



COMMUNITY SERVICE  
COUNCIL

# Ohio Community Service Council



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## COUNCIL HISTORY

The Ohio Legislature established the Ohio Community Service Council in 1994. It administers grants under the Corporation for National & Community Service Trust Act of 1993.

### MISSION ...

To strengthen Ohio's communities through service and volunteerism.

### COUNCIL STRUCTURE ...

- 15 Governor appointees
- 6 state agency/legislative representatives
- Staff: 10 permanent and 3 contract employees

### WE BELIEVE ...

#### Service is a Strategy:

Service helps reach goals, find resources, and makes Ohio a better place to live.

#### Infrastructure is Vital:

An infrastructure that connects and supports service and volunteerism can improve efficiency, effectiveness and satisfaction.

#### Collaboration is Essential:

Collaboration is the vehicle for sharing responsibility and combining knowledge, creativity, resources, and experience of others.

## PROGRAMS

The Council's three programmatic focus areas - **AmeriCorps, Ohio Citizen Corps and Make A Difference Day Ohio** - help further the culture of service in Ohio.

## AmeriCorps



The Council funds and monitors AmeriCorps - America's domestic Peace Corps. Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, AmeriCorps members across the nation serve more than 3,000 nonprofits, public, faith-based and other community organizations - helping meet critical needs in **education, public safety, health and the environment.**

Since 1994, AmeriCorps has involved over 500,000 Americans, age 17 and older, in community service. As part of this national movement, members serve one year, during which they receive a living allowance, health insurance, and an educational award to help pay for college, vocational training or to help pay student loans.

### Ohio currently has:

22 programs with over 600 members working in urban and rural areas.

### Since 1994 ...

- A total of 18,580 members have served throughout our state;
- AmeriCorps members have served 29,448,118 hours and have been awarded \$50,584,015 in Educational Awards.

## Ohio Citizen Corps



Citizen Corps, a component of USA Freedom Corps, focuses on opportunities for citizens to participate in a range of activities to make families, homes and communities safe from threats of terrorism, crime, and other disasters.

Citizen Corps brings together firefighters, medical/emergency health care providers, law enforcement, emergency managers and volunteer resources.

The Ohio Community Service Council partners with numerous agencies and organizations to implement Citizen Corps including: the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Ohio Volunteer Center Association, and the Ohio RSVP Directors' Association.

## Make A Difference Day Ohio

The Council coordinates a statewide steering committee to help support and promote Make A Difference Day, the largest national day of helping others (held the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in October).



### Honorary Co-Chairs



**Jim Tressel**  
Head Football Coach  
The Ohio State  
University

**Frances Strickland**  
First Lady of Ohio

In 2007, more than 1,100 service projects involving 40,000+ volunteers were completed across our state.

**Make A Difference Day Ohio**  
2008  
**Saturday, October 25**

## SUPPORTING THE FIELD

### Emergency Support Function (ESF) #6

As the primary agency for Emergency Support Function (ESF) #6 - Mass Care, the Council works in partnership with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency.

Tasks include monitoring and reporting on activities throughout response and recovery. ESF-6 coordinates and reports on emergency activities of organizations responsible for sheltering, feeding, counseling, providing first aid, related social services and welfare activities required to assist victims in an emergency.

### Ohio's Blended Model



Since 2002, the Council has shared office space with the Corporation for National & Community Service-State Office. Together, both offices provide strong, on-going support for national service programs including: AmeriCorps, VISTA, RSVP, Foster, Grandparents & Senior Companions.

### Statewide Conference on Volunteerism & Service Forging New Links

Volunteer organizations in Ohio meet each spring to share successes, challenges and plan for the future. This two-day conference includes workshops and featured speakers. It concludes with the annual Make A Difference Day Ohio awards ceremony.



The Council is leading efforts to create a Specialty License Plate to help support volunteer activities throughout the state. Visit [www.serveohio.org](http://www.serveohio.org) for updates!



The Council's Web site [www.serveohio.org](http://www.serveohio.org) - provides updates on legislation of interest to the field, education, best practices on screening volunteers, homeland security updates, and more!