knowledge with the citizens and students of Gwinnett County.

Sincerely,

Steve Cannon  
Adopt-A-Stream Coordinator

cc: Jenny Elste, Assistant Adopt-A-Stream Coordinator  
Cindy Haygood, Program Manager

# Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

Americorps

For your service and contribution  
to the Outdoor Education Center and Nature Trail  
at Austin Road Elementary.

Karen Schreder, A.P.

Melanie M. Jensen, Principal

May 24, 1996

Date





# The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

## MEMO

To: Pam Folks  
~~Jenny Elster~~  
Eric Hager  
Carole Scofield  
Kate Rodgers  
Cindy Roddenberry  
From: Steve Brady *Steu*  
Subject: Butterfly Garden

Date: May 13, 1996

Thank you for helping establish the Butterfly Garden at the Juhan Rd. Facility on Saturday May 11th. I enjoyed the chance to work with you. It was great exercise and a chance for all of us to use our creativity. I can hardly wait to see the pictures (sweat and all). See you at the next project.

### PUTTING KNOWLEDGE TO WORK

The University of Georgia and Ft. Valley State College, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and counties of the state cooperating.  
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In cooperation with the Newman Wetlands Center



**Saturday, May 11, 1996**  
**10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### ***Wetlands Challenge Game***

Play the Wetlands Challenge Game. Learn about wetlands and Win a Prize!  
Look for the Wetlands Challenge Game booth to pick up your game card.

### ***Visit Environmental Exhibitors***

Interact with concerned environmental organizations. Learn why wetlands are important and what these organizations are doing to help protect them.

### ***Banner Contest***

Classes, clubs, and other groups of students grades kindergarten through fifth, express their understanding of wetlands in this contest. View their artwork as you enter the nature preserve.

### ***Treasures From Trash***

Students grades pre-kindergarten through twelve create art from trash. View their creations on display under the pine trees near the parking lot.

### ***Georgia Power Exhibit***

Visit this informative exhibit on wetlands located inside the nature center.

### ***Field Games***

Join in the games. Find out what it is like to be a deer in the forest or a migrating bird in these games played in the big field. Oh Deer! 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30 a.m. Migration Headaches 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, and 3:30 p.m.

### ***Face Painting***

Kids can choose from several wetland plants or animals to have painted on their cheek.

### ***Wetland Animal Hat and Mask Making***

Children can color and wear their favorite wetland animal hat or mask.  
(Inside Nature Center Building)

### ***Sidewalk Chalk Drawing***

Try your hand at drawing your favorite wetland scene, plant, or animal on the asphalt walkway near the nature center stage.

### ***Plant Sale***

Native plants, vegetable and herbs, propagated by the Clayton County Master Gardeners will be available at the historic Huie/Reynolds Barn.

8:30 - 9:30

**Early Morning Bird Walk** - Carol Lambert of the Newman Wetlands Center to lead this walk.

10:45-10:55

**Fabulous Wetlands** - Bill Nye the Science Guy introduces the value and functions of wetlands in this video program. (Nature Center Stage)

11:05-11:20

**Storytelling** with Catherine Seay of the Clayton County Library System. (Nature Center Stage)

11:30-12:00

**Pond Study** A hands on look at some of the animals that may be found in wetlands with Laurie Ford of Americorps/Adopt-A-Stream. (Meet in front of Nature Center Building)

11:45-12:15

**Skeeter Swamp Play** East Clayton Elementary School children present this creative way of learning about wetlands. (Nature Center Stage)

12:30-1:00

**Animal Encounters from the Wetlands**

Zoo Atlanta presents this program on how animal are adapted to life in wetlands. Live animal presentation. (Nature Center Stage)

1:10-1:30

**Presentation of Awards** to Banner Contest and Treasures From Trash Contest winners. (Nature Center Stage)

1:30 - 2:00

**Stream Study** A hands on look at streams with Laurie Ford of Americorps/Adopt-A-Stream. (Meet in front of Nature Center Building)

1:45 - 2:15

**Wetland Walk** Explore a wetland with Butch Register, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. (Meet in front of Nature Center Building).

2:30-3:00

**Animal Encounters From the Wetlands** - (Nature Center Stage)

3:15-3:30

**Fabulous Wetlands**



# EARTHBOND



Mr. Steve Leslie

Dear Mr. Leslie,

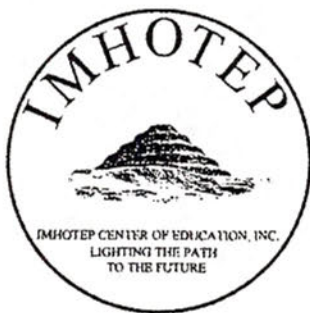
My organization, EarthBond, conducted a water conservation program for the City of Atlanta and the US Environmental Protection Agency on May 25, 1996. Residents of the Empowerment Zone neighborhoods were invited to pick up new ultra low-flow toilets, water efficient showerheads and aerators.

Toni Gomez assisted our project by registering participants, distributing fixtures and providing various other support services. As part of the follow-up process Toni will be involved in a usage study to determine the effectiveness of the program to conserve water. Toni has been a delight to work with, bringing a boundless energy level and a willingness to perform any task. Toni's input has been extremely helpful, we appreciate her efforts and look forward to working with her in the future.

Sincerely,

A cursive handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Larry D. Blackburn".

Larry D. Blackburn  
Executive Director



**Imhotep Center of Education, Inc.**

541 Harwell Road, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30318  
(404) 696-8777  
Fax: (404) 691-5636

May 23, 1996

Dear Sirs:

Ms. Antoinette Gomez has been a volunteer Science Instructor at Imhotep Center of Education during our 1995 - 1996 academic year. She has enlightened our classrooms with her knowledge of nature and our surrounding environment. I have personally observed her presentation which was always fascinating, dynamic and always interactive. Our students always welcomed her and anticipated her next visit. We thank Ms. Gomez for her time, energy and wisdom and look forward to her return.

Sincerely,

*C. Rosenberg*

Ms. C. Rosenberg  
Director



# Certificate of Appreciation

In grateful recognition of your continuing  
service and support we hereby present

Lydia Lazzari

with this certificate of appreciation

Natural Resources Conservation Workshop



On This 13 Day Of June 19 96

# Career Day Speaker

*awarded to*

MS. LYDIA LAZZARI

*presented by*

William J. Scott Elementary School

May 15, 1996

*Josepha James*  
Josepha James



SANDY  
SPRINGS



NORTH  
FULTON

CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL, INC.

Louise McPherson  
Kristin Loomis  
Soil Conservation  
US Department of Agriculture  
7741 Roswell Road, Suite 204  
Atlanta, Georgia 30350

Dear Louise and Kristin:

On behalf of Sandy Springs/North Fulton Clean & Beautiful I would like to thank you for agreeing to judge our Evergreen School competition for 1996. The awards will be presented at our annual Awards Ceremony to be held on October 25, 1996 at the Dunwoody Country Club. At that time you will be recognized for your contribution. You, ofcourse, will receive an invitation to this event.

Please meet us at the R.V. "Dick" Schmalz Recycling Center at 470 Morgan Falls Road at 9:00AM on Thursday, May 23, 1996. After an overview of the judging process, you will visit the schools and then return to the center to judge their scrap books. Please pick up the scrap books at the schools when you visit them. We will provide lunch and you should be finished no later than 2:00PM.

Again, thank you for your commitment to helping us keep Sandy Springs and North Fulton Clean & Beautiful.

Sincerely,

Barbara Mason  
Executive Director  
Fulton Clean & Beautiful

SPELMAN COLLEGE

350 SPELMAN LANE, SW  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30314-4399  
404-681-3643

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

May 13, 1996

Ms. Lydia Lazzari  
Americorps  
1101 Augusta Drive  
Marietta, GA 30067

Dear Ms. Lazzari:

On behalf of the Good Neighbor Partnership Collaborative we would like to thank you for participating in the Harris Homes cleanup on April 25 and 27, 1996 (the 26th was canceled because of rain). It is through the generous giving of individuals in efforts like this that we can lay the foundation for building strong communities.

We would like for you to continue to work with us as we create and establish a Harris Homes Initiative. This Initiative is designed to work with the first graders of the community and will be launched in the Fall.

Again, thank you and your organization for participating in this effort and for giving of yourself for others.

Sincerely,

  
Victoria Durrant-Gonzalez  
Director



To: Kristen

You are a nice  
person and I  
hope we get to  
work with you  
again! Stay Tight!

K.I.T. 761-6017  
Karmen

Joseph Scott

Joe  
Lonsdale  
Lins  
Boelling Jr.

Meghan  
Stephens

Kristen,  
Thanks

THANKS,  
Holly  
Convers

To: Kristen,  
? Quentin,  
You guys have  
been the best.  
Hope to see you  
again!!  
ii

Jia Gray

To: Kristen

THANK YOU

From: April

Scott Elementary School  
Career Day  
May 16, 1996  
Lydia Lazzari



Thank  
you  
for  
text  
The  
Classmate





# **Olympic Clean-Up at Paul D. West Middle School**

**May 21-23, 1996**

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**This work day will include:**

- litter pick-up
- planting
- small shrubs, ground cover, and seedling painting

We will be working with 2-4 classes at time for three days between 9:00 to 11:30, and each class will have about 25 to 30 children.

We need 3-5 people to help for each day, school lunch will be charged but at a \$1.00.

We will also need all the tools we can get to help show the children how to plant for themselves.

Call Quentin Holden at (404) 373- 2984



U.S. Department of Agriculture

NATURAL RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION SERVICE

Bass Recreational Center  
326 Moreland Ave., NE  
Atlanta, GA 30307

# VOLUNTEERS WANTED

## EARTH WEEK

### WORKDAY/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

URBAN TREE HOUSE-APRIL 24, 1996

The project will begin at 8:00 A.M. and end at 5:00 P.M.

Project areas include: a mural, tree house staining/painting, center beautification, tree/grounds maintenance, compost bin construction, raised bed construction, birdhouse construction, community litter clean up, playground restoration, picnic preparation and planting the garden. Project area leaders may be selected.

We anticipate having 5-10 volunteers at each station and rotating to other stations throughout the day. Community residents will be recruited to participate as well as the children who frequent the park and the recreation center. The children will arrive at 2:30 P.M. to assist.

Partners: Hands on Atlanta Corps, NRCS Americorps, Greater Atlanta Community Corps, additional Americorps teams, Kirkwood Neighborhood Association, U.S. Forest Service, Master Gardeners, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Georgia Pacific Corporation, Georgia Forestry Commission, Clark Atlanta University-Center for Environmental Justice, GA Cooperative Extension Service, Park Pride, and the City of Atlanta Bureau of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs.

#### Tentative Schedule

- 8:00- Welcome and Introduction (Donuts, Juice and Coffee served)
- 8:15-8:30- Personal Introductions
- 8:30-9:00-Break into Project Teams
- 9:00-10:30-Begin the project
- 10:30-10:45-Break
- 10:45-12:00-Return to Projects
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch and Guest Speakers Presentation
- 1:00-2:30- Switch Project Areas
- 2:30-2:45 -Break and Arrival of Children
- 2:45-4:00-Return to Projects
- 4:00-4:30-Picnic Time
- 4:30-5:00 Closing Ceremonies and Clean Up



\*If there are any questions, please call 658-6381 (Toni) for directions or 522-4222 (Josh/Will)





A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Allatoona Clean Lakes Task Force Membership

**FROM:** Harry McGinnis 

**SUBJECT:** Lake Allatoona Clean Lakes Task Force Membership List and Minutes of Last Meeting

**DATE:** May 8, 1996

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Thank you for your attendance at the annual Lake Allatoona Clean Lakes Task Force meeting on March 29, 1996. I am enclosing an updated copy of the Task Force Membership list and a copy of the minutes taken at that meeting. Thank you for your continued help and support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call.

HM/cc

Enclosures

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April 2, 1996

Ms. Lydia Lazzari  
Americorps  
c/o USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
1738 County Farm Rd., Suite 275  
Marietta, GA 30060-4012

Dear Lydia:

I wanted to thank you and the Americorps volunteers for your participation and support of the annual Help the Hooch Cleanup and River Awareness Day held on March 23rd. The event was a huge success with more than 75 people volunteering and the collection of 20 tons of trash along the river! Americorps' efforts are greatly appreciated in making this a successful event.

Please give our thanks to all the Americorps volunteers. I look forward to working with you and the Americorps volunteers again in the future.

Sincerely,



Sally Bethea  
Executive Director and Riverkeeper



Dear Laurie,

Thank you so much for  
talking to my classes last Friday.  
My students really enjoyed listening  
to you and have continued to  
express an interest in the stream  
clean up project. - Wish me luck!



LOVEJOY HIGH SCHOOL

1587 McDonough Road  
Lovejoy, Georgia 30250



Ms Laurie Ford  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
1262 Government Circle  
Jonesboro, GA 30237





**GWINNETT COUNTY**  
Department of Public Utilities  
(770)822-7171

May 10, 1996

Ms. Laurie Ford  
NRCS AmeriCorps  
1262 Government Way  
Jonesboro, Georgia 30058

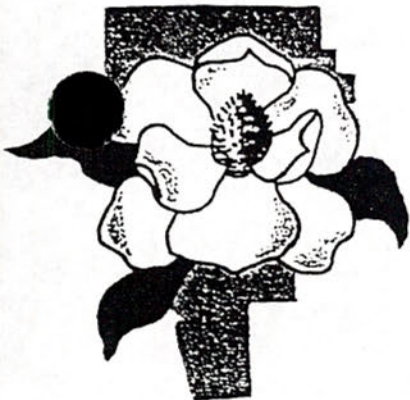
Dear Ms. Ford:

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to participate in the Department's third annual Yellow River Environmental Education Day. Over 600 Gwinnett County students, 60 parents, and 20 teachers were given the opportunity to learn, enjoy, and experience nature's most precious natural resource - water. Your support for environmental education in water quality awareness and river ecology is tremendously appreciated. Once again, thank you for your time in sharing your talents and knowledge with the citizens and students of Gwinnett County.

Sincerely,

Steve Cannon  
Adopt-A-Stream Coordinator

cc: Jenny Elste, Assistant Adopt-A-Stream Coordinator  
Cindy Haygood, Program Manager



# Clayton Clean and Beautiful

9500 S. MAIN STREET

POST OFFICE BOX 833

JONESBORO, GEORGIA 30237/477-5700

April 1, 1996

Ms. Laurie Ford  
Ameri Corp/NRCS  
1262 Government Circle  
Jonesboro, Ga 30236

Dear Laurie:

On behalf of Clayton Clean and Beautiful and I, wish to thank you and your organization for your educational efforts at the River Awareness - Clean the Flint River event.

You made this a successful project because you and your knowledge helped others to understand the importance of the River Awareness project.

We hope that you will plan to attend next years River Awareness Day.

Sincerely,

*Bob Bolia*  
Bob Bolia, President

*Edie P. Yongue*  
Edie P. Yongue,  
Executive Director  
Clayton Clean and Beautiful





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Marietta, GA 30060



USDA  
AMERICORPS TEAM

Phone: 770-528-2218  
Fax: 770-528-2212

EARTH WEEK PROJECT: KRIS KURTZ, LYDIA LAZZARI

WHAT: HARRIS HOMES CLEAN-UP AND BEAUTIFICATION

WHEN: THURSDAY, APRIL 25 9:30 - 4:00

WHERE: 431 LEE STREET, ATLANTA, GA  
MAP ENCLOSED

WHO: MOREHOUSE, SPELMAN, TAP, AHA, AMERICORPS  
*+ community residents*

DETAILS: \* PRUNING AND TRIMMING SHRUBS AND TREES  
\* TRASH PICK UP  
\* URBAN GARDEN PLAN/ PREPARATION  
\* MISCELLANEOUS

PLEASE BRING TOOLS, GLOVES ETC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: DR. GONZALAS (404-215-7797)

CARVER HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

2250 Perry Blvd., NW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

P.O. Box 93947  
Atlanta, Georgia 30377

(404) 794-5195 (O)

(404) 794-5668 (F)

April 22, 1995  
NRCS AmeriCorps,

On behalf of myself and the Carver Hills Neighborhood Association we would like to thank your team for programing and participating in the Earth Day Tree Planting Project. We appreciate your time and hard work. Your token of service plays an important part in the goals of the Carver Hills Initiative.

Thanks,

  
Arnold Weathersby; President



FER TILE GROUND  
You th Gard en ing Pro gram



CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION

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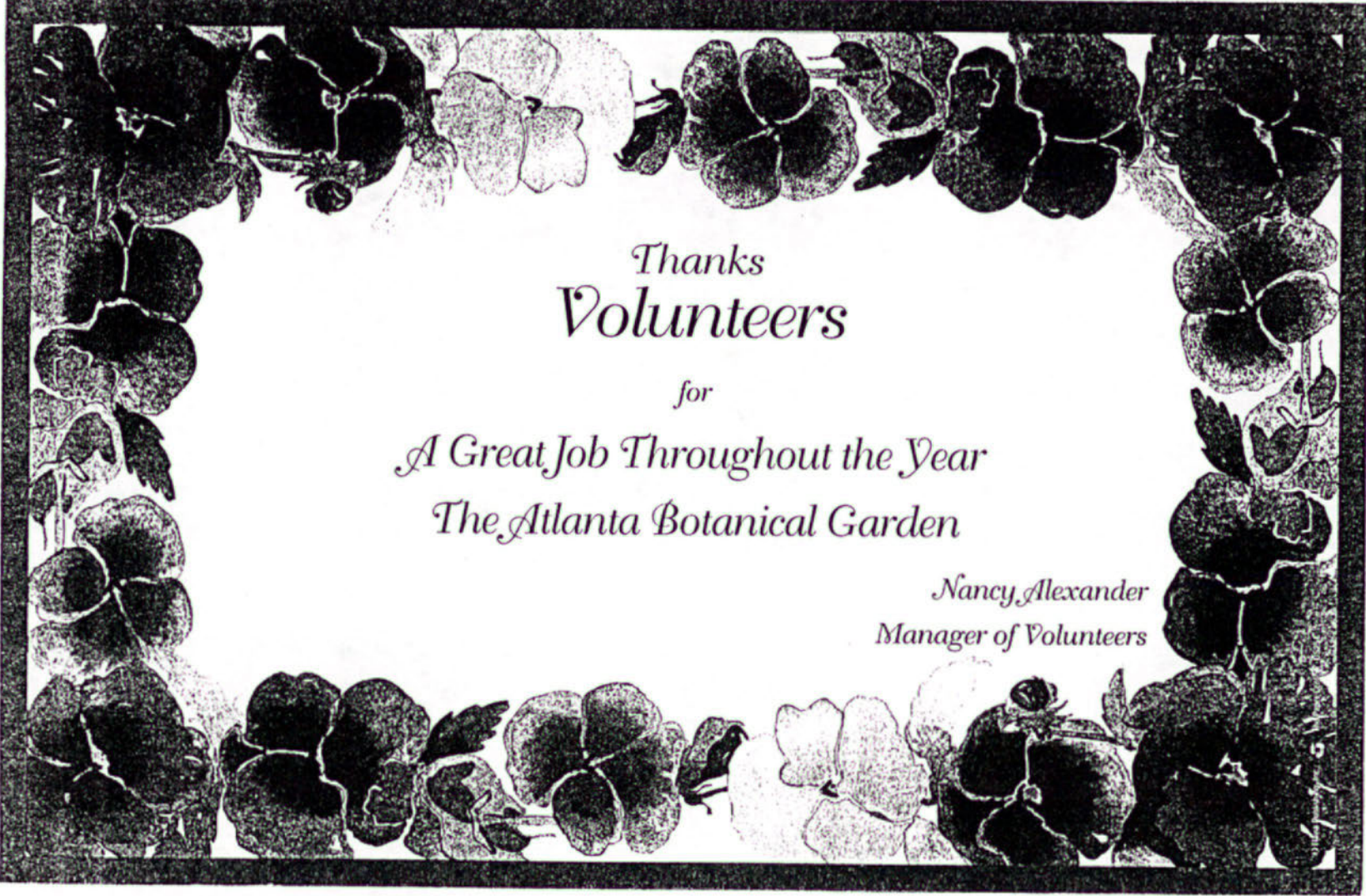
*Lydia Lajjari*

WITH GRATITUDE AND WARMEST THANKS FOR A WEEK OF SKILLED  
AND DEDICATED SERVICE AS A STAFF COUNSELOR IN THE FERTILE  
GROUND SUMMER CAMP. YOU DID A WONDERFUL JOB AND  
CREATED A CAMP OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY. THANK YOU!

*Beckley W Taylor*  
Beckley Wooster Taylor, Director

*June 28, 1996*  
Date





*Thanks  
Volunteers*

*for*

*A Great Job Throughout the Year  
The Atlanta Botanical Garden*

*Nancy Alexander  
Manager of Volunteers*



Thank you  
for your assistance  
and selecting our  
school  
D. Taylor

THANK YOU

DEA

for the Flowers  
Trees!

Natasha  
Lee

Sabrina and  
Cheryl  
Bennett

Angel  
Rutherford

Barry

Patricia

Don L.  
(Hon Lien)

Michael  
Goodson

Christina  
Simmons

Wendy

Hatil  
Harris  
Melissa Thompson

Mrs. Morris

Gregory L. Parker  
Thank you  
Very much

Linda  
B.K.A.  
Lee

Victoria  
Anderson

Jordie  
Pill

Tiffany  
Weaver

Cassandra

Rachel  
Marie  
Grady

Julius

Jumae Hamir  
Cassandra  
Dee

Danora

Jordie  
Pill

A  
Cannon

Ruby  
Thompson

John  
Coleman

Winston  
Allen

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Botello

Michael  
Hamm

Nesha  
B.I.A.  
NEE-NEE  
Neal  
Thal

Ray  
Grove

Shenka  
Harris



WE HAD A GOOD DAY!

YOUR WORKERS WERE SO  
NICE TO US AND HELPED  
US FISH AND HAVE FUN  
AND SEE THE  
BEAVER DAM AT THE LAKE

Thank you for the fish, h  
and the pizza and the fun  
that we had that but  
the best of them all is

The fishing  
Some time & my  
come out that  
Some day

Love

Laurie Jett

Dear Friends

Thank you for the  
walk and helping  
fish.

Thank you for being  
my friend & nice  
to have fun with  
my friends  
Lisa

I liked my day at the  
lake. I've never  
seen a beaver dam  
before.

Thank you for the  
fishing & the rap  
and pizza.

Yours nice!

MW





October 13, 1994

The Honorable Thomas Harkin  
United States Senate  
531 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Harkin:

We write to inform you of the tremendous boost Silos & Smokestacks has received in the placement of AmeriCorps Members. The United States Department of Agriculture, through the rural development efforts of the Soil Conservation Service, has placed five very talented professionals in Waterloo for the next year.

Their work will increase Iowa's tourism economy during the Sesquicentennial, and for years to come.

Most of our AmeriCorps Members have advanced degrees. Each brings an excellent combination of education and experience to their job assignments. They will be involved in developing 1) a regional travel guide, 2) audio cassette tapes for self-guided auto tours, 3) farm tours, 4) countryside and nature trail interpretation, 5) an education/demonstration farm, and 6) a public market which will also serve as a visitors center. They are also assisting in planning and fund-raising for projects with four county conservation boards and three historical organizations.

We consider AmeriCorps to be a great public investment for three reasons:

First, the AmeriCorps Members really are giving of themselves. Those assigned to us are worth more than they are paid. The fact that they forgo income, at a time when they often have education debt, speaks highly of their motivation to serve the nation.

Secondly, the AmeriCorps Members are not encumbered by agency traditions and job protection concerns. Their freedom from bureaucracy makes them far more productive in "getting things done." Frankly the dollars invested in AmeriCorp appear to be many times more productive than technical assistance funded through career professionals in some other federal agencies.

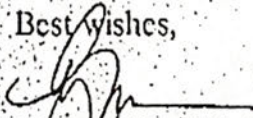


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Thank you for your support for this initiative.

Best wishes,



Thomas B. Gallaher, jr. CIP AICP  
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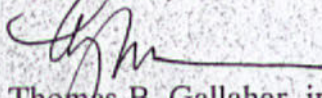


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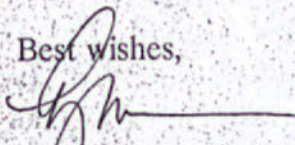


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# COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH TAMA COUNTY

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May 28, 1995

Michelle Wilson  
515 N. Jefferson, STE G  
Indianola, Iowa 50125-1700

Dear Mrs. Wilson,

It is really difficult to know where to start with this thank you note. You have provided us with an incredible amount of information, time, materials, resource people, and support. With your assistance we were able to take the unit beyond the focus of the river to cover a much more important concept--the whole watershed.

We really appreciate the assistance that you gave us before and during the field trips. Thank you so much for bringing the watershed model to us. We do feel badly that we couldn't get it to work. The pelts and feathers that you brought to wetlands really excited the students.

We thank you for helping bring together community resources and education. We believe that more of this needs to be done to help children see the connections between what they are learning and what is out in "the real world."

We hope that you will be willing to work with us again next year. Again, thank you for all of your assistance.

Sincerely,

*Nancy Russell*

Nancy Russell  
Reading

*Beth Neff*

Beth Neff  
Math

*Roger Avery*

Roger Avery  
Science

*Jerry Zeihan*

Jerry Zeihan  
Social Studies

*Larry Fletcher*

Larry Fletcher  
Language Arts

*Margaret Happe*

Margaret Happe  
Resource



419A

Cindy,

Thanks for helping us  
at Lake Iowa this spring.  
your contributions have  
made a difference to the  
kids and to me. I  
appreciate it.

Maria Koshmeder



# Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts

802 W. Bannock, Hoff Building, Suite 1006  
P.O. Box 2637  
Boise, ID 83701  
(208) 338-5900

(208) 338-9537 FAX

April 5, 1996

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J. Kent Foster

Eugene Andreuccetti  
Regional Conservationist  
West Regional Office  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
650 Capitol Mall, Room 6072  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Gene:

I just wanted to enclose a copy of a letter I received from an AmeriCorps member, regarding Idaho's Home\*A\*Syst Project. It is always good to hear positive comments from the people directly involved as I know they are working very hard to make this project successful.

I feel that our partnership with NRCS in using 15 AmeriCorps members to promote and implement the Home\*A\*Syst Project in Idaho is working well, and has accomplished much to date.

We appreciate the high priority status and funding support that the NRCS (National Headquarters) has given the AmeriCorps program. Please let us know if there is anything IASCD can do in this area, so our partnership effort can be kept strong.

Sincerely,



Rod B. Robison  
President

RR:mr

enc:

cc: Paul Johnson, NRCS  
Paula Jones, NRCS  
Luana Kiger, NRCS  
Joel Berg, U.S. Dept. Of Ag.  
Wayne Faude, SCC  
Kent Foster, IASCD



Ms. Shalna Jensen  
Regional Home\*A\*Syst Coordinator  
USDA NRCS  
3244 Elder Street  
Boise, ID 83705-4711

3 April 1996

Mr. Rod Robison  
President, IASCD  
263 East 4th North  
Rexburg, ID 83440-1659

Dear Mr. Robison,

I graduated from college in August of 1995. And in the similar position of the vast majority of my friends, I assumed that the job I would find would be similar to what I was doing before I acquired an amazing education and twenty thousand dollars in loans. I soon acquired the illustrious title of bartender, spending my free time (the daylight hours) with my seemingly more intelligent friends who were still in the safety of college life. While skimming the classifieds at work, I happened across an opening for an AmeriCorps position in Idaho, a job that was actually under the field of study that I had graduated in. I phoned, I applied, and in November of this past year I moved everything via U-Haul and started a position under the NRCS State office in Boise, Idaho, as a member of the Idaho Home\*A\*Syst program.

I now have what my parents refer to as a "real job." But I have a great deal more than just a job -- the AmeriCorps program is founded on the ideals of service to a community in need, a need that otherwise will not be filled. It is one thing to have a job; it is quite another to not only enjoy your job, but to believe in it as well. I would like to share with you the responses we have had from some of our project's members in regards to their experiences thus far:

"The primary way that I have benefited (from this project) is to have my belief in the individual restored. As an individual, I can make an impact. It may not be historic or awe-inspiring, but it does make a difference."

"Most of all, I am learning about humankind's influence on the environment and how to protect my family and others from the consequences of bad management practices, how to make a positive difference in someone's life, and how to take an active part in solving community concerns."

"I have learned that I can be a part of the solution to the needs of the country."

"I have had the opportunity to stay in the conservation field of study and to contribute all I have to preserve and enhance the environment."

"AmeriCorps has given me the opportunity to be involved in a program where Americans become involved in their community to improve quality of life...individuals with different ethnic backgrounds and from different walks of life in a united effort to improve other's lives."

The AmeriCorps program involves the integration of experience, interest, and service. The Home\*A\*Syst program is centered around the notion of encouraging the sustainable and safe usage of a vital, nonrenewable resource in communities of greater need. As an agenda that I have not only acquired academic experience, but one that I feel passionately about, AmeriCorps has offered me a remarkable experience.

At this time in the renewal process for our program, I would ask that you take my reflections, as well as those from several other fellow Home\*A\*Syst program members, into consideration.

I would also ask that you take into consideration the success of the program thus far. Contacts within communities in the outreach stage of this project have been phenomenal (please see attached chart). The target contact number for the program's full course was 600; to date, that number is 42,669. The project reached an anticipated number of 145 for the number of homeowners to install corrective measure(s) and/or take corrective action(s). Thus far, less than half way through the program, that number has reached 62 (it should be noted that this number should at the least reach three times the projected goal by the end of the project as members are just receiving finalized materials now). Members have also been involved in a number of other community activities, from assisting in the flooding in the North, to environmental education for children. All members have been very active in the planning of their respective Water Awareness Weeks, and many are playing crucial roles on their committees.

Following are a few such additional projects taken on by AmeriCorps members in our program:

"I have been working on a project with EWP in helping out with the devastating effects of the flood damage. Already, some restorative work has been done in the Juliaetta area. Rock rip-rap has been emplaced to stabilize erosive stream banks where structures are threatened. Rock barbs have been constructed to alter the erosive point-of-direction within the stream channels. These structures should do much to mitigate flood damage from future events for many years to come." [all five northern Idaho members, as well as three from the southeast, have participated in EWP teams]

"I have been working with Payette county sixth graders, presenting ground water flow models and explaining the program and the importance of conserving and protecting ground water supplies."

"I have been working on organizing a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Payette county. It now looks as though we'll start with a Community Clean-Up Day similar to the one held in Kuna, involving the four counties that use Clay Peak Landfill, to serve as a "warm-up" for a HHWC Day." [four AmeriCorps members have initiated hazardous waste collection days in their respective counties]

"I have been involved with the Aid for Friends Shelter organization, which a state AmeriCorps program has been doing. It is similar to the Habitat for Humanity project, in that we re-built a facility badly damaged by fire. It was a very dirty job and I have a few nail scars to prove I was there. My goal with this project was just to provide community service for a good cause."

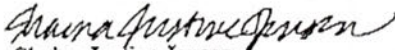
The Home\*A\*Syst program is constructed in an educational outreach format, with assistance and technical support provided for homeowners to institute positive change for the health of their family, surrounding families, and the environment. A great deal of our members' time thus far has been dedicated to the initial phase of the program -- awareness and outreach. It is only now that we are really getting our foot in the door, getting the word out, and getting things done. The first round of finalized materials was printed two weeks ago; the next round should be done in the following two weeks. To cut the program off in August would be to kill the program in its full swing. The incredible efforts of your fifteen AmeriCorps members would serve little use, aside from the education and implementation during the course of their service. There will be no one to make the crucial personal contacts, or take the vital step of personal assistance with the individual homeowner.



To refuse submittal for the application for renewal will clearly kill the Home\*A\*Syst program. But it will also be sending a message -- to the AmeriCorps members, to the NRCS, to cooperating agencies, to DC, and to the community. Re-submission of the proposal for the program does not guarantee its renewal. But to not even give it the opportunity -- to not give us that opportunity -- would simply be a great shame.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Shaina Justine Jensen

cc: Ms. Luana Kiger, State Conservationist, NRCS  
Mr. David DeTullio, Assistant State Conservationist, NRCS  
Mr. Kent Foster, Executive Director, IASCD

## QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE GOALS

| State | OP Site | Obj. No. | PGM Code | Obj/Impact Statement                                                                      | Year's QTY Target | QTY Unit of Measure                                           | To Date Quantity | Year's Success Target | Success Unit of Measure                                                            | To Date Success |
|-------|---------|----------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| ID    | Y16A    | 1        | EN-E150  | Awareness and exposure to the Home*A*Syst program.                                        | 600               | # made aware                                                  | 42,669           | 400 (66%)             | % of farmers who are exposed and agree to participate.                             | 282             |
| ID    | Y16A    | 2        | EN-E093  | Home owner requests assessment package.                                                   | 360               | # packets disseminated.                                       | 244              | 180 (50%)             | % of farmers who use initiate an assessment.                                       | 165             |
| ID    | Y16A    | 3        | EN-E114  | Installation of corrective measures and/or taking of corrective action by the home owner. | 145               | # implementing positive change (environmental/water quality). | 62               | 145 (100%)            | # of home owners who install corrective measures and/or take corrective action(s). | 62              |



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September 20, 1994  
REED FOREST SERVICE

SEP 2 / 1994

CHIEF'S OFFICE

Jack Ward Thomas  
Chief, U.S. Forest Service  
Auditor Bld, 201 14th St.  
S.W. Independence AVE  
Washington, D. C. 20250

Dear Sir,

I am the IAAR for the Americorps N.C.C.C crews from Aberdeen, Maryland and acted as the representative for the South Carolina Crew for several days during our stay at the Thunderbolt Fire Complex northeast of Cascade Idaho.

We would like to express our appreciation to all of the overhead personnel at the complex for making our 14 day assignment one to be remembered for a lifetime.

We sat down with I.C. Kim Martin and described the N.C.C.C. program and the objectives we hoped to reach. This was not only to be a hands on experience but an opportunity to observe or participate in all aspects of western wildfire suppression. Mr. Martin and his Type II team saw to it that all of our objectives were met including experiences in collecting field weather data, hand line construction, mop-up, rehab, a two night spike and the opportunity to participate in administrative and planning sessions.

The Thunderbolt Base Camp is the most efficiently operated complex we have ever experienced. Housing, food, ground transportation, and communications were top caliber. Each and every staff member went out of there way to meet the needs of all the fire fighters.

Safety was of primary concern for all and each of our N.C.C.C. "students" had a great experience and left with a feeling of accomplishment and an appreciation for the difficult tasks faced by the thousands of wild land fire fighters who do this each year.

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PRESERVATION

*Dan A. Schrock*  
Dan A. Schrock  
Michigan DNR  
23737 Park Island Trail  
Atlanta, Michigan 49709



# Pike County Farm Bureau

PO Box 6 Pittsfield IL 62363  
217-285-2233

June 19, 1996

Mr. Bill McCartney  
Two Rivers RC&D  
110 East Fayette  
Pittsfield IL 62363

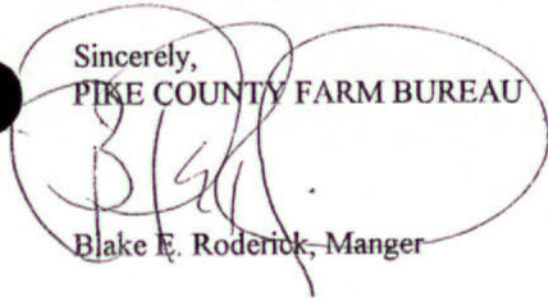
Dear Bill:

I want to commend and thank the AmeriCorps team members who worked at the Pike County Farm Bureau removing brush along the drainage ditch and around the building.

They did a marvelous job and it is very much appreciated.

Please pass along our sincere thanks to Susie, Gary, Joann, and Mike.

Sincerely,  
PIKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

  
Blake E. Roderick, Manger

cc: Jim Koeller, President, Pike County Farm Bureau



# Village of Golden

Golden, Ill. 62339



June 10, 1996

Two Rivers Resource Conservation & Development  
110 E. Fayette  
Pittsfield, Illinois 62363

Dear Sir:

The Village of Golden Board of Trustees sincerely appreciates the painting of the inside of the Golden Cemetery Mausoleum by the Americorps Team.

The team performed the task well and completed it before Memorial Day Week-end.

The Village Board is looking forward to your help in future projects.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Bill Cassens  
Village Trustee



Brown Elementary School  
4850 Market Avenue  
Centreville, Illinois 62207

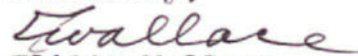
Members of Americore  
601 James Thompson Blvd.  
East St. Louis, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

The students, staff and faculty of the Brown Elementary School take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank you for the program you presented at our school.

The tree cuttings were greatly appreciated and we are encouraging our students to take care of them and to be more aware of their outside surroundings.

Sincerely,



Elitor Wallace  
Principal



Harvesting Hope, AmeriCorps Team  
Mason County FSA  
P.O. Box 107  
Havana, IL 62644

Phone (309) 543-2582

May 10, 1996

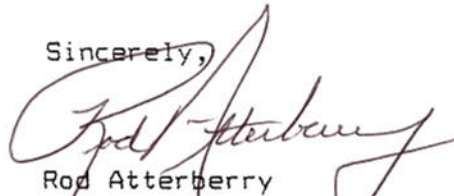
Florine Johnson  
State Community College  
601 J.R. Thompson Boulevard  
East St. Louis, IL 62201

Dear Florine,

It was a pleasure meeting with you. We enjoyed the tour of your project area. The park you created was very impressive, it just goes to show that a lot of hard work can really make a difference. We hope the Harvesting Hope program will be as successful.

Thank you again for your time and the tour, we'll keep in touch.

Sincerely,

  
Rod Atterberry

  
Jennifer Clark

  
Mary Catherine Peters



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April 18, 1996

USDA AmeriCorps  
601 J.R.Thompson Blvd.  
E. St. Louis, IL 62201

Attn: Florine Johnson  
Project Manager

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Thank you for the collection of can goods that your program collected for Cosgrove's Kitchen. It will help us in our ministry of helping the poor by feeding the hungry. Every day we have many people who come to our kitchen for food who probably would not have a meal that day. We count on generous people like you to assist us in this good work.

Gratefully,

Ray Berkel  
Store Manager



City of East Saint Louis  
Public Works Department

MAY 31 1996

613 North 20th Street  
East Saint Louis, Illinois 62205

JESSE WALKER, Director

Telephone: (618) 482-6843  
Fax : (618) 482-6649

May 30, 1996

Ms. Florine Johnson  
Americorp, Inc.  
601A James R. Thompson  
East St. Louis, IL 62201

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Unfortunately, City of East St. Louis was faced with another flood disaster. The preparations entailed emergency planning and cooperation from all participants to complete the task in a timely manner. The Americorp was truly on a "God Sent Mission," for the City of East St. Louis, Illinois. As a result, we were able to assist many citizens during the flood disaster.

Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks for the assistance Americorp gave, to the citizens of City of East St. Louis, during the flood disaster.

Again, we thank you, Ms. Johnson and the Americorp team.

Sincerely,

Jesse Walker,  
Director of Public Works



JUN 06 1996



## COMPREHENSIVE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

An Ideal Partnership Program of Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House  
1045 State Street  
East St. Louis, IL 62205  
phone: (618) 875-2211  
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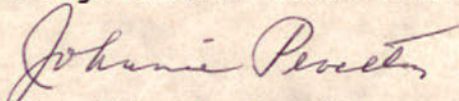
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May 29, 1996

Stacy Krell  
Manpower  
#9 Executive Drive  
Fairview Heights, Il. 62208

Dear Employer:

Thank you very much for the assistance rendered to the Comprehensive Child Development Program at the recent East St. Louis Job Fair. Your cooperation and the assistance of our collaborating agencies insured the success of our recent event. On behalf of our parent Agency, The Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and CCDP...our heartfelt thanks.

  
Mrs. Johnnie Penelton

Program Director

A project related to the National Division  
of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church

UNITED WAY AGENCY  
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

# *Parkside Neighborhood Corp.*

6919 Melody Lane  
East St. Louis, IL 62203  
(618) 398-7609

April 22, 1996

Americorps  
Attn: Mrs Florine Johnson  
8300 State St.  
East ST. Louis, Il. 62203

Dear Mrs. Johnson,

Words can.t express our gratitude,for your organization help.Our community has expressed there(THANKS), For your help landscaping the corner on 68/th and state st. We look forward to working with you soon.Please give our thanks to all of the (Hard)working people that helped us.Our city is blessed to have Americorps.We need you!

Sincerly,  
Victoria Clay Pres:  
Charlene Fenderson,Sec:

*Victoria Clay*  
*Charlene Fenderson*





## "NETWORKING FOR FOOD SECURITY"

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June 18, 1996

Florine Johnson  
Americorps  
State Community College  
601 J.R. Thompson Blvd.  
East St. Louis, Illinois 62201

Dear Florine,

Some of us are still waiting for the sun, but that doesn't mean our work doesn't shine! It is time to say **thank you** for participating in the Illinois Hunger Coalition's 1996 Community Garden Project.

I am pleased to report to you that we have helped 1,639 families start gardens this spring, close to twice our number from just one year ago. Now if most of those tiny seeds and little plants grow as well as this project, what a bountiful harvest it will be. And this just plain would not happen without local sponsors such as yourself.

We can all feel good about our work, providing people with some of what they need to help themselves. At the Hunger Coalition, we know that the 35,000 plants and 15,000 packs of seeds we have provided will certainly grow tons of food. This alone is a worthy accomplishment. But what we hope is that our Community Garden Project will also help grow a sense of community among the participants, the kind of feeling which makes it easier to communicate and organize more self-help ideas and actions.

That's part of what we mean when we say "Let's Grow Some Hope!"

Again, thank you for your active interest and assistance in this project. May we reap what we sow.

Sincerely,

Doug Kamholz  
1996 Community Garden Coordinator

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THE JANE ADDAMS CONFERENCE  
*A women's leadership program in international relations*

January 16, 1996

Ms. Carzella C. Pritchett  
 USDA Americorps  
 Kennicott Park  
 4434 South Lake Park  
 Chicago, Illinois 60653

Dear Carzella,

You would be able to cover your office walls with thank you notes if we sent you one each time you worked with us during the past year. You and your staff were most generous each time we called upon you. And there were even times when you called to offer us help. On behalf of the Jane Addams West Side Green Belt, I want you to know how much we appreciate all of you. It is obvious that you love the environment and, by your example, you encourage other people to be stewards of the environment. We are proud to have you as our friends in this important work.

1996 is going to be a very good year. May all your goals meet with success!

Sincerely yours,

Gwendolyn Moreland  
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March 1, 1996

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Carzella Pritchett  
USDA AmeriCorps  
4424 South Lake Park  
Chicago, IL 60653

Dear Carzella:

Thanks for all your support. It has been a pleasure working with you and the AmeriCorps volunteers. Everyone has been wonderful.

Just wanted to express my appreciation to you and the volunteers, as today is my last day at The Nature Conservancy.

To date, you and I have not had the opportunity to meet in person. Oh, but what a great relationship we have developed via that magnificent machine, the telephone. On the other hand, the volunteers and I, the kids and the teachers at the various schools have spent quite a bit of time together. And I must say that everyone expresses the most highest regard for these very special people, especially the children.

The TNC/AmeriCorps partnership has worked well in the past, and for sure it is getting better all the time.

You're a very special administrator, and again, thank you so very much for your support.

Sincerely,

Erni King

# Customer Service Comments

Record comments that you hear.  
Record Specifics  
Quantify  
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Your Analysis  
Etc.

One of our Americorp Volunteers

Akeya Balen

delivered an impromptu  
program (the material intensive  
Nature Below Zero, no less ...)

to a group of students that  
were staying later at the  
museum and couldn't go to  
other areas because of school group  
The teacher and students were  
very pleased, and we got many  
thanks & compliments afterwards  
Thanks again!

Add to Binder

From Chicago Academy of Science



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One of our Americorp Volunteers  
Angie Parrish  
Overcame her fear of snakes  
(had never touched one before!)  
When, in a situation that no  
one else was available, she  
wrapped Fred around her neck  
and delivered the program  
"Real Reptiles" for 45 minutes!

Go Angie!  
Talk about brave...

**Add to Binder**

From Chicago Academy Of Science

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SHITAL Patel, the team leader of our Americorps volunteers & a graduate student in Chem agreed to stay ~~later~~ 3 hours later than his regular schedule after learning that Pam Patterson would be out sick on Tuesday March 19. He was able to run all floor programming without staff assistance for over 2 hours, for which we are very grateful.

Add to Binder

From Chicago Academy of Science



IL X17B

March 19, 1996

Florine Johnson  
601 J. R. Thompson Blvd.  
East St. Louis, IL 62201

Dear Florine Johnson:

I want to thank you and the AmeriCorps workers for the wonderful job they did in helping us establish a mini park in my neighborhood in the honor of my son, who has passed away. This project as been a God send to me and the local residents.

I want to commend your AmeriCorps workers on the fine work they have performed on our behalf.

The AmeriCorps members have exhibited excellent work habits, and we would be very happy to welcome them back at any time, and I would recommend their services to others.

Thank you AmeriCorps for making a dream a reality!

Sincerely,

  
Izola Lumus  
Resident

IL X17C

PO Box 305  
Nebo, Ill. 62355

November 27, 1995

Bill McCartney  
Two Rivers R C & D  
130 South Madison Street  
Pittsfield, Ill. 62363

Dear Bill:

I wanted to write to thank you and the Americorps Workers for the outstanding job they did in helping us get ready for our first Whitetail Days at Nebo. There was no way we could have been ready without their much appreciated help. This program has been a Godsend to our community, not only for Whitetail Days but the many time they have been here when we needed them in the past. I certainly hope this program continues in the future. Please express our sincere appreciation to those great young people who were here and worked so hard. We will not forget their hard work and their pleasant attitudes.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,



Kenneth L. Hubbard  
Vice-President

KLH/ch  
cc: File



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# Pleasant Hill Community Unit School

DISTRICT NO. 3  
Pleasant Hill, Illinois 62366  
(217) 734-2311

DONALD H. PEEBLES  
Unit Superintendent  
Elementary Principal  
JAMES E. HEAFNER  
High School Principal  
ELLEN LOWE  
Guidance Counselor

December 4, 1995

William McCartney  
Two Rivers R.C. & D.  
130 South Madison Street  
Pittsfield, IL 62363

Dear Mr. McCartney:

I am writing to compliment your Americorp workers on the fine work they have performed on our behalf.

They have cleared and trimmed several acres of timber and brush enabling us to be able to keep the acreage mowed in the future. They have also created several brushpiles for the use of the local wildlife.

The Corp members have exhibited excellent work habits, punctuality, and camaraderie. We would welcome them back at any time and would recommend their services to others.

Sincerely,

Donald Peebles

Donald Peebles  
Superintendent

FRANKLIN COUNTY FOOD PANTRY  
410 WEST MAIN STREET  
WEST FRANKFORT, IL 62896  
(618) 932-3028

July 26, 1996

Rod Atterberry  
Mason County FSA  
930 E. Laurel Avenue  
Havana, IL 62644

Dear Mr. Atterberry:

On behalf of the Franklin County Food Pantry and the residents of Franklin County, I would like to thank you for the fresh vegetables that have been available for distribution.

Franklin County has been hit hard by unemployment. The food that you have provided us with is a blessing to so many people. We are looking forward to helping more people in the future with this food distribution.

Again, I would like to say thank you and may your efforts be blessed and continue on.

Sincerely,

*P.S. JENNIFER OXFORD is doing a  
GREAT JOB.*

Helen Williams, Coordinator  
Franklin County Food Pantry

HW:klr

*Helen E. Williams*



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~~REVEREND CONSUELLA YORK, Pastor~~

September 29, 1995

U.S.D.A. - Americorp  
4434 South Lake Park Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60653

Dear Sirs:

It is with great appreciation, overwhelming amazement and joy beyond measure, that I write this letter to all who are responsible for the finest group of workers I've seen in a long time.

One of our faithful members informed me of your group through a relative and when they came to our Church and premises and worked with skill, sincerity and efficiency, and completed every assignment given I was so elated. Having employed hundred of young and old persons, some for regular pay and some to help their secular work, let me assure you, your group of workers excel them all. The other amazing thing was that the Supervisor, Mrs. Carzella Pritchett worked side by side with the workers, doing the something that she asked them to do, and it was perfect harmony.

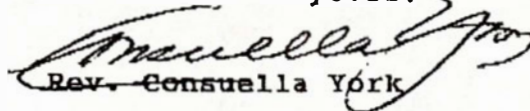
I was not aware that such a government agency was at work in our city and was available to our community. I am so honored that they were permitted to help us clean-up our community and Church surroundings.

Thanks again and again, for I truly know that this was a blessing from the Lord, and an upbuilding of those who are a part of your program. All of them are to be commended and I know that with this kind of performance, whatever phase of secular or social they pursue, they will be the best.

If permissible I would like to ask that if this group and their Supervisor, Mrs. Pritchett be able to come again and share with us, as we seek to maintain and upbuild with cleanliness our environment and Church vicinity.

My prayers and those of our congregation are with you and every person who are a part of your group.

Humbly, appreciatively and prayerfully  
yours,

  
Rev. Consuella York

# VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

Clayton, Illinois 62324

September 5, 1995

USDA AmeriCorps  
Two Rivers RC&D  
110 East Fayette  
Pittsfield Il 62363

Attn: Bill McCartney

The Clayton Village Board wishes to thank you for the work done for the Village of Clayton.

Your people painted and numbered 36 fire hydrants for the Village and done a very nice job and were very nice to work with.

We appreciate the help.

Thanks Again,

VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

*Ron Huber*

Village Board,  
Ron Huber Pres.



## Village of Brussels

Sarah A. Kinder, Mayor  
P.O. Box 84  
Brussels, IL 62013

Raymond Menke, Clerk  
P.O. Box 43  
Brussels, IL 62013

September 12, 1995

Mr. Bill McCartney  
Two Rivers RC & D  
110 East Fayette  
Pittsfield, IL 62363

Dear Mr. McCartney,

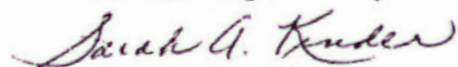
On behalf of the Village of Brussels I would like to express my appreciation for the job Darlene Ivarson and Starr McDaniles completed on the jail in town. The fresh coat of paint perked it up and their creativity led to an interesting display inside. The jail display is available on weekends when the area shops are open. The overall effect has created much positive conversation and tourist interest. A rustic sign is being made and is planned to be hung by October 1st. I have enclosed pictures for your reference. Please share them with Starr and Darlene with my gratitude.

Darlene also faxed a rough draft of a Community Highlights brochure. I have since made some revisions and referred it to a local computer technician. He has embellished her original layout and the board will be making considerations on the brochure at this month's meeting. I appreciate her efforts which encouraged me to follow through on the idea.

I apologize that I was not available to receive the plaque for the jail rehabilitation project. It will be displayed along with the sign and Brussels history narrative on the jail door.

Thank you again for the efforts of the Rural Development Team and the AmeriCorps program.

Sincerely,

  
Sarah A. Kinder  
Mayor

Village Board

## Village of Nebo

P.O. Box 237A  
Nebo, IL 62355

VIN FIZ



July 12, 1995

Two Rivers RC&D  
Bill McCartney  
Pittsfield, Illinois

IN REGARDS: USDA AMERICORPS

The Village Board would like to express to you and the workers of Americorps how much we appreciate the help they gave our community.

The profile they did on our community was excellent and we intend to pass out copies on Vin Fiz Day and during the Color Tour.

The days the workers spent in Nebo doing anything they were asked to do and doing the job well not only saved our Village a lot of money it also improved the looks of our Village and we have received many compliments.

They were respectful of the property they were on and acted in a respectful manner.

We were very grateful for the time and energy they gave our community and we hope the program can be continued to help Villages such as ours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth P. ...', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Village President  
Village Board Trustees





July 17, 1995

Bill McCartney  
Two Rivers Resource Conservation and Development  
110 E. Fayette St.  
Pittsfield, IL 62363

RE: Note of appreciation for services provided by Americorps volunteers

Dear Bill:

On behalf of the Adams County Highway Department, the Adams County 9-1-1 Department, Klingner & Associates and Poepping, Stone, Bach and Associates, I would like to express our thanks to you and your Americorps volunteers for assisting Adams County with the field verification portion of our countywide addressing project. We have found your people to be enthusiastic and dedicated to completing the tasks assigned. They were also able to make adjustments while in the field to discrepancies in some of the maps provided them. As project manager for the countywide addressing initiative, I soon learned to feel confident that final field information returned to our office was well documented with very few errors or inconsistencies.

Your volunteers also helped fill a manpower gap faced in the project. 1995 has been a very busy year for county, city and local engineering staffs and we would have been hard pressed to find enough people to complete field verification on schedule. Your offer of volunteers was extremely timely and was exactly what the county needed to bridge our manpower gap.

From our standpoint, we would like to see the Americorps program continued, if possible. Americorps is an excellent win-win type of program that provides volunteers with valuable practical experience and college credits while at the same time providing valuable benefits to local communities. We'd like to thank you again for your service and want you to know we have really appreciated our partnership with your Americorps team.

Very truly yours,

KLINGNER & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

*Mark Warren*

Mark Warren, Geographic Information Specialist

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CC: Dick Klusmeyer, Adams County Engineer  
Cathy Brogdon, Adams County 9-1-1 Coordinator  
Pat Poepping and Tom Hickman, PSBA

**KLINGNER**  
& ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Consulting Engineers

□ 613 Broadway, Quincy, Illinois 62301

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# TRI-STATE FOOD BANK, INC.

801 E. Michigan Street • Evansville, Indiana 47711-5631 • 812-425-0775 • FAX 425-0776

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August 6, 1996

Mason County SSA  
Mr. Roy Atterberry  
930 E. Laurel Avenue  
Havana, Illinois 62644

Dear Mr. Atterberry

It has been the pleasure of the Tri-State Food Bank to work with the USDA/FSA Americorps Harvesting Hope project.

The project generated over 6 tons of produce that we were able to distribute to agencies serving the needy. It is our hope that the project continues.

The Americorps team was always helpful and good to work with.

If there is anyway we at Tri-State can be of further service, please do not hesitate to call us.

Sincerely,

G. Thomas Moor, Operations Director  
for the Tri-State Food Bank





STATE OF KANSAS  
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & PARKS

Operations Office  
512 SE 25th Avenue  
Pratt, KS 67124-8174  
316/672-5911 FAX 316/672-6020



March 6, 1996

Joel Berg  
Director of National Service  
U. S. Department of Agriculture  
Ag. Box 1301  
Washington, DC 20250-1301

Dear Mr. Berg:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to allow Kansas, and specifically the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, to be associated with the USDA Americorps program. Those crews who served for the Natural Resources Conservation Service on flood-related projects at our reservoirs have been particularly beneficial. These crews have completed many projects with tremendous long-term resource and economic benefits. Kansas' natural resources, our state parks, our wildlife areas, and our citizens will derive many benefits for years to come from the service provided by these individuals.

While these individuals have accomplished much, there is much more that must be accomplished. If possible, we would like you to consider renewing commitments to allow these existing crews to continue their efforts next fiscal year. Due to restructuring within the Department, which was effective March 10, 1996, Americorps coordination for the Department has been reassigned from Mr. Robert Barbee to Region 4 Parks Supervisor Alan Stark (Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29th St. N., Wichita, KS 67220 316-683-8069). You should be receiving documents soon from Mr. Stark concerning the support these crews will have. Should any additional crews be available, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks would be greatly interested in discussing future possibilities with you.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and again for the opportunity to be associated with this fine program. I hope it was as beneficial for the members who served as it was for Kansas.

Sincerely,

  
Rob Manes  
Assistant Secretary for Operations

kp  
cc: Jerry Hover  
Alan Stark  
Robert Barbee  
File: 807.c

June 24, 1996

Jim Meisenheimer  
Kansas USDA/AmeriCorps  
760 South Broadway  
Salina, KS 67401-4642

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of May 28 in regard to the three days that the AmeriCorps members were in Elk Falls. I am enclosing a news release which you can add to your files or show some of the members.

We especially want to thank you as well as Larry Ballou, Jenny Halstead, Bree Endule, Melinda Owens and all of the young people who contributed to this worthwhile community project. The restoration of the historic iron truss bridge was a real challenge.

We hope that you and any of the AmeriCorps team who happen to drive through Elk Falls will drop in and look us up from time to time and bring your families. You have made a significant contribution to the preservation of history and an historical landmark.

Sincerely,



Paul E. Bocquin, Board Member & Secretary  
Friends of Elk Falls Association

cc:

Katrina Hine, AmeriCorps Project Representative



May 6, 1994

Dear Mrs. Hines,

Thank you for showing your hats to me.

Thank you for letting me see your video.

I like to see your hat and video.

Your friend

Monica Castore

May 6, 1996

Dear Mrs. Hines,

Thanking for coming. ~~stl~~ I like <sup>your</sup> job. We hope you

come back next year

Your friend,

Steven Landritze



May 6, 1996

Dear Mrs. Hines,

Thank you for coming. I liked your  
peach. Thank you for the Wetlands  
book.

Your friend,

Josh Matney

4-15-96

Mrs. Hine.

Thank you so much for visiting us on April 5th. We really enjoyed it. I received lots of positive comments. The sixth grade received some valuable info on future careers. I think it was very beneficial for you to come and share.

I am so sorry that I did not immediately write you.

Thank you again for sharing your time and stuff with us!

Mrs. Kim Bartelli  
Moline Elementary

Katrina-

Thank you so much for your help at Earth Day '96. I hope you will have good teacher response to your program!

Jennifer Mathes



Dear Mrs. Aine,

Thank you for arranging  
the CRR class! The kids  
enjoyed themselves and received  
some valuable information.

Sincerely,

Lynne Miller

(Moline 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher)



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
BIG HILL LAKE  
P.O. BOX 426  
CHERRYVALE, KANSAS 67335-0426

February 26, 1996

Kristen Mitchell  
229 W. 4th  
Chanute, KS 66720

Dear Kristen:

Thank you so much for the donation of your time and your hard work in construction and placement of the Christmas Tree Fish Shelters at Big Hill Lake on Saturday, February 17, 1996. I think all were in agreement that we could not have had a better day in the middle of winter for such an activity.

This program was designed to improve the fisheries of the lake and angler success. We ended up placing approximately 300 trees in the lake that day. It is this kind of support from volunteers like you which make programs like this successful and ultimately beneficial to Big Hill Lake and those who utilize it.

We hope you will join us again in this and other volunteer activities at Big Hill Lake in the future. If you have any suggestions for improving this program, please contact us at (316) 336-2741. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

*Susan K Couch*  
Susan K. Couch  
Lake Manager





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Alan Stark  
Robert Barbee  
File: 807.c

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Thank You note from  
TEBH members

Thank You!

Happy Moments



the *Hope* school

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*Patrick*



I lived my day  
at Cheney Lark  
Oh,



Thank you for having  
us with a great time  
out there  
Love  
Laura! & Jarrett

Just wanted to say thank you  
for all the special things you do.  
The world is so much brighter

Thank you for letting  
me come. I want to go  
back soon it was like  
being a family

Lisa

because of special friends like you!  
Thank you so much for  
everyone's efforts at giving our  
children a special day!! You put a lot  
of smiles on a lot of faces. What a  
wonderful program you have - I hope  
it can continue. The crew at the  
Lake that Friday was truly an  
exceptional group of  
individuals!!  
Thank you again!!  
TECH  
Enrichment  
Center

Our Thanks  
To You





What a wonderful day we  
had — thanks to you all!!  
You really brightened & enriched  
a lot of lives that day! Our  
clients were so happy to make  
some "new friends". We appreciate  
everyone's efforts to make the day  
so special & so much fun. Your crew  
was great — they really went out of their  
way to make sure everyone had a good  
time & was made to feel welcome.

I hope your program  
can continue — such a  
wonderful service!!

Thank you again!!

TECH ENRICHMENT CENTER

Though these few words  
can't say it

In the way we'd like them to,

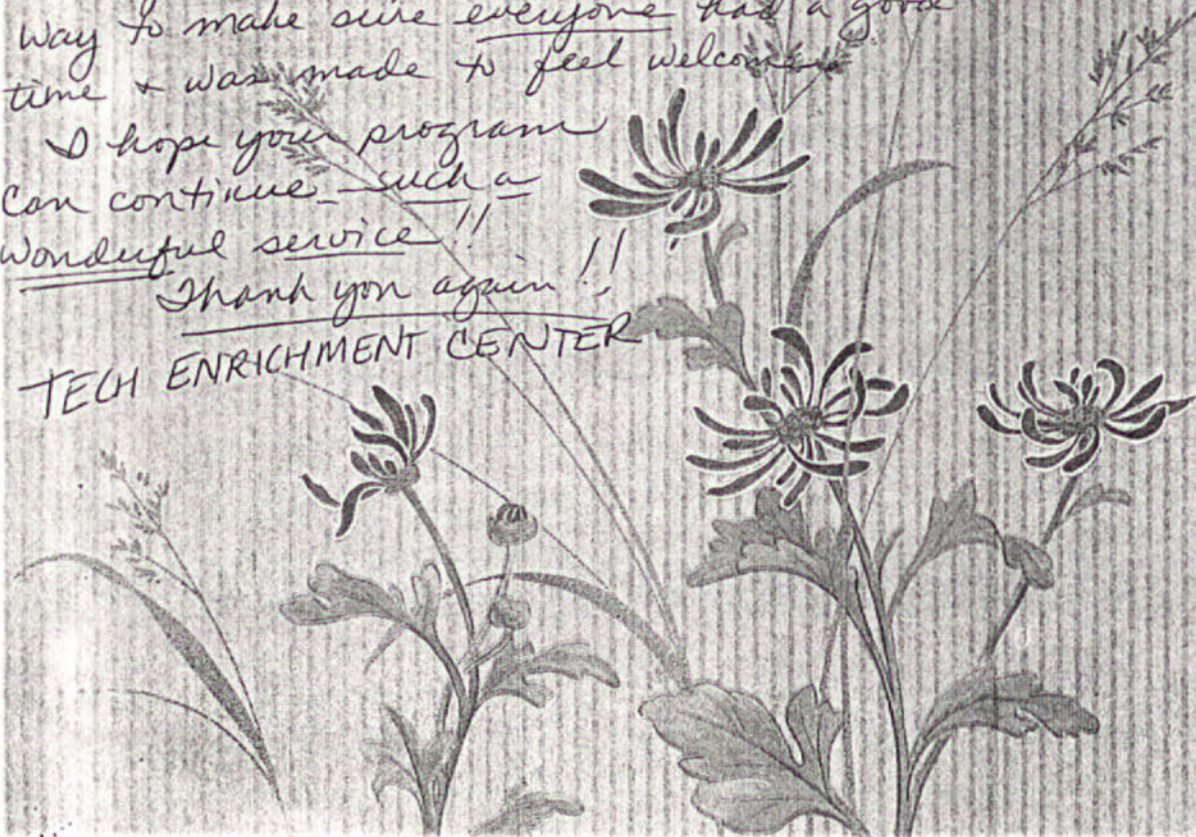
We hope you'll know

the many thoughts

Behind our thanks

to you.

open card →





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November 17, 1995

To whom it may concern

We at Hunter Hills Elementary would like to thank Ms. Mona Powell for coming to our school today and serving as a history fair judge. We regret that due to the extent of the projects that Ms. Powell did not get out as scheduled. The judging started at nine am and did not end until noon. We are very sorry for this inconvenience to Ms. Powell and ask that any work missed be allowed to be made up. Ms. Powell has been an outstanding assistant to our school. Your understanding will be greatly appreciated in this matter.

Thank You

Joann Durham, Chairman



David Helton, Committee Member





April 29, 1996



Dear Lance;

On Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27, an army of over 100 volunteers helped the residents of the West Side Neighborhood repair homes and remove weeds and overgrowth from their neighborhood.

On behalf of Operation P.R.I.D.E., I would like to **thank you** for participating in Phase III of the Spring Clean-Up project. Phase III of the project was a great success. Without your help, this project would still be just an idea and not a reality.

Again, I thank you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hines  
Coordinator of Neighborhood P.R.I.D.E.

P.S. You were on the news!

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FAIRVIEW

AVENUE

SUITE 300

BOWLING

GREEN

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Site ID P21C



GENERAL COUNSEL

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

April 18, 1996

Mr. Robert E. Phillips  
AmeriCorps Member  
110 Shirley Street  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Dear Robbie:

I certainly enjoyed the trip down to Mount Vernon, Kentucky and being able to see, first hand, the project that you are making happen. It's the sort of project that AmeriCorps can be proud to be a part of. You have found a need and done something about it.

Thanks for showing it to us. Please pass on my congratulations to all of your teammates in AmeriCorps in Kentucky.

Sincerely,

  
James S. Gilliland

cc: Joel Berg





DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

GENERAL COUNSEL

April 19, 1996

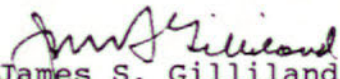
Mr. Mark Aufferman  
Home Program Specialist  
Kentucky Housing Corporation  
1231 Louisville Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Mr. Aufferman:

I certainly enjoyed the trip down to Mount Vernon, Kentucky and being able to see, first hand, the project that you are making happen. It's the sort of project that Kentucky Housing Corporation can be proud to be a part of. Besides, it must be fun to work with the AmeriCorps folks like Robbie.

Thanks for showing it to us. Please pass on my congratulations to all of you who are making it happen.

Sincerely,

  
James S. Gilliland

cc: Joel Berg



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

GENERAL COUNSEL

April 19, 1996

Ms. Lou Ed Nielsen  
Manager  
Ashlee's House  
P.O. Box 60  
Mount Vernon, KY 40456

Dear Ms. Nielsen:

What a show you put on for us!

I enjoyed the trip down to Mount Vernon and being able to see, first hand, the project that you are making happen. It's the sort of project that makes a difference. I am glad to see Robbie in it as an AmeriCorps participant.

Volunteers like you fill a great need.  
Thanks for showing us Ashlee's House.

Sincerely,

  
James S. Gilliland

cc: Joel Berg





# Winn Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 565 Winnfield, LA 71483

'Home of the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame'

April 10, 1995

Mr. Joel Berg  
Dept. of Agriculture  
542 A 14th Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, D. C. 20250

Dear Joel,

We thank you for taking the time to come to Winnfield and seeing first-hand what an asset Alicia Trissler is to our community.

The AmeriCorps program has enabled Winn Parish to have someone working in our area that our rural parish would not normally be able to afford. Ms. Trissler has begun to use her expertise and training in museum work, designing brochures and writing grants that will help Winn Parish.

I have personally worked with Ms. Trissler and appreciate her for the job she is doing.

Many thanks to you, the AmeriCorp program, and to President Bill Clinton for instituting this program.

Joel, since you expressed an interest in our "political roots", I am enclosing a calendar of events and a little information about Winn Parish.

Sincerely,

  
Jo Branch (Mrs.)  
Director

JB/snv

c: President Bill Clinton  
Alan Dorian