

Volunteer Centers of Michigan AmeriCorps*VISTA Impact Report December 2009-March 2010

Total VISTAs serving: 9

VISTA Host Site locations by county:

Oceana, Luce, Lenawee, Marquette, St. Clair, Tuscola, Jackson, Charlevoix & Emmet. In addition, one VISTA Leader serves at the Center's office in Lansing.

Financial Impact:

Monetary value of volunteer hours leveraged by the VISTA: **\$331,807.00**

As a result of VCM AmeriCorps*VISTA efforts 15,917 hours of volunteering was served in the VISTAs host site communities. (The hourly rate developed by Independent Sector for 2009 for volunteer hours is \$20.85)

Community Partnerships:

As a result of VCM AmeriCorps*VISTA efforts:

281 new community partnerships were established from December-March

One example of the progress made this quarter:

- ◆ Anthony Sacco, serving with the Lenawee Community Foundation, provided an educational presentation to over fifty members of the Michigan Association of Clubhouses on the benefits and importance of volunteering as well as current best practices for volunteer recruitment and writing job descriptions. FCCS was invited to participate in the Disney program and as a result, Anthony Sacco assisted that agency in the use of Disney's software, how to post volunteer opportunities on the 1-800 portal, and the recruitment and management of volunteers for the annual Leaping in Lenawee event at the Adrian Mall.

Community Engagement

As a result of VCM AmeriCorps*VISTA efforts:

2092 community members were recruited to volunteer

One example of the progress made this quarter:

- ◆ The VISTA serving at the United Way Volunteer Center of the Eastern U.P., Sault Ste. Marie, recruited 41 volunteers ages 5 to 63 for the "Souper Senior" event in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Volunteers worked to package and deliver soup and cards to 80 senior citizens. 19 of the volunteers qualified to receive their free Disney tickets from the "Give A Day, Get A Day" program.

Orientations & Training

VCM AmeriCorps*VISTA members did **85** orientations or trainings for volunteers from December-March

One example of the progress made this quarter:

- ◆ The Char-Em VISTA, Sarah Cleary, helped to recruit and provide on-site orientation for more than 120 volunteers serving at the community's Project Connect--a day where human service agencies supply those in need with items such as vaccinations, haircuts, clothes, food, pet supplies, and personal care items. The VISTA served to generate more than \$6,000 worth of in-kind donations and \$1,000 in cash donations for the event. Project Connect provided free services to more than 600 individuals.