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Being in
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has given me the
opportunity to have my
foot in the door instead
of just peaking in. It's
hard, but it's worth it.

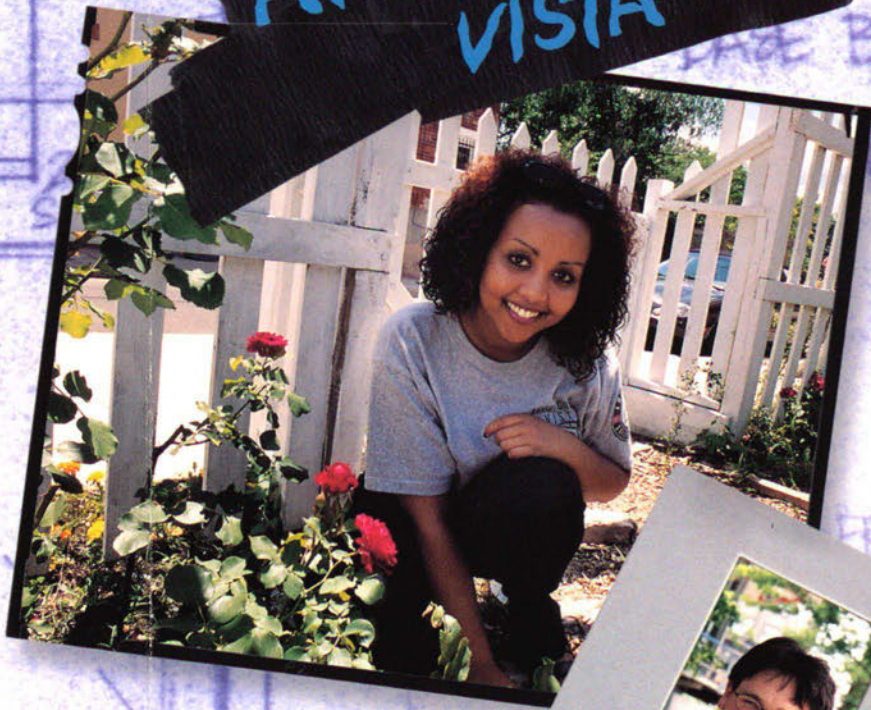
- Shanterra McBride



AmeriCorps*
VISTA

I know some applicants get
stuck when they find out
what they'll be paid. What they
don't realize is the experience
they'll gain. I've talked with
friends who are bored with their
corporate jobs and don't feel
that they are given enough
responsibility and challenges.
AmeriCorps*VISTA has been
the exact opposite
experience for me -
plenty of responsibilities
and challenge. This
experience has been
completely invaluable.

- Michele Sterner



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Doris Stout

Joel,

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I haven't been able to reach the organizers for Saturday Gleaning All Week. I've left messages on Mike Estherheld's machine. (Americorps & NCCC)

You may want to call George at WAGN to see if he knows the scoop.

Attached is all the info

I have re: the event

Estherheld's replacement was supposed to call either you or I. Has he called you?

AmeriCorps* National Capital Region Campus
Two D.C. Villages, L'Enfant Plaza
Washington, DC 20052
202-561-1094

facsimile transmittal

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To: DAN ADAM, USDA Fax: (703) 305-2230
From: MIKE ESTERFIELD / AMERICORPS* NCCC Date: THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1998
Re: JULY 25th SERVICE PROJECT Pages: 6 (INCLUDING COVER)
CC: JOEL BERG? (AT YOUR DISCRETION)

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply Please Recycle

Notes:

DAN,
HERE'S THE STUFF ON THE "ACCESS USA" GROUP, INCLUDING THE COVER SHEET LYNN FISCUS SENT TO US. IT'S CERTAINLY NOT A COMPREHENSIVE VIEW, BUT AT LEAST IT PROVIDES AN INITIAL GLIMPSE. (IT ALSO SEEMS TO VERIFY THEIR EXISTENCE, AND THE EXISTENCE OF THE 51 VOLUNTEERS, WHICH IS KEY!). I LEFT WORD WITH MRS. FISCUS THAT SHE MIGHT EXPECT A CALL FROM YOU SOMETIME.
I'LL LET YOU KNOW MORE AS IT IS REVEALED TO US. TAKE CARE.

- MICHAEL ESTERFIELD

Some Potential Volunteer Opportunities for Americorps NCCC Members

Let these people know that you're putting on an event on the 25th, and that you have volunteers available. Field Gleaning usually best accommodates large numbers, but all of these organizations can be great volunteer sites. Find out how many volunteers they'll need, for what times, and what the volunteers need to bring. Most of these organizations have pre-printed volunteer information (directions, what to bring, some background about the organization) that they can fax to you. Try to be as realistic as possible about how many volunteers you think will actually show up, and make sure to get transportation for the volunteers hammered out as well.

Tell the contact people that Dan Adam, the Mickey Leland Hunger Fellow at USDA, referred you to them (some of them might remember me). Feel free to contact myself or Joel if you need anything else - including more sites. Let us know as plans for the days events become more concrete, and we can begin helping with press. My number is (703) 305-1504. Joel's is (703) 305-2283.

Good Luck!

Field Gleaning at Local Farms

Contact George Roche of Washington Area Gleaning Network at (703) 370-0155 or (301) 879-1484
(Tell George you're interested in helping distribute the food after you've gleaned it.)

Working at Clagett Organic Farm (A Charitable Organic Farm)

Contact Lou Etgen at (202) 526-5344 x:240

Volunteering at Capitol Area Community Food Bank

Contact Mark Agee or Samantha Losch at (202) 526-5344 x:235

Volunteering at DC Central Kitchen (Prepared & Perishable Food Rescue)

Contact Tim Forbes at (202) 234-0707

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K Kate Becker → 170 people

Attn: Mike
Esterheld

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July 25th

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FAX COVER SHEET

To: Mike Esterheld

From: Lynn Ascis

Firm:

Date: 7/6/98

Fax #: 202-561-1090

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Comments: I enjoyed talking with you about the gleaming project possibilities for the Access USA program. It sounds like a very worthwhile effort.

As you requested, I am faxing information about Access USA. The first sheet is a copy of the letter that went to principals involved in the program. The other three sheets are a sample press release for students to use. It doesn't say much about the service project since we didn't know what it might be and didn't want to possibly mislead anyone. Let me know if I can help with anything.

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May 20, 1998

Dr Dennis J. Foreman
Oakcrest High School
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Dear Dennis,

On behalf of USA TODAY and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, we would like to invite a student from your school to join us in Washington D.C. for the ACCESS USA Summer Student Summit, July 23-28, 1998. Our original plan allowed for the participation of two students, but due to a recent change in the status of the corporate funding for this event, we will need to scale back the numbers. If you have not already notified your student participants, we ask that the invitation be extended to only one student from your school. For those of you who have already selected and notified your two students based on the earlier communication, we will not disappoint them and will welcome their participation.

Participating students will travel to Washington, D.C. and visit USA TODAY headquarters in Arlington, VA. They will work with their peers from different states to write articles for a student version of USA TODAY that will be distributed to 500,000 students when school begins this fall. Sightseeing trips and other special events will also be included in the five day event. Supervision will be provided by ten teacher chaperones who are being selected from the pilot participants as well as staff members from USA TODAY and NASSP. A tentative agenda for the program is attached. Student participants are guests of the ACCESS USA program and all expenses including airfare, hotel and meals will be paid. Travel arrangements will be made by NASSP. Students will be rooming with other participants at the Key Bridge Marriott located at 1401 Lee Highway in Arlington, VA.

To enroll a student from your school we ask that you complete the attached sign-up sheet and return it to Lyn Fiscus at NASSP no later than June 1, 1998. Please send the sign-up sheet in the enclosed envelope or fax it to 703-476-5432. For schools sending two students, please copy the form and return both. Each selected student and their parents will receive a follow-up mailing sent directly to their home by June 15. This mailing will include additional program information, travel information, permission slips, medical forms and a rights and responsibilities document that will need to be signed by each participant and their parents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-276-6370 or Lyn Fiscus at 703-860-7261 if you have any questions. We look forward to receiving your reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Carol Dooling
USA TODAY Education, National Programs Manager

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For More Information, Contact:
[Your Name]
[Your Phone Number]

NOTE TO THE PRESS: For more information about this event, NASSP, or education issues, contact: Annie Morgan, Public Relations Specialist, NASSP (703) 860-7244.

[Date]
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**LOCAL STUDENT ATTENDS
ACCESS USA SUMMER STUDENT SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

[Your City], [State] — [Your Name], [Your Year in School], at [Your School], in [Your School City], [State], has been invited by USA TODAY and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) to attend the first ever ACCESS USA Summer Student Summit July 23-28th in Washington, D.C.

[Your Last Name] will be one of 50 students from across the nation attending the conference. [He/She] will work with [His/Her] peers to write articles, headlines, captions, research stories and create the layout for a student version of USA TODAY. The completed paper will be distributed to 500,000 middle level and high school students at the beginning of the 1998-1999 school year.

"We are thrilled for these students to have the opportunity to interact and learn from professional journalists," said Sue Galletti, Associate Executive Director, NASSP. "It is one thing to learn a concept in an academic setting, and quite another to practice that concept in the work force. This promises to be a wonderful learning experience."

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SUMMER STUDENT SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

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"USA TODAY is thrilled to host the first Access USA Student Summer Institute where students from across the nation will produce a newspaper product showcasing the link of real world events to their schools and communities," said Ricardo Valencia, Director of Education for USA TODAY. "The mission of USA TODAY is to serve as a forum for better understanding and unity to help make the USA truly one nation. We hope to achieve that for the nation's students through this program."

In addition to producing the newspaper, [Your Last Name] will visit major highlights of Washington, D.C., and participate in a group service project.

[Your last name] is the [son/daughter] of [your parents names]. While at [your school], [he or she] has been _____ (example: student body vice president, a member of the ski team, and involved in several service projects).

NASSP is the largest school leadership organization in the United States representing more than 45,000 middle level and high school principals and assistant principals, 58,000 student activity advisers, and more than 1.5 million students. Other NASSP programs are: the National Honor Society™, the National Junior Honor Society™, the American Technology Honor Society™, the Middle Level Student Activities Association™, and the National Association of Student Activity Advisers™.

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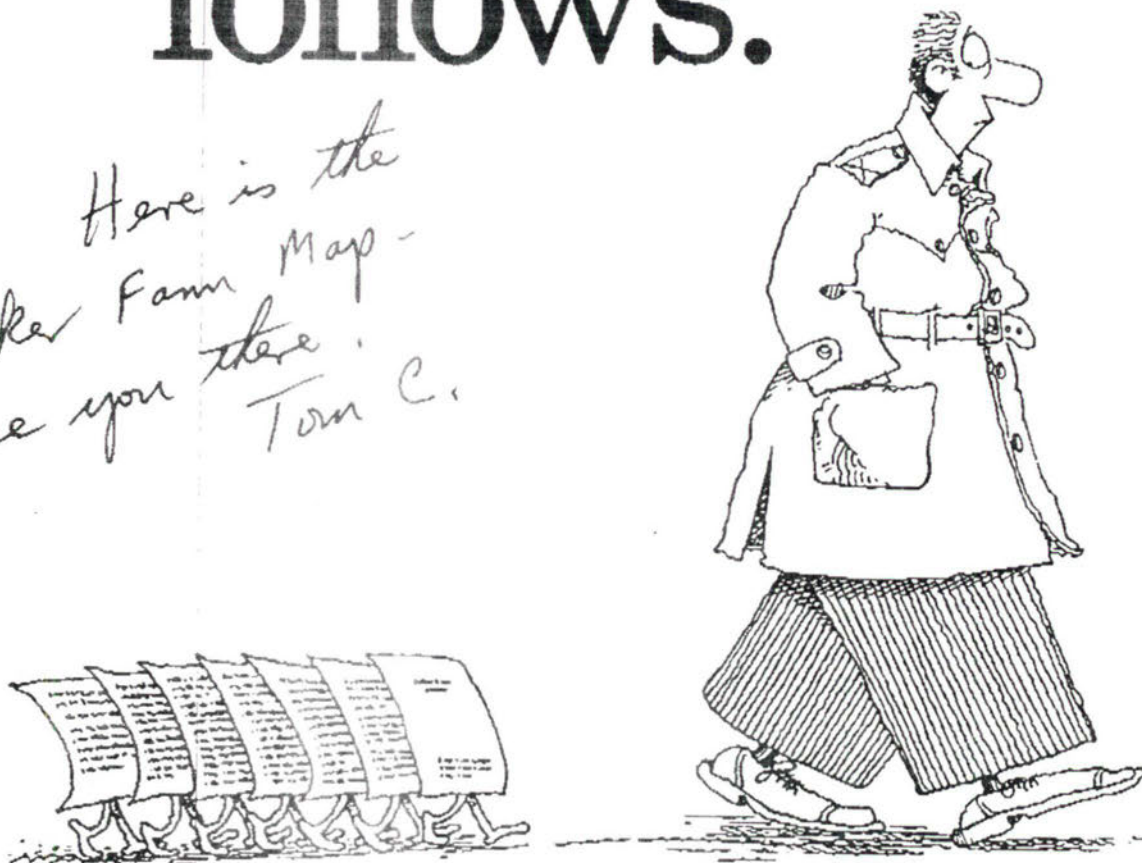
*Hope this helps!
Keep us informed of how it's going,
& let us know if there's
anything else we can do.*

Take Care!

Dan Adam

My report follows.

*Here is the
Parker Farm Map -
See you there.
Tom C.*



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Your FAX (703) 305-2230

TO: JOEL BERG

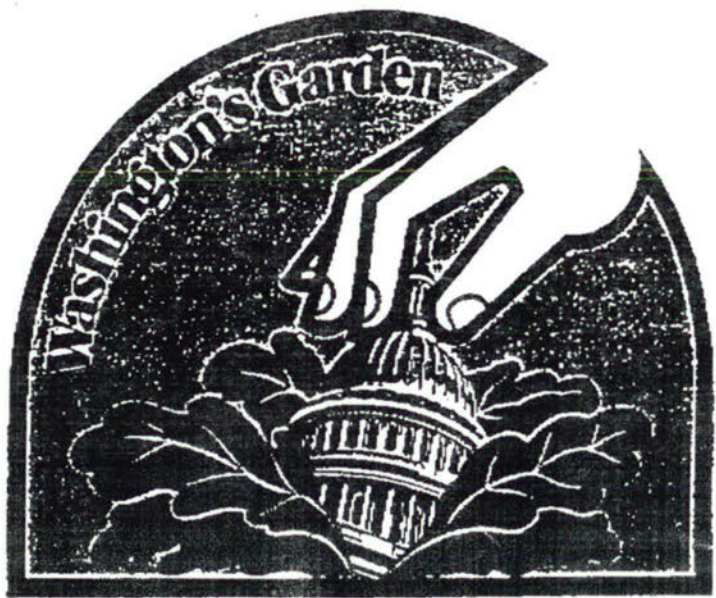
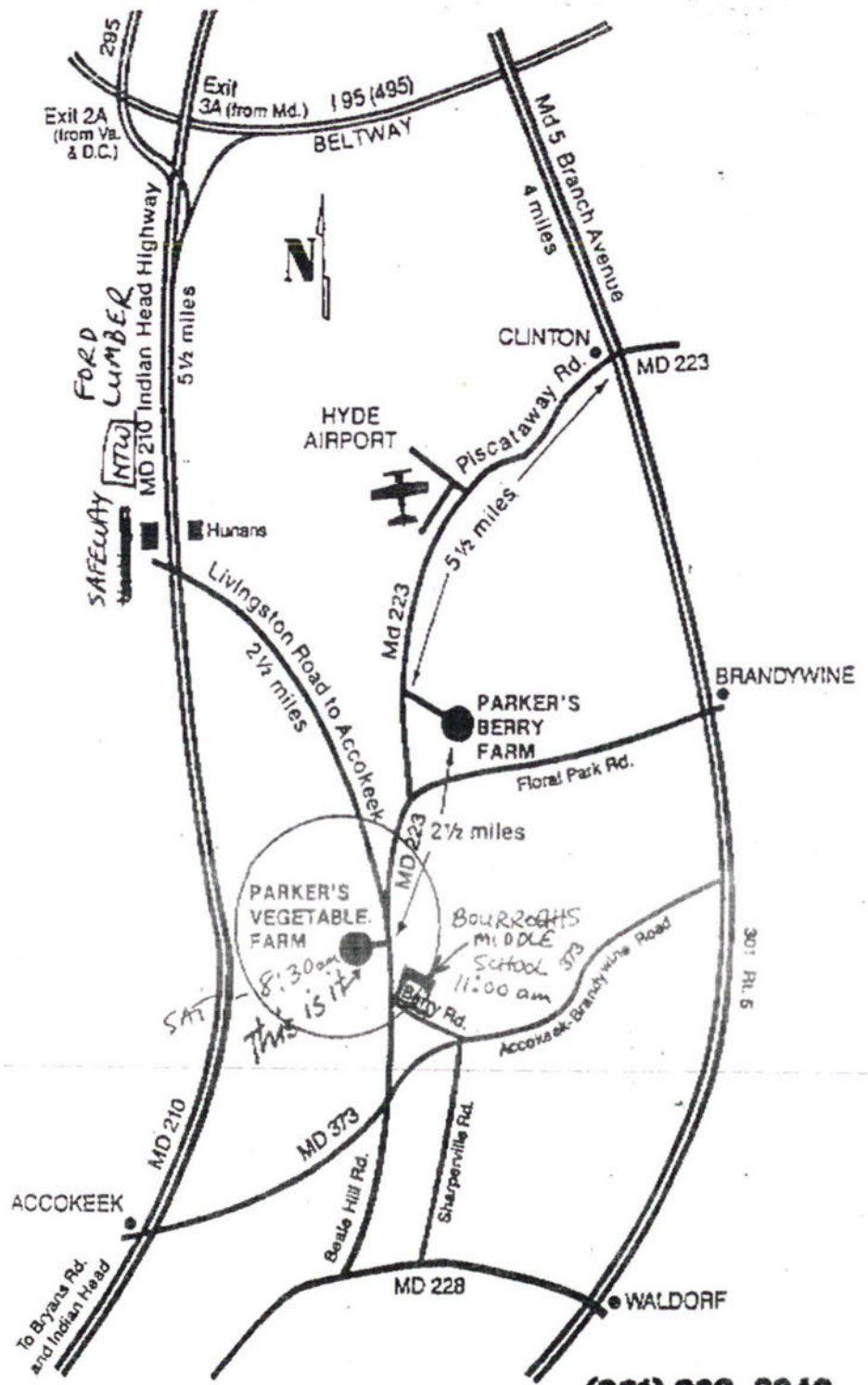
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Volunteers answer call to help youth

GENERAL COLIN POWELL TO SPEAK AT FLORIDA'S PROMISE FOR YOUTH ON MAY 30 IN TAMPA

by Kevin Punskey
Editor

General Colin Powell — the man who once headed the vast Western military alliance — champions a new army these days.

And he wants all Americans — young, old, rich or poor, big or small — to join him to fight what he calls, "the greatest threat to the United States at the turn of the century."

The threat isn't in Iraq, or in Asia, or anywhere outside our borders. It's "young people who are disengaged from American life, who don't believe in the American Dream," said Powell in a recent interview with *Newsweek*.

Powell isn't kidding. A recent *Newsweek/NBC News* Poll shows that 74 percent say young Americans without jobs are a bigger threat to the United States than any foreign enemy.



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May 30, 1998

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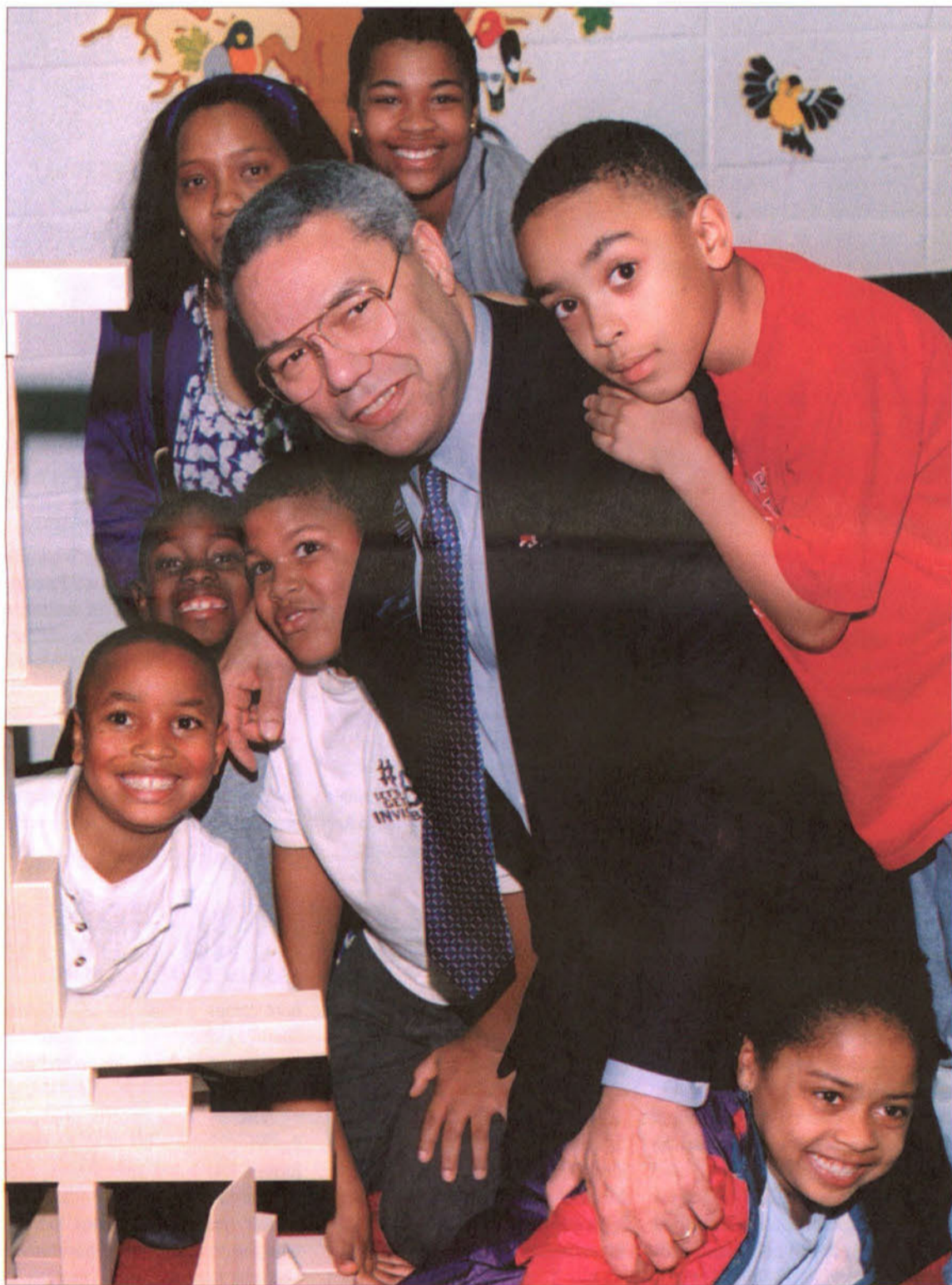
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The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff hopes his new army — thousands of volunteers and hundreds of youth- and service-committed corporations like Allstate Insurance Company, LensCrafters and Coca-Cola — will help him turn around the lives of at least 2 million at-risk youth in America by the year 2000. Studies show that 15 million American children are currently at-risk (teen suicide has doubled; three million kids are abused every year; and teen pregnancy has increased by 25 percent).

And Powell, who seems truly uninterested in running for president, is serious about his current calling. So much so, that he's dedicated three years to the effort as chair of America's Promise — The Alliance for Youth (see "Keeping America's Promise" on page 2). America's Promise is leading a nationwide effort to spur volunteerism and programs for youth. Two new polls show the effort is working:

- A United Parcel Service survey



David R. Barnes ■ Special to Florida Serves!

A NEW CALLING — General Colin Powell visits a YMCA in Beaufort, Texas to view the model after-school program and draw attention to the need for increased volunteerism in this country.

found that more than half of Americans believe volunteering is more important today than it was five years ago.

- More than half of all Americans say that volunteering is more important than giving money to charity, according to a Lutheran Brotherhood survey.

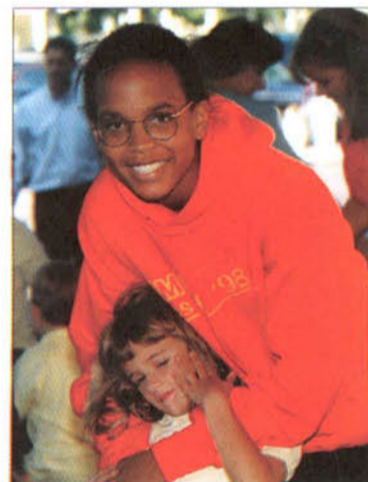
So who will answer the call to volunteer and help Florida's youth? That chance comes on May 30, when Powell visits Tampa to speak at Florida's Promise for Youth. Governor Lawton Chiles will also attend along with scores of youth organizations and busi-

nesses, and hundreds of volunteers.

Florida's Promise for Youth, which is being hosted by the Florida Commission on Community Service and title sponsored by Allstate, is the state summit to ignite a multi-year campaign to help youth lead healthy, fulfilling, and productive lives. About 2,000 people are expected to attend the rally and celebration of volunteerism that includes a day-long program, workshops, volunteer and youth-oriented exhibits, and entertainment by various youth groups throughout the state. Hundreds of volunteers will also take part in service projects in

nearby St. Petersburg on May 29, prior to the Tampa youth summit.

Florida's Promise is part of Powell's national movement to help meet the goals of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future that was held in April of 1997 in Philadelphia. During the Summit, Powell, all living ex-presidents (except Ronald Reagan, who was represented by his wife, Nancy) challenged Americans to provide youth with five fundamental resources: an ongoing relationship with a caring adult, safe places and structured activities, a healthy start, marketable skills, and an opportunity to serve.



File Photo

SETTING AN EXAMPLE — Kailey Evans is a model youth volunteer.

Youth enjoys 'giving back'

by Kailey Evans

Let me tell you about the many things I do for service. I don't do these things because I'm forced to or because I want recognition. I do these things because I like to help people.

I began tutoring this year for three kids at a daycare center. Two of them are in fourth grade and one in first grade. I didn't really plan on tutoring them, it just happened. Their mom passed away last year and their grades were falling so their dad asked my friend and I to tutor them.

My carpool's mom picks us up from school. But now she has to work late so I go back to the daycare. I started helping kindergarten kids. Then I went to helping four-year-olds. I liked it so much I decided to help the infants. They are so cute.

I began assisting a Girl Scout troop last year. My Girl Scout leader got me interested. When I began working with the girls, they were in kindergarten. I love getting to know them.

I also volunteer to baby sit for my youth group at church. I do this around Christmas. This gives the parents a chance to go shopping without their kids bothering them.

The last thing I do for service is clean and set-up for church activities. I began doing this many years ago. I do this with my mom and dad or my friends. It takes a lot of time, but in the end it pays off. I hope to continue to do it for a long time. I hope you enjoy serving others as much as I do.

Evans is a 13-year-old student at St. Mary Magdalen in Winter Springs.

AmeriCorps*VISTA Projects

State: DC

Sponsor Name	Participants	Address	Phone	Contact
CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CHANGE	3	1000 WISCONSIN AVENUE, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007	(202) 342-0519	OTHELLO POULARD

Description:

AmeriCorps*VISTA members assist in the coordination and establishment of the Public Housing graduate program, which addresses academics under performance.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL OF WASHINGTON, DC	1	4614 WISCONSIN AVENUE, N.W WASHINGTON, DC 20912	(202) 362-1611	BETH KANTER
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Description:

AmeriCorps*VISTA members are repairing and rehabilitating homes of elderly, disabled and other low income homeowners. Member activities include coordinating support with professional and trade associations, securing advertisements, developing marketing and public awareness plans, coordinating of volunteer recruitment and management and homeowner participation.

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS	2	810 FIRST STREET, N.E. SUITE 535 WASHINGTON, DC 20002	(202) 289-4314	ALAN CHAMBERS
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Description:

AmeriCorps*VISTA members coordinate and plan meetings with public school staff and community service liaisons. Members also coordinate program activities with parent groups, mentors, tutors, and the Garrison Elementary school staff. Members work closely with all involved to develop internal and external communication procedures and establish recognition programs.

AmeriCorps*VISTA Projects

State: DC

Sponsor Name	Participants	Address	Phone	Contact
COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS	29	820 FIRST STREET,NE, SUITE 480 WASHINGTON, DC 20002	(202) 289-4314	MONICA SWANN

Description:

service liaisons, coordinate program activity with parent groups, mentors, tutors, Garrison staff develop internal and external communication procedures and establish recognition program, etc.
AmeriCorps*VISTA members coordinate plan meeting with school with schools, staff and community

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP	7	801 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. S.E. SUITE 450 WASHINGTON, DC 20003	(202) 543-5298	STEVEN BERKLEY
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Description:

AmeriCorps*VISTA members are working through Community Partners with a variety of homeless programs in the DC area. Members are doing outreach to the homeless population of DC, and using their networking abilities to link homeless individuals and families to available services. Members are also assisting in the elimination of overlaps in service while trying to get assistance to areas of the cities currently underserved by homelessness agencies.

FAMILY AND CHILD SERVICES OF WASHINGTON, D.C.	2	929 L STREET, N.W. WASHINGTON, DC 20001	(202) 289-1510	GWENDOLYN COLEMAN
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Description:

AmeriCorps*VISTA members recruit community volunteers to provide services to low-income frail seniors; recruit, train and place seniors as volunteers to work on American Reads; and serve as grant writers, and resource developers.

AmeriCorps*VISTA Projects

State: DC

Sponsor Name	Participants	Address	Phone	Contact
FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY'S FUTURE	19	1133 15TH STREET, N.W, SUITE 605 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	(202) 331-0592	SUSAN DUNCAN

Description:

AmeriCorps*VISTA members are working with high schools in the DC school system to encourage community service by the students. In addition to recruiting students to participate and working with teachers to facilitate the process, the A*VISTA members are also working with agencies in the community to develop appropriate volunteer activities in the city.

GREATER SOUTHEAST HEALTH CARE	1	1310 SOUTHERN AVE, SE, SUITE 214 WASHINGTON, DC 20032	(202) 257-6797	MICHELLE LASANE
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Description:

AC*VISTA members will be working with community groups to identify issues affecting residents of public housing units and devising ways to address these issues.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS	1	1518 K STREET, NW, SUITE 206 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	(202) 638-1526	ANNA CLEMANS
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Description:

AmeriCorps*VISTA members are locating safe and affordable housing for homeless youth. They are also organizing a homeless youth advisory board, a job referral program, and a mentoring program.

AmeriCorps*VISTA Projects

State: DC

Sponsor Name	Participants	Address	Phone	Contact
THE DANCE INSTITUTE OF WASHINGTON	1	2225 12TH PLACE, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20009	(202) 675-9246	FABIAN BARNES

Description:

AmeriCorps*VISTA members will assist the program as capacity builders and resource-mobilizers.

TIME DOLLAR INSTITUTE	4	P.O. BOX 42160, 5500 39TH ST, N.W. WASHINGTON, DC 20015	(202) 686-5200	STEPHANIE DONNE
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Description:

AmeriCorps*VISTA members recruit, train and assign mentors to youth offenders. Members also conduct public relations activities, provide education and training to public housing residents, provide support services to youth offenders and public housing tenants and establish linkages in the community to serve as volunteer sites for youth and donors for service.

UNITED SENIORS HEALTH COOPERATIVE	1	1331 H ST NW, #500 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	(202) 393-6222	FARRELL DIDIO
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Description:

AmeriCorps*VISTA Members work in Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties to increase senior volunteerism in the community. Members have coordinated 460 volunteers who contribute almost 24,000 hours of community service each year.

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State: DC

Sponsor Name	Participants	Address	Phone	Contact
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Description:

AmeriCorps*VISTA members serving in Northern Virginia and Washington, DC., are developing and establishing "Care Credit" programs where volunteer time is donated and can be redeemed for one of volunteer service. Members are developing operating manuals, coordinating public relations activities, recruiting volunteers and mobilizing private sector support.

WASHINGTON INNERCITY SELF HELP (WISH)	2	1419 V STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20009	(202) 332-8800	PAUL BATTLE
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Description:

AmeriCorps*VISTA members work with tenants in five public housing projects helping tenants purchase their housing units.

CONGRESSIONAL HUNGER CENTER	18	229 1/2 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, SE WASHINGTON,, DC 20003	(202) 547-7022	GRETCHEN SCHROEDER
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Description:

A*VISTA Members are assigned to work with local hunger projects throughout the United States. After completing their field assignments , they are brought back to DC to help establish national policies and p rograms in the fight against hunger.

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Beyond Food

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT USDA AMERICORPS SUMMER OF GLEANING AND FOOD RESCUE PROGRAM

1. How do I apply?

Enclosed is an application for USDA's Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue AmeriCorps Program. Even if you are interested in applying for one of more of USDA's other AmeriCorps programs, you need to fill out only one copy of the application. Upon completing the application, you should keep a copy for yourself and send the original to: **USDA AmeriCorps, Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue, AG Box 1320, 14th and Independence, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-1320**. Also enclosed with this packet are a list and description of sites for the Summer Program, or you may obtain one by calling 1-800-880-4183; you should also send copies of your application to any specific sites for which you are particularly interested in applying. You will be contacted by any sites that are interested in interviewing you for the program.

2. When is the deadline for applications?

Because it is important to get the Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue Programs up and running very quickly, you should complete your application and send it to the appropriate project director(s) as soon as possible. Most of the project deadlines fall during the last week of May, but you will need to confirm this with the project director.

3. When will the service project start?

Most of the projects will run from June 1, 1996, through August 31, 1996, although some of the projects will start and end a little later to accommodate local growing and harvest seasons.

4. Where will USDA Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue projects be located?

A list and a description of all sites are enclosed.

5. Can I apply to projects in other parts of the country?

A person may apply to multiple USDA sites in any part of the country; however, there is NO reimbursement for relocation expenses. You will be responsible for locating and paying for relocation expenses on your own.

6. What qualifications is USDA seeking for its AmeriCorps Members?

The primary requirement for acceptance in AmeriCorps is a serious desire to engage in challenging community service work. Many USDA projects seek a diverse mix of high school drop-outs, high school graduates, college students, college graduates, and professional school graduates. All applicants for AmeriCorps must be citizens of the United States or a lawful

permanent resident alien of the United States.

7. Can I attend school while serving in AmeriCorps?

Members may attend school at night or on weekends during their AmeriCorps service as long as there is no schedule conflict with their AmeriCorps duties. However, most AmeriCorps projects require full-time service, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. The nature of the work to be done in the Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue Program may also require Members to be available at times other than regular business hours, such as occasional evenings and/or weekends.

8. How long will I have to serve to earn an education award?

The term of service for USDA's Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue AmeriCorps program is a **minimum of 480 hours**, performed over a period of 12 weeks. This allows for two paid national holidays and two days of excused absences (for illness or personal business).

9. What is the amount of the living stipend I will receive during my term of service?

The living allowance for the Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue Program is **\$2,241.60**. The living allowance is subject to local state and Federal income taxes.

10. How will serving in AmeriCorps affect my benefits if I am currently receiving Food Stamps or welfare?

The living stipend counts as income when determining eligibility for programs under the Social Security Act, such as Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Medicaid, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). It does not count as income when determining eligibility for Food Stamps, the WIC Program (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children), or Section 8 housing assistance through HUD. In other words, your Food Stamp and WIC benefits, as well as any housing assistance payments you may be currently receiving, should not be affected by your status as an AmeriCorps Member, but your welfare (AFDC/Medicaid/SSI) benefits may be reduced or terminated. You should work with your local AmeriCorps recruiter to determine what the specific effects may be.

11. How much is the educational award I will receive at the end of my term of service?

If you successfully complete a full term of service in the Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue Program, you will have up to seven years in which to utilize a **\$1,000** award to pay for college, graduate school, and approved job training program, or qualified student loans. In most cases, the post-service education award does not count as aid received when computing

your eligibility for other financial assistance for education. The education award is in addition to any other financial aid for which you would have been eligible if you had not served in AmeriCorps.

12. Do I have to pay taxes on the educational award?

In most cases, the post-service education award of \$1,000 is taxable **in the calendar year(s) in which it is used**. The Corporation for National Service will deduct no taxes, but you will be sent a Form 1099 to be used in preparing your tax return for that year.

13. What kinds of loans can be repaid with the educational award?

The post-service education award can be used to pay off existing "qualified" loans. Qualified loans are generally those made, insured, or guaranteed, pursuant to Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) All Stafford, Perkins, or SLS loans qualify. In general, most personal loans taken out by individuals to cover education expenses that are NOT covered by the law cited above CANNOT be paid off using the post-service education award. The institution which made the loan can tell you if your loan is "qualified."

14. Can I receive cash instead of the educational award?

No. The law prevents the USDA AmeriCorps Program from offering such an option.

15. Can I transfer my educational award to a relative?

The post-service education award CANNOT be transferred to anyone else. A child can't transfer it to a parent to pay off loans the parent took out to pay the child's educational expenses. A parent can't transfer it to a child or spouse or relative to pay for that person's educational expenses. In general, the education award cannot be used to pay off PLUS loans.

16. If I leave the Program early, will I still receive the educational award?

If you leave the Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue Program for other than compelling personal reasons, you will not receive any of your education award, no matter how many hours of service you have completed. Injury or illness of the Member, or the death of a Member's immediate family are examples of "compelling personal reasons." Leaving to get or accept a better job, moving to another part of the country, and leaving because the work is not what was anticipated are NOT "compelling personal reasons."

17. What if my current student loan debt is less than \$1,000?

If the debt amount on a student loan is less than \$1,000, the remaining funds may not be used

for other than educational purposes. A Member has seven years to use the entire voucher.

18. Will I qualify for health care coverage and/or child care assistance through the Program?

Because of the extremely short duration of USDA's Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue Program, neither health care coverage nor child care assistance will be offered through the program.

19. Will service in a USDA AmeriCorps program qualify me for other Federal benefits?

AmeriCorps Members are NOT federal employees. Service in the USDA Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue Program does not count toward retirement, nor does it give any special status if, after leaving AmeriCorps, a person applies for a job as a federal employee. (However, you should be sure to include a description of the work experience you obtain as an AmeriCorps Member on any subsequent job applications you submit.)

20. Can a person living in the United States on a "green card" join AmeriCorps?

Although a person living in this country who is not a United States citizen may have a "green card", s/he must be officially classified by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) as a Permanent Resident Alien in order to become an AmeriCorps Member.

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PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

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USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S NAME: Richard Hoffpauir
 WORK LOCATION: Marksville
 STATE: Louisiana
 NOMINATED BY: Linda Rigsby

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF STATE OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

85%

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

- PROJECT DIRECTOR ENSURED ALL FORMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS WERE SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 10
- PROJECT DIRECTOR ENSURED MANAGERS AND MEMBERS WERE KEPT INFORMED ABOUT CHANGES AND REQUIREMENTS 10
- RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS 10

Please provide a short narrative explaining why this member merits this award. This is not to exceed one page. Nominations exceeding one page will not be read or considered.

Richard Hoffpauir is an energetic and responsible supervisor. He is always available to help his AmeriCorps Team members and direct their efforts in productive ways. He helps coordinate training sessions and Cluster meetings and encourages his members to give their very best for AmeriCorps, their communities and their country.

USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S NAME: Richard Hoffpauer
 WORK LOCATION: Marksville
 STATE: Louisiana
 NOMINATED BY: Ellen Watkins

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF STATE OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 100

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

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PROJECT DIRECTOR ENSURED MANAGERS AND MEMBERS WERE KEPT INFORMED ABOUT CHANGES AND REQUIREMENTS 10

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USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S NAME: Richard Hoffpauir
 WORK LOCATION: Marksville
 STATE: Louisiana
 NOMINATED BY: Jessica Renee' Dean

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF STATE OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED _____

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

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RESPONDED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS 9-10

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I nominate Richard Hoffpauir in the sense that I'm aware he is constantly busy and trying to improve all of our programs in every manner. He always informs all employees of what needs to be done or what is going to be done to improve. all around he does more than whats required.

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USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S NAME: Holly Martien
WORK LOCATION: Alexandria,
STATE: Louisiana
NOMINATED BY: Sandra Smith and Susan Mattox

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF STATE OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED _____

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

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REQUIREMENTS WERE SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 10

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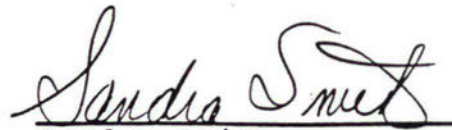
To Whom It May Concern:

According to Webster's New World Dictionary, the word *efficacious* means "producing or capable of producing the desired effect; to be effective." We, AmeriCorps team members Susan Mattox and Sandra Smith, are convinced that Holly Martien truly epitomizes this term. Her unending support and tireless enthusiasm shown to each and every AmeriCorps member have been an inspiration throughout our term of service.

Turning to Holly for help with different problems that have arisen is an experience to be treasured for she turns each "problem" as we see it into a challenge to be faced with confidence. Holly does not give us pat answers or a simple, "I don't know," but digs until she finds an answer that will produce an acceptable solution.

We believe Holly Martien is deserving of much praise, and any award given to her will only serve to spur her on to greater service and higher goals for herself and the AmeriCorps program. Therefore, we do wholeheartedly support and endorse Holly Martien for the USDA Project Director or the Year Award.


Susan Mattox


Sandra Smith

Holly Martien lives and breaths AmeriCorps. Her involvement, commitment, and dedication is the very reason Team USDA AmeriCorps in Louisiana is a success. She works many hours on her own time making sure quarterly reports are comprehensive and on time, all the administration work is complete, and seeing that the members are focused on their objectives.

I concur with Susan and Sandra's assessment of Holly, and endorse the nomination.



Billy R. Moore
Assistant State Conservationist/P

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USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S NAME: LeRoy Tull

WORK LOCATION: Stillwater, Oklahoma

STATE: Oklahoma

NOMINATED BY: Greg Allen, Karen Branson, Arnold Hamilton & Jim Shearhart
(Oklahoma Project Managers) and AmeriCorps Members

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF STATE OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED 10

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We, the project managers and team members of the USDA-NRCS AmeriCorps Environment Corps of Oklahoma would like to nominate LeRoy Tull, Project Director, for the USDA Project Director of the Year Award.

First and foremost on LeRoy's list on contributions to our program is his enthusiasm. With the uncertainties we faced in Oklahoma with the beginning of our program and through the losses of members, LeRoy has always encouraged everyone to forge ahead with positive attitudes. He always has an upbeat message to share with members and managers alike, and he is always in control, professional and positive when problems arise.

Secondly, LeRoy proved his dedication to our programs and stood in support of AmeriCorps when others may have been brushing it aside. He truly understood the Department's commitment to AmeriCorps and tried to convey this to others at our state, regional and national level. He has also "gone to bat" for our teams (who are now each down to four members instead of five) to fight for replacement members. Through the budget shortfalls at the national, regional and state level, we feel LeRoy tried to hold ground for AmeriCorps, even though he may have been the only one. It has had a positive effect on members and sets a good example, even though we were not allowed replacements. It has lifted the members' pride in AmeriCorps to know that someone is out there fighting for them and the program to which they have dedicated themselves.

LeRoy is always timely in getting out information about the program, changes and quarterly and other reports, and has always offered his assistance to project managers in understanding and completing them. He was also patient with project managers through the changes in quarterly reporting, but, at the same time, he made sure we were able to complete them on time.

In Oklahoma, our USDA-NRCS teams have been fortunate to be able to participate in projects and events sponsored by the Oklahoma Community Services Commission. LeRoy's ability to coordinate swearing-in ceremonies and training sessions with our State AmeriCorps group has let us meet members and supervisors from non-USDA AmeriCorps programs, as well as VISTA and Learn and Serve. This has helped further the members' sense of national identity with AmeriCorps and community service.

Another accomplishment that Project Managers can especially appreciate is that LeRoy has kept our program up and moving and even building momentum while being an outstanding USDA-NRCS employee in his other duties. As Assistant State Conservationist, he is in charge of not only special initiatives, but also Strategic Planning and Safety. In this capacity, he is asked to serve as Acting State Conservationist on numerous occasions. However, LeRoy is still able to keep focus on AmeriCorps, to check in with project managers and members, answer questions, resolve problems and inform about opportunities.

While attending Facilitative Leadership training in Washington, D.C., project managers and team members alike were able to see the level of competence our state leader has. We felt it was obvious his peers from other states respect him for his accomplishments and strides with our program. It is under his leadership that our state's projects have gained recognition nationwide.

The Oklahoma project managers and members are proud to be a part of AmeriCorps and of the work we are accomplishing. LeRoy also allows us to have additional pride in our projects, our agency and our state.

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USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S NAME: Lloyd Wiehelm
WORK LOCATION: Aztec, New Mexico
STATE: New Mexico
NOMINATED BY: John Thomas

(Complete the following information)

PERCENTAGE OF STATE OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED _____

On a scale between 1 and 10, with one being low and 10 high, answer the following questions:

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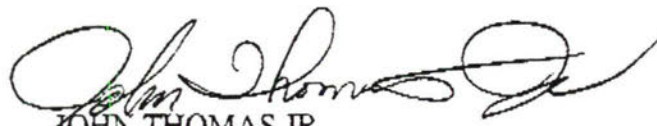
USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

I would like to nominate Lloyd Wiehelm as the project director of the year award. Lloyd served the AmeriCorps program as the Four Corners Facilitator. Lloyd works for the Farm Service Agency in support of AmeriCorps members located with RECD, NRCS, and Forest Service, in New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, and Arizona. Lloyd truly implemented the spirit of Team USDA as we entered into the first year of the AmeriCorps program. We all shared information and data as we received it from our Agencies. Lloyd coordinated this information and disseminated it to all the State Contacts and AmeriCorps members. We had a leg up on the AmeriCorps program due to the extraordinary efforts to promote the AmeriCorps program by Lloyd Wiehelm.

Lloyd led the effort to implement a joint AmeriCorps training meeting for the 4 corners area which included the four States listed above. Lloyd acquired the meeting facilities, arranged for most of the speakers, and laid the ground work for two successful training meetings for 1995 and 1996. In my view point, Lloyd's interest in the AmeriCorps program is substantial in that the FSA did not have an AmeriCorps program in 1995. Lloyd had requested an AmeriCorps program for the Farm Services Agency, for 1996 and almost succeeded in getting it approved.

Lloyd responded in a very positive manner in an effort to resolve problems that were encountered with the administration of the AmeriCorps program. If we had difficulty in obtaining forms, Lloyd would obtain them for us. If we had trouble obtaining health insurance for our members or child care assistance, Lloyd was invaluable in resolving those problems. It is my viewpoint that the productivity of the 4 corners members was enhanced due to the oversight of the AmeriCorps program by Lloyd. The New Mexico State Staff and AmeriCorps members give a resounding thanks for the assistance provided by Lloyd Wiehelm to promote our AmeriCorps program!

Lloyd was an inspiration as he always had a positive attitude even at times when it appeared that the AmeriCorps program was under attack, and perhaps not be funded for future projects. It is my viewpoint that Lloyd Wiehelm had earned the award "USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD", for his hours of dedication, to promote the AmeriCorps program while serving as the FSA Four Corners Facilitator.



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