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USDA Summer of Gleaning State Progress Report (CNS Grant No. 95ADFDC047)

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SECTION I - STATE INFORMATION

2. State: Kentucky
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STATE: KY

Site Supervisor: Tom Coffey
Agency/Org Name: District Offc. Rural Development
City: London, KY

PHONE: 606-864-5168
FAX: 6068787717

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 6

Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS		Total
					1st half	2nd half	
BOND, SONYA	L.	S	A	I	310.5		0
CARNEY, SELENA	L.	S	A	I	286		0
DRAKE, DAMONT	R.	S	A	I	296		0
MOWELL, KARLA	F.	S	A	I	275		0
RADFORD, DAN	S.	S	A	I	302		0
SPARROW, AMY	L.	S	A	I	288		0

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No. of Active Members Whose Enrollment Forms were recieved at USDA (not including terminations): 6

No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Recieved*: 0

ENTER the number of vacancies that you intend to fill in the next reporting period: 0

ENTER the number of vacancies you intend to relinquish for the program year: 0

* If the number of Members allocated is greater than the number of forms received, there are four options: 1. There are Members enrolled in programs whose forms have not been submitted to the USDA Director of National Service. If that is the case, list the names, SSN, Status and hours of the missing members on the back of this sheet and send the enrollment forms to the USDA Director of National Service. 2. The enrollment forms were sent directly to the Corporation. If that is the case, send copies to the USDA Director of National Service immediately. 3. There are vacancies in your program you intend to fill in the next reporting period. If that is the case, enter the number of vacancies on the appropriate line. 4. There are vacancies that you can not fill and you are relinquishing them.

REMEMBER, MEMBERS WHOSE FORMS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT USDA ARE NOT CONSIDERED ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM AND THEIR BENEFITS (EDUCATION AWARD,ETC.) ARE JEOPARDIZED!!!

If the number of members for whom forms have been received is greater than the number of members allocated resulting in a negative number appearing in the "No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Received" line, you have enrolled more members in your program than authorized. Please explain this over enrollment. It may be that some members have terminated, in which case, change their status on this form and submit the proper end of term of service form to the USDA Director of National Service

11. Please list the total number of **volunteers** who took part in activities which were sponsored or organized by all the Members in the state during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
<u>110</u>	<u> </u>	<u>110</u>

12. Please list the total number of **hours of community service** completed by the volunteers cited above during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
<u>250</u>	<u> </u>	<u>250</u>

SECTION IV - PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING SERVICE OBJECTIVES:

13. **Original Community Service Objectives:** Attached are sheets summarizing the community service objectives that were originally approved for each operating site. In cases where a single objective may take an entire year to complete, that objective may have a sub-objectives listed. **You need to fill in the column marked "Mid-Term Quantity" and the column marked "Mid-Term Success" --- as well as any column that is blank, has a zero, or has a question mark --- for EVERY operating site.** Each chart should have the following columns:

"State" - The standard two-letter code for your state

"Obj No" - Each community service objective for each site is assigned an individual number

"Op Site" - Each site's unique operating site identification

"PGM Code" - Each type of service has been assigned a unique code to describe that type of service. See the appendix to this report entitled "Community Service PGM Code List"

"Obj/Impact Statement" - A few words verbally summarizing the community service objective

"Summer's QTY Target" - The Summer's numerical goal for the people or things to be aided

"Target Unit of Measurement" - The unit of measure used in the previous column

"Mid Term Quantity" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's QTY Target"

"Summer's Success Target" - Number for a way of measuring *quality* of service provided --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"Success Unit of Measure" - Explanation of the number in the previous column --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

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QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL SUMMER OF GLEANING COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
 (Under "Mid-TERM Quantity" enter the amount of work done in the third quarter. Do the same for "MID-TERM Success".)

State	OP Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Summer		MID-TERM Quantity	Summer		MID-TERM Success
					QTY Target	Unit of Measure		Success Target	Unit of Measure	
KY	921A	1	EN-H007A	Farmland gleaned for distribution of food to hungry citizens	25,000	# of lbs of food rescued	16,000	400	# of individuals fed with gleaned food	100%*

* Gleaning Members have fed 1,600 individuals thus far

14. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Use this section to report progress towards completing additional new objectives --- those objectives in addition to the main objectives of each project listed on the preceding page. Please fill in all columns for all objectives. It is important to make sure that each objective is listed with its own "OP site" (Operating site) code; this ensures that we know precisely what service is performed at each site. Please fill in all columns for each objective. Under "Obj No.," please give each new objective a number different from the number used for any of the objectives on the preceding page. Under "PGM Code", please use a one-letter and three-digit code to describe the service from the code list provided at the end of this report. Under "Obj/Impact statement," provide a several-word summary of the nature of the service project -- this verbal summary should roughly match the "PGM Code" listed in the previous column. Under "Summer's QTY Target," provide a hard number for the people or things aided. Under "Target Unit of Measurement," specify what unit of measure was used in the previous column -- such as miles, number of people served, acres, etc. Under "1st QTR Quantity," provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's QTY Target" that was accomplished during this reporting period. Under "Summer's Success Target," provide a hard number for a way of measuring how well the service was provided. Under "Successes Unit of Measure," specify exactly what the number in the previous column meant. Under "1st QTR Success," provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's Success Target" that was accomplished during this reporting period.

1st QTR State Op Site Measure	Obj PGM No. Code	Obj/Impact statement	Summer's		Unit of Measure	Summer's		Unit of
			QTY Target	QTY		1st QTR Quantity	Success Target	

{SAMPLE:}

CA Y05A	18 EN96	Constrcuting whale nesting boxes	3	Boxes	1	90	%
meeting stand.	95%						

15. Community Service Objectives Narrative:

If you feel it is necessary and/or helpful, you may use this space to describe in more detail accomplishments towards the original community service objectives reported in question 14. Please make sure you include the Operating Site ID Number in each narrative description so we can be clear which accomplishment is matched to which site.

The Kentucky Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue program has been successful in obtaining response from the community. The Team is currently working with 14 different food banks and have currently helped at least 1,600 individuals in 16 counties. This service has been greatly enhanced by the media coverage which the group has received. They have had articles in USA Today, Corbin Times Tribune, McCreary County Record, Jackson County Sun, Louisville Courier Journal, Wayne County News, London Sentinel Echo and also several radio broadcasts. The group was also featured on Channel 27 TV News (a station in Lexington, Kentucky). All releases have already been forwarded.

16. Community Building Objectives Narrative:

Briefly describe how projects have brought together diverse groups of people, empowered communities to solve their own problems, built long-term structures that will last beyond each AmeriCorps Member's term of service, and generally improved the abilities of local citizens to help improve their own lives.

The program has enabled the food banks to combine efforts to locate families which need the produce which has been gleaned. It has also encouraged local civic groups like the Kiwanis to become involved in our effort.

17. **AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives Narrative:**
Briefly describe how the AmeriCorps Members themselves have benefited from serving in the program, particularly in regard to expanding their own educational opportunity and increasing their own ethic of personal responsibility. Describe specific skills learned by Members through either their service or training. Describe any Members that earned a GED or otherwise advanced their education. Describe any Member that left public assistance to join AmeriCorps. Relate how AmeriCorps allowed Members to continue college or graduate school. Describe how Members may have changed their ethic of work, citizenship, or community volunteerism.

The Members in the program have greatly increased their knowledge concerning the plight of the low-income families of Kentucky. They have also increased their awareness of the generosity of the local people in the communities which are served. They now realize that a small group of individuals working with both of these groups of people can have great rewards both for the people giving and receiving the gleaned produce and also the members that bring these groups together.

18. Unique Successes or Great Stories:

One of the most touching experiences that one of our Members had was when Karla Mowell went to Jackson County. She contacted McKee Manor, which is a low-income housing area for the elderly. She asked if they would be interested in obtaining some of the gleaned produce. The residents' response was overwhelming. They had been getting produce from someone who came to the area and sold the residents two hands full of beans for the price of \$4.00. These are elderly people who grew up raising their own gardens. They were no longer physically able to raise a garden nor did they have the space to grow anything. Many of them have high medical bills which would not enable them to pay the high price the vendor was asking for produce. Karla has said that the faces of the elderly residents of McKee Manor when they received their portion of the gleaned produce was something that she will carry with her the remainder of her life (as well as the hugs).

19. Difficulties Faced by the Program:

The difficulties faced by this program were:

1. Finding a truck to use to haul produce
2. Having resources for petty cash
3. The need is so great and the time so limited

20. National Identity Activities:

This program has greatly enhanced the AmeriCorps Program in Kentucky due in part to the wonderful coverage by the media. The extensive work of the Members has also shown Kentuckians what benefits AmeriCorps can bring to the state. Without the efforts of this Team, all of the produce gleaned would have been wasted.

22. Organizational Improvements:

The program could be improved by having the project run longer. Some of the gleaners could work on weekends or in the afternoon to obtain some produce that will not be ready until after the program has ended (although the AmeriCorps Members are recruiting people to try to get this produce).

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Yesterday, based on the previous day's weather.

	Lo	Sky	City	HI	Lo	Sky
77	CY		Oslo	73	57	CL
46	CY		Paris	68	46	CY
77	RN		Rio	75	59	CY
71	CL		Rome	71	53	CY
64	CL		San Juan	91	78	CY
35	CY		Seoul	75	68	RN
59	CY		Singapore	89	80	CL
60	CL		Stockholm	69	48	CL
51	CY		Sydney	66	55	CY
64	CL		Taipei	93	77	CY
75	CY		Tel Aviv	82	69	CL
59	CY		Tokyo	77	69	CY
55	CL		Toronto	71	57	RN
62	CL		Vancouver	60	55	CY
55	CL		Vienna	64	50	CY
77	CY		Warsaw	57	50	RN
77	RN		Zurich	60	46	CY

the coalfields.

A Coca-Cola distributor that serves Eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia has filed a \$40 million federal antitrust lawsuit against PepsiCo Inc. and its biggest distributor, Pepsi-Cola Metropolitan Bottling Co.

Louisa Coca-Cola Bottling Co. claims Metro has used illegal secret deals and dirty tactics to squeeze out the competition and create a monopoly in a seven-county area — Lawrence, Johnson, Martin and Floyd counties in Kentucky and Wayne, Mingo and Lincoln

The Coke distributor claims Metro has entered into a "conspiracy in restraint of trade" through illegal contracts with such chains as Super-America, Winn-Dixie, Foodland, Kroger and Shopwise.

Louisa Coca-Cola also alleges that Metro is creating a monopoly by buying up other national soft-drink distributors in the area and establishing fast-food franchises with Pepsi-owned chains like Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The lawsuit also accuses Metro of "commercial bribery."

could not be reached for comment, and the company has not responded to the suit.

The suit alleges \$8 million in losses in Kentucky and \$2 million in West Virginia. But Louisa is seeking triple damages, or \$30 million, under federal law.

Louisa is also asking for \$10 million in punitive damages and an order forcing Metro and PepsiCo to "divest themselves of such of their acquisitions as necessary to end their monopoly control over the soft-drink trade in the market area." That would

Pepsi subsidiary, East Kentucky Beverage Co. That case was settled out of court in 1990 for an undisclosed sum.

The suit also raises some of the issues that prompted a group of mom-and-pop stores in Eastern Kentucky to briefly boycott Pepsi products last year. They alleged Pepsi was giving bigger chain stores better prices and rebates.

"I'm supposed to be the customer but I'm their enemy," said Bob Ferguson, owner of B&C Market at Blair in Lawrence County. "They deal with me just like I'm their enemy."

Americorps crew saves fresh vegetables for the needy

Associated Press

MONTICELLO, Ky. — A morning's "gleaning" yesterday will mean fresh cabbages for people in need and some lettuce, of sorts, for six college students.

The students descended on a Wayne County field to gather about 1,000 pounds of cabbage that would otherwise have been left to rot because it didn't meet commercial standards. In the process, they earned scholarship money through the federal Americorps program.

Dan Radford, of Monticello, said it was the best of both worlds.

"I want to help the needy," said Radford, 23, a junior food-science major at the University of Kentucky. "And, of course, the scholarship helps out. My money is getting kind of tight."

Americorps is a national program that offers scholarship money and stipends to students in exchange for community work. Monday's effort was part of Americorps' "Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue" program.

Gleaning means picking up what's left after a field has been harvested. In this case, farmer Larry McKinley donated cabbages that were either too small or too moldy to sell. The mold is simply cut away after gleaning.

"It would sit there and rot if somebody didn't come and get them," said team leader Damont Drake, 37, of Corbin, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

He recently helped distribute gleaned tomatoes to about 300 fam-

ilies in Whitley County. Drake and his team were working through the Kentucky Highlands Empowerment Zone, which is receiving millions in federal aid to develop the rural region.

Most of the food will go to charities in a 15-county area. Margaret Robinson, food coordinator at God's Food Pantry in Somerset, said her families gets mostly canned vegetables.

"I think that's just wonderful that we're going to get fresh vegetables ...," Robinson said.

QTR. SUNRISE..... 6:21 A.M.
SUNSET..... 9:10 P.M.
MOONRISE..... 3:20 P.M.
MOONSET..... 2:08 A.M.

) = Lower gauge, (U) = Upper gauge

Station	Flood stage	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow	Next day
sville (L).....	55	25.5	23.1	20.0	16.7
leton (L).....	42	20.5	19.3	17.6	15.5
burgh (L).....	38	24.6	23.4	21.2	18.6
sville.....	42	22.2	21.3	19.5	17.3
ntown (L).....	37	26.3	25.5	23.8	20.9
neetown.....	33	26.6	25.9	24.5	22.0
onda.....	40	31.1	31.1	30.8	30.5

educational information on applying for scholarships, contact the foundation's director, at 114.

HC 84, Parkers Lakes. Brandon Wilford of Whitley City received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration. The McCreary Central High graduate is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilford of Whitley City.



"This is the way television is headed — because it makes so much sense. Our family loves it."

Joe Petrucci

AmeriCorps Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue program under way

LONDON — More food for area residents will be available this summer as the result of the work of six young people who are participating in the AmeriCorps Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue program.

For the next 12 weeks these students will work in the Kentucky Highlands Empowerment Zone and its surrounding counties.

Some 100 needy, hungry or elderly families are hoped to be helped by the project in which the AmeriCorps volunteers will organize other volunteer groups to assist in gleaning fields — "gathering after the reapers," and rescuing excess foodstuffs from prepared food distributors.

Those foodstuffs would be distributed to local food pantries for the poor and those assisted will be instructed in proper processing of the fresh foods to make them last longer.

The AmeriCorps volunteers, who are paid a living stipend and also will be granted a lump sum award toward their college education, will recruit other agencies such as Kentucky Communities Economic Council groups, the Christian Appalachian Project and County Extension

The problem? Everyone in the area is helped by a tiny village. Service offices to assist in the project.

The AmeriCorps volunteers will also encourage church youth groups, Scouting groups, 4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America and other similar groups to assist in actually going into the fields after the harvesters to glean the vegetables and collecting prepared foodstuffs.

And once the project is completed for the summer it is hoped by AmeriCorps volunteers that the volunteers they have generated in the local communities will continue the gleaning work.

In the early part of the summer the AmeriCorps volunteers will meet with farmers who have been recruited into the program as well as those community members who have been recruited to assist in distribution of the foodstuffs.

Actual gleaning and packaging will begin in July and will continue through the harvest season.

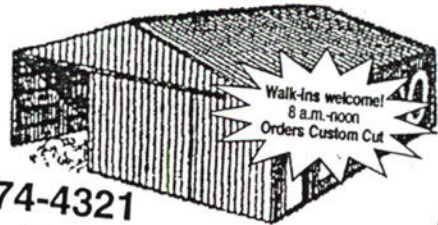
Groups or individuals who wish to assist in the Summer of Gleaning should contact team leader Damont Drake through the Kentucky Highlands Empowerment Zone office at (606) 864-5175.

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AmeriCorps brings food

Gleaning program to bring excess food to needy families

By George Ferrell

Editor

Karla Mowell, a 25-year-old native of Knox County, will be serving a three county area including Jackson County for an innovative federal program — AmeriCorps — that will see unmarketed produce go to food banks and needy people throughout the region.

Cabbage is on the way from Wayne County — one of the three EZ communities which Jackson County is a member.

Locally the food will be chan-

neled through the Jackson County Food Bank, Camp Andrew Jackson and McKee Manor.

The program was announced in April by Agriculture Sec. Dan Glickman, who indicated that Kentucky Highlands Empowerment Zone and nearby counties would be one of the sites in 17 states where AmeriCorps members are participating in gleaning and food rescue activities this summer.

Mowell is one of six AmeriCorps

Please see "Food" on p.3

•Food

From the front page

members serving a 14 county area in Southeastern Kentucky for 12 weeks during the summer working with volunteers, local farm cooperatives, and non-profit organizations to aid in the feeding of needy families, according to Thomas G. Fern, State Director for Rural Development.

The program is designed to provide fresh produce, fruits and vegetables to hungry, needy, and elderly families by gleaning farms in the area and increasing awareness of how these fruits and vegetables can be processed by the families to last longer during the year, Fern indicated.

Also, the USDA has a national toll free hotline (1-800-GLEAN IT) to provide up to date info about local and national gleaning and food rescue efforts. The hotline is in place to put potential food donors into contact with local food distribution programs and provide guidance to individuals interested in initiating programs in their community.

Mowell said the program's target date runs through the end of August, and that currently cabbage is being cut in Wayne County that AmeriCorps will distribute in Clay, Jackson and Knox Counties.

"The last time we cut we got 1,500 pounds," she said. "That was distributed in another county."

The AmeriCorps program is President Clinton's national service program, which allows Americans of all backgrounds to serve their communities in exchange for educational awards that can be used to pay for college, graduate school, job training, or to pay back existing student loans.

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture sponsors rural development, environmental protection, and anti-hunger projects that engage up to 1,350 of the 25,000 members in the overall AmeriCorps program.

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"This is the first time it's ever been attempted and we're hoping to keep it going," Mowell said. "It's new, I think President Clinton — it was initiated by him with support of Congress."

This summer program is just one of many efforts by AmeriCorps.

"This just runs through the summer," Mowell said. "There's so much food that's left in the fields and doesn't get to the people who could use it."

Any citizen or permanent resident of the United States age 17 or older can apply for the summer gleaning program. Anyone interested can call Louis Elliott at (502) 633-0891 or 1 800-880-4183 for more information or an application.

"This is our first time to distribute in Jackson County," Mowell said. "It's been slow so far this year because of the weather — we also have plans to have peppers and tomatoes too."

(Editor's note: Much of the information for this article was supplied by the USDA and AmeriCorps.)

McCreary Co. Record - Tuesday
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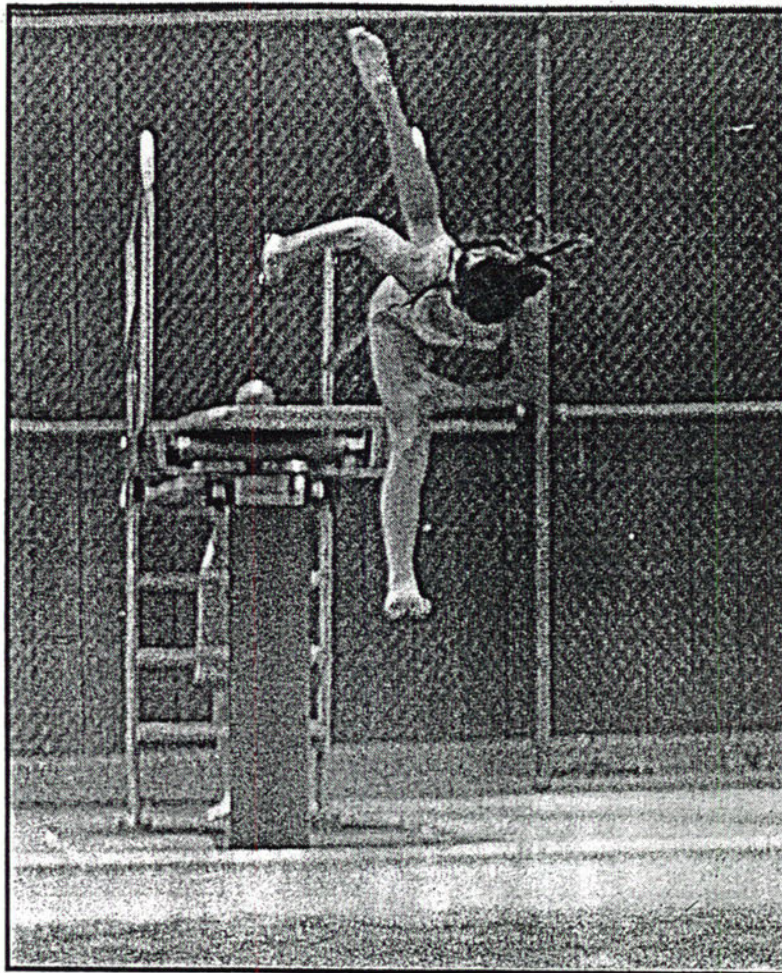
In the early part of the summer the AmeriCorps volunteers will meet with farmers who have been recruited into the program as well as those community members who have been recruited to assist in distribution of the foodstuffs.

Actual gleaning and packaging will begin in July and will continue through the harvest season.

Groups or individuals who wish to assist in the Summer of Gleaning should contact team leader Damont Drake through the Kentucky Highlands Empowerment Zone office at (606) 864-5175.

Corbin cool down

There's more than one way to stay cool on a hot summer day. But the Corbin City Pool seems to be the easiest way for some local citizens. Alicia Cima of Corbin, above and right, spent Wednesday afternoon cooling herself in the pool on Barbourville Street in Corbin. Another pleasant day is expected over the Tri-Counties today with highs in the lower to middle 80s. No rain is expected through the weekend, but heat and humidity will show a gradual day-to-day increase. (See page 2 for a detailed weather information.)



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The city will not lose on the new company. It's licensed in Kentucky, he added.

Under the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance plan, the cost per year would be \$83,000 more, Hudson said. The American Interstate plan would cost approximately \$74,000.

"If the coverage is the same, go with the private carrier," added Corbin Mayor Scott Williamson.

In other business, the city agreed to donate an old fire truck to the Greater Corbin Chamber of Commerce for use at the Corbin Civic Center. The truck will be used for events such as the Lake Laurel Horse Show, said Hudson.

Although the city recently rejected an offer of \$500 for the pump, Hudson said donating it to the chamber would save the city money.

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Summer program helping area needy

BY KELLE EDWARDS
TIMES-TRIBUNE STAFF

Modernize the old biblical parable about gleaning the harvest and you might just find yourself in southeastern Kentucky picking some cabbage and tomatoes, humbling yourself for someone else.

Just as in the book of Ruth, you will find a little extra is left for those less fortunate and people gathering the harvest to give to them.

It's called the Americorps Summer of Gleaning project and it's currently providing much of the Tri-County with fruits and vegetables at absolutely no charge, thanks to area farmers and businesses.

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Working in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which sponsors rural development, environmental protection and anti-hunger projects that engage up to 1,350 of the 25,000 members in the Americorps program, local volunteers go out into farm lands, pick up the leftovers and distribute them throughout the area to people who need food.

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Drake and six other Americorps volunteers have spent their summer gathering, giving and feeling good about it.

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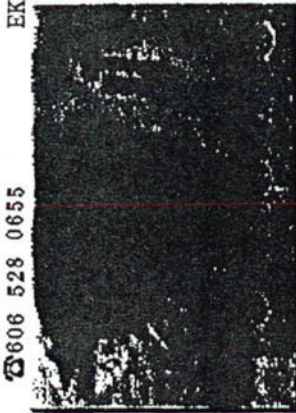
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Decker said this program was also a way for farmers to find what they're needed.

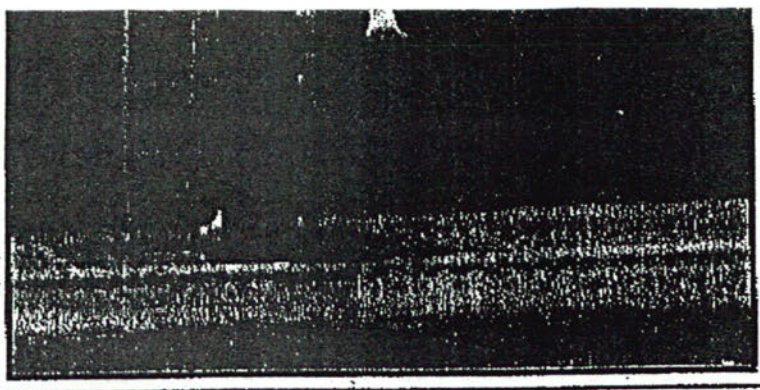
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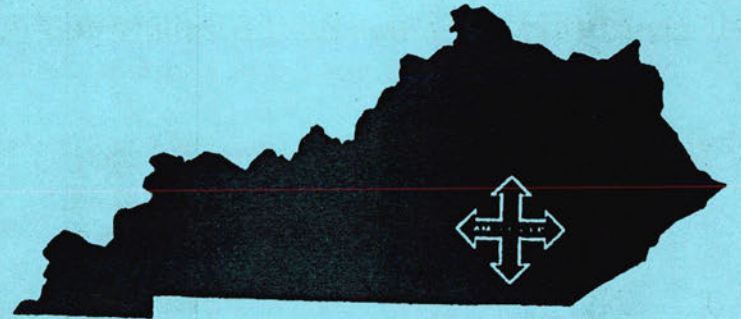
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*Americorps - Getting things done by strengthening
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*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's
the only thing that ever has." —Margaret Mead*



Pictures from Summer Gleaning and
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1. Check this reporting period: Mid-Term ___ Final X

SECTION I - STATE INFORMATION

2. State: Maryland

3. Agency: ARS NRCS Forest Service RECD FSA FCS

SECTION II - STATE CONTACT INFORMATION:
(Make Corrections if Necessary)

4. Contact Name: John Ciekot
 First Middle Last

5. Title: Civic Works Projects Director

6. Address: Civic Works, 2701 St. Lo Drive
 street, number, and PO (if applicable)

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 City State Zip

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8. Fax number: 410-366-1831

9. E-Mail Address (if any) : _____

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10. MEMBE ATA:

OP SITE ID: 924A

Site Supervisor: John Ciekot

PHONE: 410-366-8533

STATE: MD

Agency/Org Name: Civic Works

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No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 4

Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS				Total
					1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt	
DEVINE, COLLEEN	M.	S	C	II			352	<u>480.0</u> ✓	352
LUSTER, GLORIA	H.	S	C	II			330	<u>533.0</u> ✓	330 ✓
RICHARDS, BRIAN	D.	S	C	II			275	<u>481.5</u> ✓	275
STEELE, AMY	B.	S	E	III			284	<u>355.75</u> ✓	284
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No. of Active Members Whose Enrollment Forms were recieved at USDA (not including terminations): 4

No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Recieved*: 0

REMEMBER THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS FOR EACH MEMBER SHOULD BE THE HOURS SERVED AND NOT INCLUDE THE HOURS FOR PERSONAL LEAVE (16) AND HOLIDAYS (16). IF YOU HAVE BEEN COUNTING THESE PLEASE ADJUST THE FINAL REPORT'S HOURS SO THAT THE TOTAL IS AT LEAST 480 OF SERVICE (assuming the person was full-time and successfully completed the program.) You can have more than 480 hrs for a total just be sure all the hours were service hours. Thank You

REMEMBER, MEMBERS WHOSE FORMS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT USDA ARE NOT CONSIDERED ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM.



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QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
 (Under "Second Half Quantity" enter the amount of work done since the mid-term report. Do the same for "Second Half Success".)

Remember, since this is the last or final report, there should be no objectives with a zero entered in quantity or success, if a zero was entered for the first report (mid-term). (See your mid-term report) If you have objectives that you could not do anything on please explain why.

State	Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Projects		Second	Project's	Second		
					QTY	Unit of Measure	Half	Success	Half	Success	
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	Target	QTY	Quantity	Target	Success	Unit of Measure	
MD	924A	1	EN-H042A	Develop network for distribution of gleaned produce	100000	# of lbs of food rescued	* 78,535	150,000		# of individuals fed with gleaned food	117,800

* 58,500 pounds of gleaned food were distributed in the Baltimore Area; 20,035 pounds were distributed in Washington and areas outside of Baltimore.

directly to the USDA Director of National Service and NOT--- repeat NOT --- the Corporation for National Service.

REMEMBER:

a. ALL members should be listed even though they only served a few days. If an enrollment form was submitted for a

Member who then terminates either by officially notifying you or simply by walking away from the program, an End of Term of Service Form MUST be submitted for the Member.

b. If Members are serving at an operating site and their name does not appear on the list for that site, first check to see

if the Member is listed under a different operating site; if not, then an Enrollment Form must be submitted so the person can be enrolled in the program.

c. List all the hours a Member served during the reporting period regardless if they terminated or if they started in the middle of the period.

11. Please list the total number of volunteers who took part in activities which were sponsored or organized by all the Members in the state during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
157	323	480

12. Please list the total number of hours of community service completed by the volunteers cited above during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
523	1,292	1815

SECTION IV - PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING SERVICE OBJECTIVES:

13. Original Community Service Objectives: Attached are sheets summarizing the community service objectives that were originally approved for each operating site. In cases where a single objective may take an entire year to

complete, that objective may have a sub-objectives listed. You need to fill in the column marked "Mid-Term

Quantity" and the column marked "Mid-Term Success" --- as well as any column that is blank,

14. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Use this section to report progress towards completing additional new objectives --- those objectives in addition to the main objectives of each project listed on the preceding page. Please fill in all columns for all objectives. It is important to make sure that each objective is listed with its own "OP site" (Operating site) code; this ensures that we know precisely what service is performed at each site. Please fill in all columns for each objective. Under "Obj No.," please give each new objective a number different from the number used for any of the objectives on the preceding page.

Under "PGM Code", please use a one-letter and three-digit code to describe the service from the code list provided at the end of this report.

Under "Obj/Impact statement," provide a several-word summary of the nature of the service project -- this verbal summary

should roughly match the "PGM Code" listed in the previous column. Under "Summer's QTY Target," provide a hard

number for the people or things aided. Under "Target Unit of Measurement," specify what unit of measure was used in the

previous column -- such as miles, number of people served, acres, etc. Under "Final Quantity," provide a hard number

indicating progress towards the "Summer's QTY Target" that was accomplished during this reporting period. Under

"Summer's Success Target," provide a hard number for a way of measuring how well the service was provided. Under

"Successes Unit of Measure," specify exactly what the number in the previous column meant.

Under "Final Success,"

provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's Success Target" that was accomplished during this reporting period.

OP State	OP Site No.	Obj Code	Summer's PGM Obj/Impact statement	QTY Target	Quantity Unit of Measure	Summer's Final Quantity	Success Target	Unit of Measure Success
MD	924A	2	Develop Network of Groups For rescue of food	20	# of Gleaning Volunteer Groups	1292	1000	Anticipated hours Volunteer hours contributed by groups
MD	924A	3	Recruit Individual Volunteers	50	# of Individual Volunteers	500	250	Anticipated hours Volunteer hours for individuals
MD	924A	4	Develop Farmer Network	10	# of Farmers	*42	50	Anticipated Acres gleaned

* 42 Acres represent the number of acres donated for the purpose of gleaning. This number does not represent 42 acres which were completely harvested. Much more food could have been gleaned with greater volunteer participation.

15. Community Service Objectives Narrative: Use this space to describe in more detail accomplishments towards the original community service objectives reported in question 13 and/or your additional community service objectives reported in question 14. Please make sure you include the Operating Site ID Number in each narrative description so we can be clear which accomplishment is matched to which site.

The major community service objective was the initiation of a Gleaning Network for Baltimore with a dependable distribution system. This was accomplished. Two recipient organizations with food service programs for homeless people became working partners who also provide some of the needed volunteer gleaners and food transportation.

The objective of 150,000 servings from farm rescued food was based on the formula that every two pounds of vegetables yielded at least three servings on dinner plates. Poundage totals were based on conscientious estimates of pounds per box or bag of each different commodity. In addition to 85,5000 pounds of food rescued from farms that went directly to Baltimore, another 20,000 pounds went into Washington and other points in the region. These pounds are included in the objective statement in item #13.

Item #14 shows other components in a gleaning network and shows some of the hours put into its development. Summer Program AmeriCorps members notified many organizations in Baltimore, such as churches and food providers, of the possibility of obtaining fresh food directly from farms at no cash cost, but at the cost of volunteer labor. This presents a quantitative and qualitative improvement in food supply for food providers to very low income people and the new opportunity of putting people on the farm, at the happy work of gathering food. For many food service recipients this proved an exhilarating experience.

Volunteers in many service oriented organizations see new ways to serve in hands-on activities that produce visible and immediate results. Beyond the food availability and self-help dimensions, the new Baltimore Area Gleaning Network has allowed farmers a way to see their surplus put to its intended use rather than plowed under.

Farm community development was possible only through the work of Mr. George Roche of the Washington Area Gleaning Network.

16. Community Building Objectives Narrative: Briefly describe how projects have brought together diverse groups of people, empowered communities to solve their own problems, built long term structures that will last beyond each AmeriCorps Member's term of service, and generally improved the abilities of local citizens to help improve their own lives.

Gleaning has brought low-income city people as well as middle class suburban residents together on rural farms where they have worked together to glean. Gleaning has truly appealed to a wide range of people and succeeded because of the diversity of the volunteers with the program. Gleaners have found a common ground in the need for food and in the joy of taking food directly from the ground and the farmer. For some, this common ground has religious or spiritual dimensions as well as an economic one.

A fledgling network of non-profit groups such as shelters and churches has evolved out of the gleaning program; during the program, staff at larger distribution sites would alert smaller organizations in the area which feed the hungry but cannot store a large amount of fresh food. These organizations would then pick up food from one of the main distribution sites. Eventually, some of the smaller organizations began recruiting volunteers to go gleaning, and then they took back the gleaned food to their sites. **The rapport that has developed between different organizations which feed the hungry in Baltimore is still growing. This network need to be exercised and reinforced so that the participating parties begin to expect and plan to play their part on a regular annual basis. (See attached material).**

17. AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives Narrative: Briefly describe how the AmeriCorps Members themselves

have benefited from serving in the program, particularly in regard to expanding their own educational opportunity and

increasing their own ethic of personal responsibility. Describe specific skills learned by Members through either their

service or training. Describe any Members that earned a GED or otherwise advanced their education. Describe any

Members that left public assistance to join AmeriCorps. Relate how AmeriCorps allowed Members to continue college or

graduate school. Describe how Members may have changed their ethic of work, citizenship, or community volunteerism.

The education awards will serve Members in their undergraduate and graduate studies. Two Members said their course work choices may be influenced by their greater appreciation for hunger and distribution issues and the positive interpersonal dynamics witnessed during the gleaning and distribution activities. Members learned broader communication skills, logistics management and administrative skills.

Some team members revealed their personal attitudinal changes regarding people in poverty. Any stereotypical images were replaced by meeting actual persons of different

ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Members discovered themselves and diverse others responding to the opportunity to solve a very human problem, hunger, with cooperative physical action and feelings of mutual concern.

SECTION V - SUCCESS STORIES:

18. Unique Successes or Great Stories : Briefly describe one or two unique and/or exceptional success stories, a program highlight, or a great story from your state. Please explain any instance in which AmeriCorps Members recruited non-AmeriCorps community volunteers for projects. Please include all media coverage, including original newspaper clips, videotapes of TV coverage, and cassette tapes of radio coverage; any letters of support or thank you letters; "before and after" photographs, brochures, posters, and newsletters created by the project; and other types of creative documentation.

MEDIA RELATED

News of our program traveled fast through the first article that was written about BAGNET by the "Baltimore Times," a weekly newspaper distributed in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area (see attachment). The article was featured on the front page of the paper in the July 22-28, 1996 issue. One of our Corps members, Brian Richards, began making media contacts, and, after forwarding a copy of the newspaper article to WBFF-Fox 45 television, their interest was aroused and they contacted Brian to learn more about our program. Impressed by both our efforts and objectives, the station requested to interview two children at a gleaning event for a one-half to one hour program highlighting how four children spent their summers. On July 27, 1996, at our first media event, Sharon Wiley, Public Affairs Manager, of Fox 45 interviewed two of our young gleaners who will be featured in a program, "Children Who Did Extraordinary Things This Summer." The show is in the editing stages and will be televised in late September or early October. For more information about the airing date please contact WBFF Fox 45 at (410) 467-4545.

From the same event, the Jeffersonian, a Baltimore area newspaper of suburban and rural circulation, published an article on August 1 about BAGNET and made a pitch to recyclers to view gleaning in an environmental context.

On August 17, 1996, we had a food distribution event at the Maryland Homeless Veterans shelter. In attendance were some state officials and The Agriculture Department Under Secretary, Jill Long Thompson who addressed the crowd giving a heart warming speech on the impact such programs have on society at large. This program was profiled in the Baltimore Sun Newspaper, August 18, 1996 and also television stations WBAL-11 and WJZ-13 aired the highlights of the event on Sunday,

August 18th during each broadcast that day. The event was a celebration for all participants.

GREAT STORY

A mother contacted BAGNET as a result of reading the first newspaper article. The mother, Ms. Cox, spotted an opportunity for her daughter and niece, both teenagers, to learn community responsibility first hand. These three ladies worked at a gleaning a few days after the article appeared. Then at our next gleaning the two youths had recruited four of their friends. Subsequent gleanings included: mother, daughter, son, niece and all four friends. (Please see various letters that express interest, thanks, and photographs).

SECTION VI - CHALLENGES

19. Overall Difficulties Faced by the Program: Use this section to report on any problems your Members have encountered in the program this period. These should be significant issues which were related to achieving objectives, significant delays in implementation, administrative problems, or any other expectations, events or incidents that have caused the Members concern. State the problem concisely and how the issue has, or has not been resolved. Be sure to outline the steps taken and identify any resources needed to assist in resolving the problem.

All were concerned with the lack of gleaning opportunities in late Spring, early and mid-Summer. This region's farms experienced extraordinary delays in productivity due to cool and wet weather. A year-round program with on-going contacts between coordinating personnel, growers and gleaners is essential to giving all parties confidence to persevere despite weather related setbacks.

The other major challenge is lack of transportation of volunteers from city to farm and lack of food cargo transport from farms to those in need. Gleanings where poorer people are involved are those that yield that best results in the social learning experiences. In order for the poorer people to participate and work, transportation must be provided for them.

In this Summer program, we stayed within our transportation budget. We were able to achieve this result only because many individuals and organizations offered their cars, vans, buses and trucks to the cause. This was a limiting factor. We could have greatly multiplied our results in volunteers and pounds if we had transport at our disposal. The growth and continuance of gleaning and other anti-hunger efforts will rely heavily on the transportation factor. After all, one thing we have learned clearly is that the food is out there, and quickly is a-wasting. The people and the food are far apart. Only

transportation can bring the food and the people together.

SECTION V - GENERAL INFORMATION

20. National Identity Activities: Please describe any activities undertaken by Members that fostered the national identity of

AmeriCorps. These could include joint service activities, meetings with other AmeriCorps projects, national telephone conference calls, use of Internet to communicate with other sites, etc.

- 1) Members were operating Summer of Gleaning from the headquarters of Civic Works, an AmeriCorps Youth Service Corps. Daily communication between Members of the two programs broadened the understanding of all Members about opportunities to serve in the food related area of need.
- 2) Summer Project Members sponsored the gleaning events where AmeriCorps was "discovered" by farmers, individual and group volunteers, and the public via journalist. The AmeriCorps symbol was everywhere. Many gleaning events put other AmeriCorps program Members in the field including four teams from Civic Works, teams from the Maryland Conservation Corps and Community Year and HomeCorps.

21. Organizational Changes: Please outline and describe any changes in your program s organization and/or structure during the quarter.

None.

22. Organizational Improvements: Please write any suggestions by you, your Members, site managers, or anyone else regarding ways in which the USDA or CNS AmeriCorps program could be improved.

One site manager should serve year round. Other staff or Members should increase and decrease to fit the growing season and the need to do public education. Nutrition, grow-your-own and food preserving education can be coupled to gleaning in concept and practice, to achieve greater self-reliance among those presently in need of food assistance.

23. Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs: Please specify precisely what kind of staff or Member training or other technical assistance can be provided by USDA, the Corporation for National Service, or other sources to improve your projects.

- 1) Gleaning centers could be provided with computer formats for tracking growers,

volunteers, gleaned product type, quantity and value, and the recipients.

- 2) USDA could develop some inviting and non-threatening means of introducing to farmers the benefits and easiness of working with volunteer groups and non-profit non-government organizations. Video tapes could show farmers, volunteers in the field, the paper trail, transport, distribution, and use of food.

SECTION VI - FOOD RECOVERY SPECIFICS

24. Partnerships - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

- a) Please explain how your project identified its partners:

WAGN and Civic Works were aware of NGO's with anti-hunger missions, recipient organizations and key individuals.

- b) Please provide a final, updated, list of partner organizations:

Primary Partners: Civic Works and Washington Area Gleaning Network.

Secondary Partners: Action for the Homeless, Maryland Food Bank and Maryland Food Committee.

Distribution Partners: Helping Up Mission and Maryland Homeless Veterans

- c) Please detail contributions to the project, both financial and in-kind, provided by partners.

Maryland Food Bank donated over 400 pounds of drinks and snacks for volunteer gleaners. Thousands of dollars of transportation of volunteers and food were provided in-kind. Thousands of dollars of work time of volunteers in the fields and elsewhere were provided.

- d) If partners raised funds specifically for this project, please explain how.

N/A

- e) Please explain specifically what concrete assistance was provided by each partner organization.

Action for Homeless: Assisted in volunteer recruitment, organization and team building.

Maryland Food Bank: Acted as a drop-off point for food; provided volunteer and recipient information.

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f) Please explain what worked best in the partnerships.

Action For The Homeless went gleaning with their HomeCorps AmeriCorps group and helped at the beginning of program by holding a seminar for BAGNET members on building a team.

Maryland Food Bank assistance with volunteer groups was very helpful and they were very useful as a drop-off point because they have facilities to accommodate a huge amount food.

Maryland Food Committee was very supportive during program and very helpful with education and awareness of hunger.

g) Please explain what your greatest challenges were in forging and implementing your partnerships.

Operating from more than one decision making center separated by long distance telephone calls and spread-out vehicles.

25. Donors -On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Please detail how many food donors there were to your project and name all donors other than individual farmers.

All donated food was fresh produce from farms. At least eight farmers participated as donors.

b) Please detail how the donors were contacted.

Farmers were primarily contacted by Mr. George Roche of WAGN. George worked with the Maryland Department of Agriculture in for 30 years and knew many farmers.

c) Explain how, precisely, the donors provided food and what oversight, if any, they provided in the process.

When visiting a farm, gleaners were directed by the farmer to the fields where they could glean. Usually, a BAGNET member had already spoken to the farmer and could oversee activity in place of the farmer. During this time of year, most farmers could not spare anytime from their work to oversee a gleaning event.

d) Detail the greatest success your project faced in dealing with donors.

Recruiting new farmers and then having them call BAGNET to come back and do more gleaning. Once we proved to be a responsible group on our first visit, farmers began to trust BAGNET and welcome us.

e) Detail the greatest challenges faced in your dealings with donors.

Making initial farmer contact was the greatest challenge. Also, because the growing season was so late getting started this year, many willing farmers had nothing extra in their fields to donate.

f) Detail any instance in which an anti-hunger organization believed, correctly or incorrectly, that your project was competing with them for the same donor. Explain how you overcame this potential conflict.

Most of the farmers we worked with were first time gleaner donors and did not choose BAGNET over another organization. BAGNET is unique in the area as a receiver of donations directly from the farmer as distinct from recipients from packers, distributors, retailers, etc. .

26. Collection, Transportation, and Storage - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Explain in detail the physical process for collecting the food, delivering it to a distribution site, and storing it.

Volunteer groups were recruited to work volunteer on a particular day. Usually, they provided their own transportation and BAGNET provided transportation for the food. As gleaners picked food they loaded it into bags or boxes. At the end of the day, volunteers loaded vehicles. Distribution points had been determined before-hand and maps prepared if needed. The loaded vehicles dropped off food at distribution points. Sometimes AmeriCorps members would phone community groups and let them know where they could pick up food. Also, staff at distribution points would call other soup kitchens, etc., in their neighborhoods. We did not store food. Everything was distributed the day it was gleaned.

b) How did you obtain adequate resources to collect the food?

Over 600 tomato boxes were donated to us for food collection and we bought bags. All labor, except for AmeriCorps members, was volunteer.

c) How did you obtain adequate resources to transport the food?

Transportation of food was provided by WAGN's truck, van and station wagon or CorpsMember or volunteer vehicles. WAGN and BAGNET transportation costs were both budgeted in this project grant.

Volunteer vehicles were donations in-kind.

d) How did you obtain adequate resources to store the food?

We could not store the food so we distributed all food the day it was gleaned. Sometimes our distribution sites temporarily stored the food so it would be available to others in the community.

e) How did you obtain bushels and/or containers to hold and transport the food?

All boxes were donated. All bags were purchased.

f) Explain any special steps you took to ensure food safety.

Because all food was distributed the day it was gleaned, we knew everything was fresh and safe.

g) Detail your greatest challenges in the area of food safety.

None. All food was fresh and delivered where it could be used immediately or refrigerated by experienced staff of shelter kitchens.

27. Recipients - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Please list the names and numbers that helped identify food recipients and helped distribute the food to recipients.

This summer project staff identified most. Other organizations and recipient groups themselves identified other recipients.

b) Explain how the families in need were identified.

Public housing residency; families known to churches and food service providers.

c) Explain how the food was physically distributed.

Trucked by WAGN, shelter vehicles, volunteers vehicle, project staff as drivers of own cars and WAGN vehicle; hands of all parties.

d) Explain what your greatest success was in identifying those in need and distributing the food.

Use of WAGN - owned vehicles and availability of people and trucks from two large shelters.

e) Explain your greatest challenge in identifying families in need and/or distributing the food to such families.

Transportation.

f) Please explain any ways in which you enabled recipients themselves to help collect their own food.

Inviting and sometimes providing transport. More people were willing to work than were logistically supportable.

28. Liability:

a) Did liability issues have a significant impact upon your project?

No. Forms that requested detailed volunteer identification were viewed negatively.

b) Were your states' "Good Samaritan" laws sufficient to provide adequate protection and comfort to your project's partners?

Yes.

29. Volunteers - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Provide detailed specifics about the tasks performed by non-compensated community volunteers.

Volunteers spread the word about the gleaning opportunity; helped set up routines in the field; did the picking; loaded; unloaded; drove vehicles.

b) Detail the methods that were most successful in recruiting volunteers.

Successful methods included making calls to known individuals who were influential in organized groups and then following-up with return calls.

c) Explain the greatest challenges you faced in recruiting volunteers.

Staff had to convince individuals to commit their time and energy to something outside their experience.

d) Detail the time and other resources that were required to recruit, supervise, train, and motivate volunteers.

Successful recruiting usually required three phone calls, a follow-up explanatory letter and flyer and the return of a registration/commitment letter. Training was on-site and brief. Motivation was not usually a problem.

e) Detail the effectiveness of any other sources of labor, such as alternative sentencing youth, that were utilized by your

project.

People in voluntary association with churches, shelters and young people's service Corps.

f) Detail how much and the nature of the training your project provided to volunteers and other workers.

About fifteen minutes of orientation to procedures in the gleaning field .

g) Explain which types of service were most suitable to which age-groups of volunteers.

Picking the food was the most satisfying service activity and it is remarkably suited to people age five to eighty-five.

30. Budget - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Detail any items on your budget for which you needed less money than originally anticipated.

Less money was needed for non-farm related travel because we eliminated most small quantity food deliveries. This leaves some people out.

b) Detail any items on your budget for which you required more money than originally anticipated.

Telephone costs between partners and farmers, largely long-distance; vehicles and drivers for moving larger numbers of gleaners and larger quantities of food.

31. Replicability and sustainability :

a) Could your project be replicated in other locations? Explain.

Yes. Cities in our Mid-Atlantic region have the combination of large food need and large food production and many transportation routes. Many people are willing to do the work if all the arrangements are made.

b) Detail what steps you and/or your partners have taken to sustain the project beyond November.

WAGN seeks funding to support its vehicles and its staff, who have a strong relationship with farmers and a history of gleaning.

Civic Works has reached out to the public housing authority of Baltimore to establish a reliable baseline connection to people in need who can also be gleaners and access to some logistical and vehicular support combined with an education outreach program. USDA and other funding sources are being sought. Civic Works will immediately

provide some part-time work study students to link current accomplishments to the intended larger and broader programs. Of which gleaning would remain the dramatic centerpiece.

32. Community support: Please detail any support you have received from local, state, and national political, religious, business, and/or community leaders. (Please attach any letters of support)

Several inquiries from members of various religious denominations have been received. They wish to assist in planning and implementing future gleaning projects. A television station representative and a business executive has also expressed a willingness to pursue additional support for future ventures.

The attached letters suggest that all kinds of people with different kinds of missions are ready to support gleaning and anti-hunger projects. Additional support will be expressed as we are able to point to past and upcoming accomplishments.

33. Media coverage: Please explain what efforts were most effective and least effective in securing media coverage for your projects.

The novel activity of the diverse and large group of gleaners in the field was a strong media draw. The presence of homeless veterans participating in an activity was also a draw.

34. Project Milestones - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Please lay-out, with specific dates, the specific milestones your project achieved.

Mid June - Ready to work with funds, an office and dedicated Individuals.
June 29 - Gleaning experience with WAGN
Early July - BAGNET gleanings
July 12 - An emotionally charged distribution of 7,000 pounds of corn directly to families in need.
July 27 - BAGNET debut media gleaning with 66 volunteers on a Baltimore county farm - a big organizational success; great support from USDA.
August 17 - A celebration of BAGNET by a recipient groups, the Maryland Homeless Veterans
Mid - Sept.- Corps members and others working beyond paid hours in efforts to organize data, reinforce new relationships with groups and individuals, and communicating with work-study students.

b) Please provide a list of the top steps crucial to such a project.

- 1) A central staff of at least three highly motivated people (one minimum year round)..
- 2) Identifying distribution sites that are organized and can re-distribute as needed.
- 3) Develop written forms for promotion, volunteer solicitation, event registry, product report, recipient receipt, cost tracking, transportation maintenance, etc.
- 4) Develop a rapport with farmers.
- 5) Reinforce commitments from volunteers before and after gleaning events.
- 6) Create dependable transportation system.
- 7) Develop a broad base of financial support among diverse groups with a common interest.
- 8) Develop a program that keeps building the self-reliance capacity of people in the area of food security.

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Attachments Follow.

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USDA Summer of Gleaning
State Progress Report
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3. Agency: ARS NRCS Forest Service RECD FSA FCS

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City: Baltimore, MD

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Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS				Total
					1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt	
DEVINE, COLLEEN M.	(b)(6)	S	C	II			352	<u>480.0</u>	352
LUSTER, GLORIA H.	(b)(6)	S	C	II			330	<u>533.0</u>	330
RICHARDS, BRIAN D.	(b)(6)	S	C	II			275	<u>481.5</u>	275
STEELE, AMY B.	(b)(6)	S	E	DE			284	<u>355.75</u>	284
Total Hours:								1240	

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 4

No. of Active Members Whose Enrollment Forms were recieved at USDA (not including terminations): 4

No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Recieved*: 0

REMEMBER THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS FOR EACH MEMBER SHOULD BE THE HOURS SERVED AND NOT INCLUDE THE HOURS FOR PERSONAL LEAVE (16) AND HOLIDAYS (16). IF YOU HAVE BEEN COUNTING THESE PLEASE ADJUST THE FINAL REPORT'S HOURS SO THAT THE TOTAL IS AT LEAST 480 OF SERVICE (assuming the person was full-time and successfully completed the program.) You can have more than 480 hrs for a total just be sure all the hours were service hours. Thank You

REMEMBER, MEMBERS WHOSE FORMS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT USDA ARE NOT CONSIDERED ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM

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directly to the USDA Director of National Service and NOT--- repeat NOT --- the Corporation for National Service.

REMEMBER:

a. ALL members should be listed even though they only served a few days. If an enrollment form was submitted for a

Member who then terminates either by officially notifying you or simply by walking away from the program, an End of Term of Service Form MUST be submitted for the Member.

b. If Members are serving at an operating site and their name does not appear on the list for that site, first check to see

if the Member is listed under a different operating site; if not, then an Enrollment Form must be submitted so the person can be enrolled in the program.

c. List all the hours a Member served during the reporting period regardless if they terminated or if they started in the middle of the period.

11. Please list the total number of volunteers who took part in activities which were sponsored or organized by all the Members in the state during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
157	323	480

12. Please list the total number of hours of community service completed by the volunteers cited above during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
523	1,292	1815

SECTION IV - PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING SERVICE OBJECTIVES:

13. Original Community Service Objectives: Attached are sheets summarizing the community service objectives that were originally approved for each operating site. In cases where a single objective may take an entire year to complete, that objective may have a sub-objectives listed. You need to fill in the column marked "Mid-Term Quantity" and the column marked "Mid-Term Success" --- as well as any column that is blank,

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QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
 (Under "Second Half Quantity" enter the amount of work done since the mid-term report. Do the same for "Second Half Success".)

Remember, since this is the last or final report, there should be no objectives with a zero entered in quantity or success, if a zero was entered for the first report (mid-term). (See your mid-term report) If you have objectives that you could not do anything on please explain why.

State	QP Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Projects		Second	Project's	Success Unit of Measure	Second
					QTY Target	QTY Unit of Measure	Half Quantity	Success Target		Half Success
MD	924A	1	EN-H042A	Develop network for distribution of gleaned produce	100000	# of lbs of food rescued	* 78,535	150,000	# of individuals fed with gleaned food	117,800

* 58,500 pounds of gleaned food were distributed in the Baltimore Area; 20,035 pounds were distributed in Washington and areas outside of Baltimore.

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14. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Use this section to report progress towards completing additional new objectives --- those objectives in addition to the main objectives of each project listed on the proceeding page. Please fill in all columns for all objectives. It is important to make sure that each objective is listed with its own "OP site" (Operating site) code; this ensures that we know precisely what service is performed at each site. Please fill in all columns for each objective. Under "Obj No.," please give each new objective a number different from the number used for any of the objectives on the proceeding page.

Under "PGM Code",

please use a one-letter and three-digit code to describe the service from the code list provided at the end of this report.

Under "Obj/Impact statement," provide a several-word summary of the nature of the service project -- this verbal summary

should roughly match the "PGM Code" listed in the previous column. Under "Summer's QTY Target," provide a hard

number for the people or things aided. Under "Target Unit of Measurement," specify what unit of measure was used in the

previous column -- such as miles, number of people served, acres, etc. Under "Final Quantity," provide a hard number

indicating progress towards the "Summer's QTY Target" that was accomplished during this reporting period. Under

"Summer's Success Target," provide a hard number for a way of measuring how well the service was provided. Under

"Successes Unit of Measure," specify exactly what the number in the previous column meant.

Under "Final Success,"

provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's Success Target" that was accomplished during this reporting period.

OP State	OP Site No.	Summer's Obj PGM Code	Summer's Obj/Impact statement	QTY Target	Quantity Unit of Measure	Summer's Final Quantity	Success Target	Success Unit of Measure
MD	924A	2	Develop Network of Groups For rescue of food	20	# of Gleaning Volunteer Groups	1292	1000	Anticipated hours Volunteer hours contributed by groups
MD	924A	3	Recruit Individual Volunteers	50	# of Individual Volunteers	500	250	Anticipated hours Volunteer hours for individuals
MD	924A	4	Develop Farmer Network	10	# of Farmers	*42	50	Anticipated Acres gleaned

* 42 Acres represent the number of acres donated for the purpose of gleaning. This number does not represent 42 acres which were completely harvested. Much more food could have been gleaned with greater volunteer participation.

15. **Community Service Objectives Narrative:** Use this space to describe in more detail accomplishments towards the original community service objectives reported in question 13 and/or your additional community service objectives reported in question 14. Please make sure you include the Operating Site ID Number in each narrative description so we can be clear which accomplishment is matched to which site.

The major community service objective was the initiation of a Gleaning Network for Baltimore with a dependable distribution system. This was accomplished. Two recipient organizations with food service programs for homeless people became working partners who also provide some of the needed volunteer gleaners and food transportation.

The objective of 150,000 servings from farm rescued food was based on the formula that every two pounds of vegetables yielded at least three servings on dinner plates. Poundage totals were based on conscientious estimates of pounds per box or bag of each different commodity. In addition to 85,5000 pounds of food rescued from farms that went directly to Baltimore, another 20,00 pounds went into Washington and other points in the region. These pounds are included in the objective statement in item #13.

Item #14 shows other components in a gleaning network and shows some of the hours put into its development. Summer Program AmeriCorps members notified many organizations in Baltimore, such as churches and food providers, of the possibility of obtaining fresh food directly from farms at no cash cost, but at the cost of volunteer labor. This presents a quantitative and qualitative improvement in food supply for food providers to very low income people and the new opportunity of putting people on the farm, at the happy work of gathering food. For many food service recipients this proved an exhilarating experience.

Volunteers in many service oriented organizations see new ways to serve in hands-on activities that produce visible and immediate results. Beyond the food availability and self-help dimensions, the new Baltimore Area Gleaning Network has allowed farmers a way to see their surplus put to its intended use rather than plowed under.

Farm community development was possible only through the work of Mr. George Roche of the Washington Area Gleaning Network.

16. **Community Building Objectives Narrative:** Briefly describe how projects have brought together diverse groups of people, empowered communities to solve their own problems, built long term structures that will last beyond each AmeriCorps Member's term of service, and generally improved the abilities of local citizens to help improve their own lives.

Gleaning has brought low-income city people as well as middle class suburban residents together on rural farms where they have worked together to glean. Gleaning has truly appealed to a wide range of people and succeeded because of the diversity of the volunteers with the program. Gleaners have found a common ground in the need for food and in the joy of taking food directly from the ground and the farmer. For some, this common ground has religious or spiritual dimensions as well as an economic one.

A fledgling network of non-profit groups such as shelters and churches has evolved out of the gleaning program; during the program, staff at larger distribution sites would alert smaller organizations in the area which feed the hungry but cannot store a large amount of fresh food. These organizations would then pick up food from one of the main distribution sites. Eventually, some of the smaller organizations began recruiting volunteers to go gleaning, and then they took back the gleaned food to their sites. **The rapport that has developed between different organizations which feed the hungry in Baltimore is still growing. This network need to be exercised and reinforced so that the participating parties begin to expect and plan to play their part on a regular annual basis. (See attached material).**

17. **AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives Narrative:** Briefly describe how the AmeriCorps Members themselves have benefited from serving in the program, particularly in regard to expanding their own educational opportunity and increasing their own ethic of personal responsibility. Describe specific skills learned by Members through either their service or training. Describe any Members that earned a GED or otherwise advanced their education. Describe any Members that left public assistance to join AmeriCorps. Relate how AmeriCorps allowed Members to continue college or graduate school. Describe how Members may have changed their ethic of work, citizenship, or community volunteerism.

The education awards will serve Members in their undergraduate and graduate studies. Two Members said their course work choices may be influenced by their greater appreciation for hunger and distribution issues and the positive interpersonal dynamics witnessed during the gleaning and distribution activities. Members learned broader communication skills, logistics management and administrative skills.

Some team members revealed their personal attitudinal changes regarding people in poverty. Any stereotypical images were replaced by meeting actual persons of different

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ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Members discovered themselves and diverse others responding to the opportunity to solve a very human problem, hunger, with cooperative physical action and feelings of mutual concern.

SECTION V - SUCCESS STORIES:

18. **Unique Successes or Great Stories** : Briefly describe one or two unique and/or exceptional success stories, a program

highlight, or a great story from your state. Please explain any instance in which AmeriCorps Members recruited non-AmeriCorps community volunteers for projects. Please include all media coverage, including original newspaper clips,

videotapes of TV coverage, and cassette tapes of radio coverage; any letters of support or thank you letters; "before and

after" photographs, brochures, posters, and newsletters created by the project; and other types of creative documentation.

MEDIA RELATED

News of our program traveled fast through the first article that was written about BAGNET by the "Baltimore Times," a weekly newspaper distributed in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area (see attachment). The article was featured on the front page of the paper in the July 22-28, 1996 issue. One of our Corps members, Brian Richards, began making media contacts, and, after forwarding a copy of the newspaper article to WBFF-Fox 45 television, their interest was aroused and they contacted Brian to learn more about our program. Impressed by both our efforts and objectives, the station requested to interview two children at a gleaning event for a one-half to one hour program highlighting how four children spent their summers. On July 27, 1996, at our first media event, Sharon Wiley, Public Affairs Manager, of Fox 45 interviewed two of our young gleaners who will be featured in a program, "Children Who Did Extraordinary Things This Summer." The show is in the editing stages and will be televised in late September or early October. For more information about the airing date please contact WBFF Fox 45 at (410) 467-4545.

From the same event, the Jeffersonian, a Baltimore area newspaper of suburban and rural circulation, published an article on August 1 about BAGNET and made a pitch to recyclers to view gleaning in an environmental context.

On August 17, 1996, we had a food distribution event at the Maryland Homeless Veterans shelter. In attendance were some state officials and The Agriculture Department Under Secretary, Jill Long Thompson who addressed the crowd giving a heart warming speech on the impact such programs have on society at large. This program was profiled in the Baltimore Sun Newspaper, August 18, 1996 and also television stations WBAL-11 and WJZ-13 aired the highlights of the event on Sunday,

August 18th during each broadcast that day. The event was a celebration for all participants.

GREAT STORY

A mother contacted BAGNET as a result of reading the first newspaper article. The mother, Ms. Cox, spotted an opportunity for her daughter and niece, both teenagers, to learn community responsibility first hand. These three ladies worked at a gleaning a few days after the article appeared. Then at our next gleaning the two youths had recruited four of their friends. Subsequent gleanings included: mother, daughter, son, niece and all four friends. (Please see various letters that express interest, thanks, and photographs).

SECTION VI - CHALLENGES

19. Overall Difficulties Faced by the Program: Use this section to report on any problems your Members have encountered

in the program this period. These should be significant issues which were related to achieving objectives, significant delays in implementation, administrative problems, or any other expectations, events or incidents that have caused the

Members concern. State the problem concisely and how the issue has, or has not been resolved. Be sure to outline the steps taken and identify any resources needed to assist in resolving the problem.

All were concerned with the lack of gleaning opportunities in late Spring, early and mid-Summer. This region's farms experienced extraordinary delays in productivity due to cool and wet weather. A year-round program with on-going contacts between coordinating personnel, growers and gleaners is essential to giving all parties confidence to persevere despite weather related setbacks.

The other major challenge is lack of transportation of volunteers from city to farm and lack of food cargo transport from farms to those in need. Gleanings where poorer people are involved are those that yield that best results in the social learning experiences. In order for the poorer people to participate and work, transportation must be provided for them.

In this Summer program, we stayed within our transportation budget. We were able to achieve this result only because many individuals and organizations offered their cars, vans, buses and trucks to the cause. This was a limiting factor. We could have greatly multiplied our results in volunteers and pounds if we had transport at our disposal. The growth and continuance of gleaning and other anti-hunger efforts will rely heavily on the transportation factor. After all, one thing we have learned clearly is that the food is out there, and quickly is a-wasting. The people and the food are far apart. Only

transportation can bring the food and the people together.

SECTION V - GENERAL INFORMATION

20. **National Identity Activities:** Please describe any activities undertaken by Members that fostered the national identity of

AmeriCorps. These could include joint service activities, meetings with other AmeriCorps projects, national telephone conference calls, use of Internet to communicate with other sites, etc.

- 1) Members were operating Summer of Gleaning from the headquarters of Civic Works, an AmeriCorps Youth Service Corps. Daily communication between Members of the two programs broadened the understanding of all Members about opportunities to serve in the food related area of need.
- 2) Summer Project Members sponsored the gleaning events where AmeriCorps was "discovered" by farmers, individual and group volunteers, and the public via journalist. The AmeriCorps symbol was everywhere. Many gleaning events put other AmeriCorps program Members in the field including four teams from Civic Works, teams from the Maryland Conservation Corps and Community Year and HomeCorps.

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None.

22. **Organizational Improvements:** Please write any suggestions by you, your Members, site managers, or anyone else regarding ways in which the USDA or CNS AmeriCorps program could be improved.

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SECTION VI - FOOD RECOVERY SPECIFICS

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- b) Please provide a final, updated, list of partner organizations:

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Secondary Partners: Action for the Homeless, Maryland Food Bank and Maryland Food Committee.

Distribution Partners: Helping Up Mission and Maryland Homeless Veterans

- c) Please detail contributions to the project, both financial and in-kind, provided by partners.

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e) Detail the greatest challenges faced in your dealings with donors.

Making initial farmer contact was the greatest challenge. Also, because the growing season was so late getting started this year, many willing farmers had nothing extra in their fields to donate.

f) Detail any instance in which an anti-hunger organization believed, correctly or incorrectly, that your project was competing with them for the same donor. Explain how you overcame this potential conflict.

Most of the farmers we worked with were first time gleaner donors and did not choose BAGNET over another organization. BAGNET is unique in the area as a receiver of donations directly from the farmer as distinct from recipients from packers, distributors, retailers, etc. .

26. Collection, Transportation, and Storage - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Explain in detail the physical process for collecting the food, delivering it to a distribution site, and storing it.

Volunteer groups were recruited to work volunteer on a particular day. Usually, they provided their own transportation and BAGNET provided transportation for the food. As gleaners picked food they loaded it into bags or boxes. At the end of the day, volunteers loaded vehicles. Distribution points had been determined before-hand and maps prepared if needed. The loaded vehicles dropped off food at distribution points. Sometimes AmeriCorps members would phone community groups and let them know where they could pick up food. Also, staff at distribution points would call other soup kitchens, etc., in their neighborhoods. We did not store food. Everything was distributed the day it was gleaned.

b) How did you obtain adequate resources to collect the food?

Over 600 tomato boxes were donated to us for food collection and we bought bags. All labor, except for AmeriCorps members, was volunteer.

c) How did you obtain adequate resources to transport the food?

Transportation of food was provided by WAGN's truck, van and station wagon or CorpsMember or volunteer vehicles. WAGN and BAGNET transportation costs were both budgeted in this project grant.

Volunteer vehicles were donations in-kind.

d) How did you obtain adequate resources to store the food?

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We could not store the food so we distributed all food the day it was gleaned. Sometimes our distribution sites temporarily stored the food so it would be available to others in the community.

e) How did you obtain bushels and/or containers to hold and transport the food?

All boxes were donated. All bags were purchased.

f) Explain any special steps you took to ensure food safety.

Because all food was distributed the day it was gleaned, we knew everything was fresh and safe.

g) Detail your greatest challenges in the area of food safety.

None. All food was fresh and delivered where it could be used immediately or refrigerated by experienced staff of shelter kitchens.

27. Recipients - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Please list the names and numbers that helped identify food recipients and helped distribute the food to recipients.

This summer project staff identified most. Other organizations and recipient groups themselves identified other recipients.

b) Explain how the families in need were identified.

Public housing residency; families known to churches and food service providers.

c) Explain how the food was physically distributed.

Trucked by WAGN, shelter vehicles, volunteers vehicle, project staff as drivers of own cars and WAGN vehicle; hands of all parties.

d) Explain what your greatest success was in identifying those in need and distributing the food.

Use of WAGN - owned vehicles and availability of people and trucks from two large shelters.

e) Explain your greatest challenge in identifying families in need and/or distributing the food to such families.

Transportation.

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f) Please explain any ways in which you enabled recipients themselves to help collect their own food.

Inviting and sometimes providing transport. More people were willing to work than were logistically supportable.

28. Liability:

a) Did liability issues have a significant impact upon your project?

No. Forms that requested detailed volunteer identification were viewed negatively.

b) Were your states' "Good Samaritan" laws sufficient to provide adequate protection and comfort to your project's partners?

Yes.

29. Volunteers - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Provide detailed specifics about the tasks performed by non-compensated community volunteers.

Volunteers spread the word about the gleaning opportunity; helped set up routines in the field; did the picking; loaded; unloaded; drove vehicles.

b) Detail the methods that were most successful in recruiting volunteers.

Successful methods included making calls to known individuals who were influential in organized groups and then following-up with return calls.

c) Explain the greatest challenges you faced in recruiting volunteers.

Staff had to convince individuals to commit their time and energy to something outside their experience.

d) Detail the time and other resources that were required to recruit, supervise, train, and motivate volunteers.

Successful recruiting usually required three phone calls, a follow-up explanatory letter and flyer and the return of a registration/commitment letter. Training was on-site and brief. Motivation was not usually a problem.

e) Detail the effectiveness of any other sources of labor, such as alternative sentencing youth, that were utilized by your

project.

People in voluntary association with churches, shelters and young people's service Corps.

f) Detail how much and the nature of the training your project provided to volunteers and other workers.

About fifteen minutes of orientation to procedures in the gleaning field .

g) Explain which types of service were most suitable to which age-groups of volunteers.

Picking the food was the most satisfying service activity and it is remarkably suited to people age five to eighty-five.

30. Budget - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Detail any items on your budget for which you needed less money than originally anticipated.

Less money was needed for non-farm related travel because we eliminated most small quantity food deliveries. This leaves some people out.

b) Detail any items on your budget for which you required more money than originally anticipated.

Telephone costs between partners and farmers, largely long-distance; vehicles and drivers for moving larger numbers of gleaners and larger quantities of food.

31. Replicability and sustainability :

a) Could your project be replicated in other locations? Explain.

Yes. Cities in our Mid-Atlantic region have the combination of large food need and large food production and many transportation routes. Many people are willing to do the work if all the arrangements are made.

b) Detail what steps you and/or your partners have taken to sustain the project beyond November.

WAGN seeks funding to support its vehicles and its staff, who have a strong relationship with farmers and a history of gleaning.

Civic Works has reached out to the public housing authority of Baltimore to establish a reliable baseline connection to people in need who can also be gleaners and access to some logistical and vehicular support combined with an education outreach program. USDA and other funding sources are being sought. Civic Works will immediately

provide some part-time work study students to link current accomplishments to the intended larger and broader programs. Of which gleaning would remain the dramatic centerpiece.

32. **Community support:** Please detail any support you have received from local, state, and national political, religious, business, and/or community leaders. (Please attach any letters of support)

Several inquiries from members of various religious denominations have been received. They wish to assist in planning and implementing future gleaning projects. A television station representative and a business executive has also expressed a willingness to pursue additional support for future ventures.

The attached letters suggest that all kinds of people with different kinds of missions are ready to support gleaning and anti-hunger projects. Additional support will be expressed as we are able to point to past and upcoming accomplishments.

33. **Media coverage:** Please explain what efforts were most effective and least effective in securing media coverage for your projects.

The novel activity of the diverse and large group of gleaners in the field was a strong media draw. The presence of homeless veterans participating in an activity was also a draw.

34. **Project Milestones -** On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Please lay-out, with specific dates, the specific milestones your project achieved.

Mid June - Ready to work with funds, an office and dedicated Individuals.
June 29 - Gleaning experience with WAGN
Early July - BAGNET gleanings
July 12 - An emotionally charged distribution of 7,000 pounds of corn directly to families in need.
July 27 - BAGNET debut media gleaning with 66 volunteers on a Baltimore county farm - a big organizational success; great support from USDA.
August 17 - A celebration of BAGNET by a recipient groups, the Maryland Homeless Veterans
Mid - Sept - Corps members and others working beyond paid hours in efforts to organize data, reinforce new relationships with groups and individuals, and communicating with work-study students.

b) Please provide a list of the top steps crucial to such a project.

- 1) A central staff of at least three highly motivated people (one minimum year round)..
- 2) Identifying distribution sites that are organized and can re-distribute as needed.
- 3) Develop written forms for promotion, volunteer solicitation, event registry, product report, recipient receipt, cost tracking, transportation maintenance, etc.
- 4) Develop a rapport with farmers.
- 5) Reinforce commitments from volunteers before and after gleaning events.
- 6) Create dependable transportation system.
- 7) Develop a broad base of financial support among diverse groups with a common interest.
- 8) Develop a program that keeps building the self-reliance capacity of people in the area of food security.

{END OF REPORT}

Attachments Follow.

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City: Baltimore, MD

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 4

Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS		Total
					1st half	2nd half	
DEVINE, COLLEEN	M.	S	A	I	352		0
LUSTER, GLORIA	H.	S	A	I	329.75		0
RICHARDS, BRIAN	D.	S	A	I	277.50		0
STEELE, AMY	B.	S	A	I	275.75		0
Total Hours:							0

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 4

No. of Active Members Whose Enrollment Forms were recieved at USDA (not including terminations): 4

No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Recieved*: 0

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If the number of members for whom forms have been received is greater than the number of members allocated resulting in a negative number appearing in the "No. of



11. Please list the total number of **volunteers** who took part in activities which were sponsored or organized by all the Members in the state during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
<u>157</u>	_____	_____

12. Please list the total number of **hours of community service** completed by the volunteers cited above during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
<u>523</u>	_____	_____

SECTION IV - PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING SERVICE OBJECTIVES:

13. **Original Community Service Objectives:** Attached are sheets summarizing the community service objectives that were originally approved for each operating site. In cases where a single objective may take an entire year to complete, that objective may have a sub-objectives listed. **You need to fill in the column marked "Mid-Term Quantity" and the column marked "Mid-Term Success" --- as well as any column that is blank, has a zero, or has a question mark --- for EVERY operating site.** Each chart should have the following columns:

"State" - The standard two-letter code for your state

"Obj No" - Each community service objective for each site is assigned an individual number

"Op Site" - Each site's unique operating site identification

"PGM Code" - Each type of service has been assigned a unique code to describe that type of service. See the appendix to this report entitled "Community Service PGM Code List"

"Obj/Impact Statement" - A few words verbally summarizing the community service objective

"Summer's QTY Target" - The Summer's numerical goal for the people or things to be aided

"Target Unit of Measurement" - The unit of measure used in the previous column

"Mid Term Quantity" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's QTY Target"

"Summer's Success Target" - Number for a way of measuring *quality* of service provided --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"Success Unit of Measure" - Explanation of the number in the previous column --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

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QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL SUMMER OF GLEANING COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
 (Under "Mid-TERM Quantity" enter the amount of work done in the third quarter. Do the same for "MID-TERM Success".)

State	OP Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Summer		MID-TERM		Summer		MID-TERM	
					QTY Target	QTY Unit of Measure	Quantity	Target	Success Unit of Measure	Success		
MD	924A	1	EN-H042A	Develop network for distribution of gleaned produce	350000	** # of lbs of food rescued	27,000	150,000	# of individuals fed with gleaned food	40,500		

** 350,000 pounds represented an outside or uppermost objective based on the experience of the Washington Area Gleaning Network during past years' conditions. (Proposal stated "could yield as much as 350,000 pounds.") 100,000 pounds represents a more reasonable objective, taking into account the goal of first creating a volunteer network that connects the growers, gleaners and recipients.

14. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Use this section to report progress towards completing additional new objectives --- those objectives in addition to the main objectives of each project listed on the preceding page. Please fill in all columns for all objectives. It is important to make sure that each objective is listed with its own "OP site" (Operating site) code; this ensures that we know precisely what service is performed at each site. Please fill in all columns for each objective. Under "Obj No.," please give each new objective a number different from the number used for any of the objectives on the preceding page. Under "PGM Code", please use a one-letter and three-digit code to describe the service from the code list provided at the end of this report. Under "Obj/Impact statement," provide a several-word summary of the nature of the service project -- this verbal summary should roughly match the "PGM Code" listed in the previous column. Under "Summer's QTY Target," provide a hard number for the people or things aided. Under "Target Unit of Measurement," specify what unit of measure was used in the previous column -- such as miles, number of people served, acres, etc. Under "1st QTR Quantity," provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's QTY Target" that was accomplished during this reporting period. Under "Summer's Success Target," provide a hard number for a way of measuring how well the service was provided. Under "Successes Unit of Measure," specify exactly what the number in the previous column meant. Under "1st QTR Success," provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's Success Target" that was accomplished during this reporting period.

1st QTR	Obj	PGM	Summer's	QTY	Summer's	Success	Unit of
State Op Site Measure	No.	Code	Obj/Impact statement	Target	QTY Unit of Measure	1st QTR Quantity	Success Target
{SAMPLE:}							
CA Y05A	18	EN96	Constrcuting whale nesting boxes	3	Boxes	1	90 %
meeting stand.	95%						
MD 924A	2		Develop network of groups for rescue of food	20	gleaning groups	1,000	vol. hrs. 400 contributed by groups
MD 924A	3		Recruit individual volunteers	50	volunteers	250	vol. hrs. 100 from ind. vol's
MD 924A	4		Develop network of farmers	10	farmers @ 5 acres ea.	50	acres 26 gleaned

15) **Community Service Objectives Narrative:** Building a volunteer network involves 1) establishing an awareness and of gleaning in the community at-large and especially within certain target organizations, 2) developing reliable communication links with organization leaders, and 3) developing a sense of confidence in the organization of the gleaning events and the proper distribution of the food. (Site 924A).

16) **Community Building Objectives Narrative:** Gleaning volunteers come from extraordinarily varied backgrounds, and BAGNET gleanings have provided a common ground for harmonious shared effort. One gleaning event in Baltimore County was an excellent example of this “work together” attitude that happens when gleaning. Two of the volunteer groups, residents of Baltimore’s Helping Up Mission, a shelter for homeless men, and members of The Light Company Youth Group, a community service volunteer group based in Howard County worked together to glean and pack well over two tons of corn. Afterwards, the two groups car-pooled back to Helping Up Mission, where members of The Light Company, children, teens and adults, were given a tour of the shelter by facility residents. This experience reflects an important aspect of gleaning: both gleaners and food recipients work together, and learn to appreciate one another’s situation from person to person experience.

BAGNET has seen Baltimore communities becoming empowered to solve their own hunger problems through resident responses to the Gleaning Program. After delivering almost 3 tons of corn to public housing developments in Baltimore, BAGNET received many calls from residents who are willing to glean, not just for their own benefit but also for the benefit of their neighbors. Residents of another public housing group, Brooklyn Homes, have since volunteered as a result of the corn delivery news.

Long term structures that BAGNET is endeavoring to put into place include a volunteer network that includes many recipient groups. This network will encourage initiative on the part of volunteers because they will directly benefit from the service they provide. (Site 924A)

17) **AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:** AmeriCorps members have developed skills in event organization, including scheduling and logistics management. Members have increased their computer proficiency and skills in public relations. Some Members have broadened their understanding of community volunteerism as practiced by people of widely different incomes. (Site 924A)

18) **Unique Successes or Great Stories:** 1) On July 12, BAGNET received notice of a donation of 7,000 pounds of corn which had been picked that morning by volunteers on Maryland’s eastern shore. The corn was “on the road,” to Baltimore. BAGNET corpsmembers were faced with the challenge of finding a place to take such a large amount of corn. Members exercised their network connecting with representatives of public housing developments. After a series of calls, including notifying the driver of his destination, the Washington Area Gleaning Network truck drove up in front of the Somerset Homes development at about 5:30 p.m. The truck’s rear door was opened up as a line of people filled the street. Forty-five minutes later, over half of the corn was in the bags of development residents and “runners” for 3 food service providers. BAGNET still had about 3,000 pounds of corn remaining. The truck went on to Latrobe Housing Development in Baltimore, where the rest of the corn was distributed.

The residents at both developments had no idea the corn was coming. The few hundred

people who received the food were surprised, and their response was very gratifying. The two hours of distribution was a moving experience for the AmeriCorps team because Members got a chance to meet so many people who would benefit from a gleaning. Also, seeing these communities helping each other was inspiring. In spite of the large size of the crowds, people were very courteous to one another, and made sure that the elderly and handicapped in the crowd had their bags filled. People volunteered to help pass out corn and clean up after the truck left. Some team Members may have been nervous about approaching these communities at the beginning of the day because of their negative portrayal in society, but, by the end of the delivery, all team Members felt as if they had made friends and really accomplished something new. Countless times, residents said to us “no one has ever done anything this nice for us before.” Since then, other public housing developments have expressed interest and gone gleaning with BAGNET. The entire event was an education in compassion and tolerance, and reason to believe that no matter where people live, when you treat them with respect, they will reward you by passing on this respect to their neighbors and families. Team members hope to visit these housing communities again this summer.

2) On a Saturday morning in North Baltimore County, among the 70 volunteers at the BAGNET gleaning were three generations of the Hubbards family. Eight year old Earline, 14 year old Helen, their mother and grandmother came out to glean for Helping Up Mission. The family picked about 500 pounds of corn before the day was over! FOX 45 Television interviewed the family for a special story about how children spent their summer to be broadcast in September.

19) **Difficulties Faced by the Program:** This growing season has frustrated BAGNET in achieving our gleaned food quantity objectives because crops are about a month behind schedule and/or are yielding very poorly. Much of the produce which could be gleaned will not be ready, if at all, for picking until August or later, after the Summer of Gleaning Members are gone. This difficulty in picking a large tonnage of produce does not diminish the establishment of the network of farmers, volunteer pickers and recipients.

20) **National Identity Activities:** BAGNET has engaged in joint service projects with other AmeriCorps projects, Civic Works of Baltimore and Community Year of Montgomery County. BAGNET also met with HomeCorps, a Maryland state-wide AmeriCorps project, to plan future gleaning projects.

BAGNET corps members have made presentations about the “Summer of Gleaning” project to youth service delegations from Italy and South Africa.

The program has been covered in the media by the local FOX affiliate, and newspapers: Baltimore Sun, The Baltimore Times and the Jeffersonian.

21) **Organizational Changes:** None.

22) **Organizational Improvements:** None

23) **Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs:** BAGNET needs assistance in finding donated transportation for volunteer groups and for bulk produce movement. BAGNET needs contact names of farmer organizations or lists of individual farmers who could receive a mailing.



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Dear Mr. Berg:

I am writing to support the mid-term report submitted by BAGNET for the 1996 Summer of Gleaning. The establishment and development of partnerships and infrastructure is the service objective Action for the Homeless is most interested in, and we have been very pleased thus far.

Action for the Homeless has two distinct roles as a partnering agency in the Summer of Gleaning Project. The first is to offer training and technical support for the program coordinators and staff. As Program Director of HomeCorps, our AmeriCorps Program, I played a minor role in the development of the training curriculum for the gleaning Coordinators. My Program Assistant and I led a training session and have provided support to the program's Members.

Our second role has been to help forge the network of service providers that will act as food recipients. My own involvement in that process has been limited, but I am very pleased with the initiative taken by the BAGNET Coordinators. They have built relationships with a number of homeless service providers in the area to ensure that gleaned product reaches those who need it most. In the process, they are creating a system of stakeholders who will help sustain Baltimore Area gleaning efforts beyond this summer. Our own AmeriCorps group is planning to partner with the gleaning Coordinators to participate in a food rescue event.

Action for the Homeless is very pleased with the progress BAGNET is making toward its partnership building objectives. Please call me at any time if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Coleman W. McMahon
HomeCorps Program Director

cc: John Ciekot

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NOTES:

Attached please an amended copy of page two (2) of the 'Summer of Cleaning Progress Report' reflecting AmeriCorps Members hours worked as of 8/7/96.

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					1st half	2nd half	
DEVINE, COLLEEN M.	(b)(6)	S	A	I	351.25		0
LUSTER, GLORIA H.	(b)(6)	S	A	I	338		0
RICHARDS, BRIAN D.	(b)(6)	S	A	I	274.50		0
STEELE, AMY B.	(b)(6)	S	A	I	283.75		0
Total Hours:							0

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 4

No. of Active Members Whose Enrollment Forms were recieved at USDA (not including terminations): 4

No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Recieved*: 0

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