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*Connecting the Pieces
Strengthening Communities*

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Dear Friends,

Michigan's AmeriCorps. Mentor Michigan. Michigan's Volunteer Investment Grants. Governor's Service Awards. Learn and Serve - Michigan. Singularly, each of these programs represent a piece of Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) activities that are positive and impactful. However, when these program pieces are connected and working synergistically, communities are strengthened and lives are transformed. Read on to learn more about the MCSC, a vital and unique organization that has been serving our State for the past 18 years.

MCSC has a rich heritage of supporting volunteer efforts that generate reciprocity, trust, and empowerment in communities across our great State. And, each year we celebrate and recognize individuals and organizations that donate their time and talent to uplift their communities. Our work includes granting funds to provide individuals the opportunity to serve their communities, bringing visibility to the importance of mentoring, educating others about the benefits of volunteerism, and helping others take concrete action in communities to generate noticeable change.

It also takes the support of our partners – individuals, foundations, businesses, and government organizations – that are committed to funding much needed service programs to regenerate communities. We greatly appreciate their dedication and investment.

Although we have made significant strides in 2008; much more must be done to help preserve a bright future for our great State. We encourage you to read our stories and to join together with more than 73,000 Michigan citizens who, last year, believed in the spirit of volunteering and service to dramatically renew and strengthen their communities – one area at a time – for years to come.

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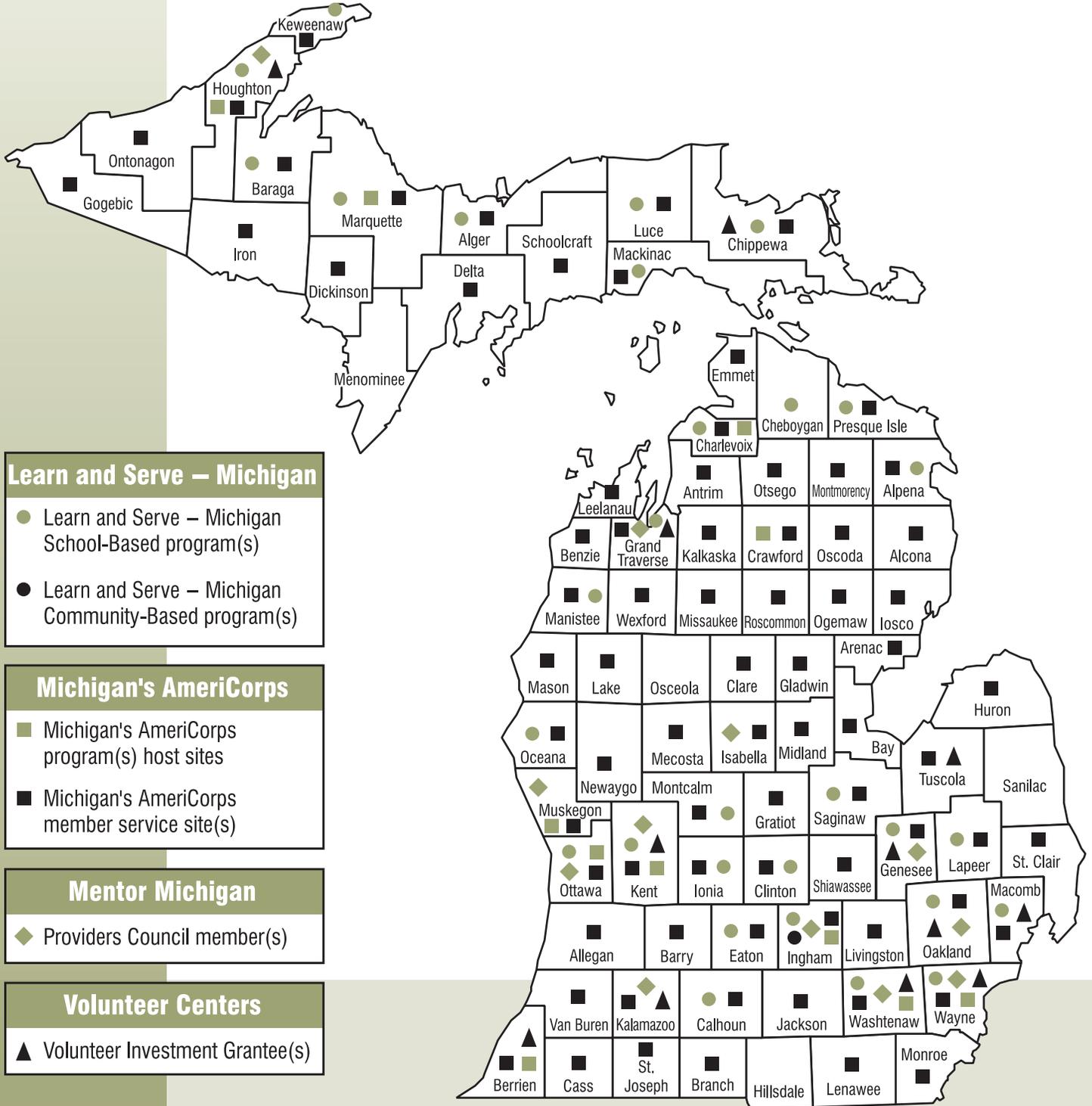
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2008 Program Locations by County



The Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) builds a culture of service by providing vision and resources to strengthen communities through volunteerism. The MCSC’s signature programs are Michigan’s AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve – Michigan, Mentor Michigan, Michigan’s Volunteer Investment Grants, and the Governor’s Service Awards.

Since 1992, the MCSC has granted more than \$80 million to communities for volunteer initiatives. These funds have leveraged more than \$67 million in local funds and engaged nearly one million people in service.

In 2008, the MCSC:

- ✧ Granted approximately \$5.8 million in federal and state funds to local communities for volunteer programs and activities.
- ✧ Engaged more than 56,000 participants and volunteers in service activities through Michigan’s AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve – Michigan, and Volunteer Investment Grant programs.
- ✧ Supported more than 230 mentoring programs through awareness building, mentor recruitment, partnership development, training, and recognition.

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Michigan's AmeriCorps Responding to Disaster at a Moment's Notice

Ten of Michigan's Together We Prepare members from the American Red Cross devoted their services in response to the severe flooding experienced in Iowa last summer. Red Cross AmeriCorps members receive disaster assistance training and are well prepared to answer the call to service when disaster strikes.

Jordan O'Neil, AmeriCorps program director for the American Red Cross of West Central Michigan, says 10 members received 24 hours notice to make a three-week commitment in Iowa where they put in 12-hour days, seven days a week.

Their main service duties included working on client case work such as facilitating in person meetings with disaster families or individuals to provide immediate financial assistance. The AmeriCorps members also helped victims with shelter and

feeding concerns. O'Neil says Red Cross AmeriCorps members' general service duties are to respond to local disasters; however, they are often called to different locations nationally, depending on the circumstances surrounding the disasters.

In 2008, Red Cross AmeriCorps members responded to 185 local disasters across Michigan consisting of residential fires, tornadoes, floods, and winter storms. Members assisted 757 Michigan residents with their immediate emergency needs. They also responded to 25 national disasters assisting more than 6,000 people in 7 states. Additionally, members taught 521 disaster preparedness and safety classes to 28,377 Michigan residents.

AmeriCorps *Together We Prepare* program is one of the 19 current AmeriCorps programs that are a part of Michigan's AmeriCorps family. Often described

AmeriCorps Together We Prepare
American Red Cross of West Central
Michigan (Grand Rapids)

Char-Em ISD's AmeriCorps Program
Charlevoix-Emmet County ISD

City Year Detroit
City Year, Inc.

Downriver CARES AmeriCorps
The Guidance Center (Detroit)

Faith In Youth Partnership
Good Samaritan Ministries
(Holland and Zeeland)

Huron Pines AmeriCorps
Huron Pines (Grayling)

Jumpstart - Michigan
Jumpstart Inc.
(Dearborn and Ypsilanti)

MARESA-Michigan's AmeriCorps
Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service
Agency

Michigan AmeriCorps Partnership
The Regents of the University of Michigan
(Detroit)

Michigan Environmental Stewardship AmeriCorps
Michigan Department of Agriculture
(Lansing)

Michigan Habitat AmeriCorps Program
Habitat for Humanity of Michigan
(Lansing)

MPCA Community HealthCorps Program
Michigan Primary Care Association
(Lansing)

Michigan Service Scholars
Michigan Campus Compact
(Lansing)

MSU 4-H Mentor Michigan Initiative
Michigan State University Extension
(East Lansing)

Neighborhood Youth Development
Camp Fire USA West Michigan Council
(Grand Rapids)

Readetroit Corps
Communities in Schools of Detroit

Superior AmeriCorps
B-H-K Child Development Board
(Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw
counties)

The Smart Choice Project
Boys & Girls Club of Benton Harbor

Volunteer Muskegon's AmeriCorps
Volunteer Muskegon

Michigan's AmeriCorps Grantees

as the “domestic Peace Corps,” AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages members in service in communities across the state. The duties of the AmeriCorps members are based on the local needs of the community in which they serve. The mission of AmeriCorps is to get things done, strengthen communities, encourage responsibility, and expand opportunity.

Community priorities help determine the service Michigan’s AmeriCorps members will provide in a specific area. In the past year, 1,060 members built housing, recruited volunteers, mentored children, educated individuals on health issues, addressed environmental issues, and much more. The Michigan Community Service Commission supports and provides funding for each program by distributing federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Michigan’s AmeriCorps members are between the ages of 17 and 72. Each member commits to completing a specified term of service, usually one year. They are provided with a modest living allowance and are placed at nonprofit organizations,



schools, and other agencies. Full-time members are eligible for health benefits while serving. Additionally, some members receive assistance with childcare, which is income-based. Once the member has successfully completed the year-long commitment, he or she will receive an education award that can be used to pay for future college tuition or for qualified student loans. Michigan’s AmeriCorps members earned \$1.6 million in education awards in 2008.

Michigan’s AmeriCorps programs also provide training and professional development to members. The topics covered include volunteer management, leadership skills, citizenship, and other specialized trainings.

The MCSC works to help members understand their role in their individual program as well as the part they play in the Corps’ overall service strategy, both at the state and national levels. One key component of Michigan’s AmeriCorps program is the annual Member Celebration, which unites members from across the state for orientation and training.

Members also join together for the annual Russ Mawby Signature Service Project (SSP). On June 11-12, 2008, more than 250 members from across the state focused on rejuvenating Benton Harbor’s community. As part of the 2008 SSP, AmeriCorps members applied their service skills at Harbor Habitat for Humanity housing sites in the *Crystal Estates* neighborhood. Projects included landscaping, building sheds, constructing subfloors, and framing. The 2008 Signature Service Project was a partnership between Michigan’s AmeriCorps, Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, and Harbor Habitat for Humanity. The SSP is an annual event serving a different community each year.

Michigan’s AmeriCorps Program Highlights

Members with **Neighborhood Youth Development** mentored 1,654 youth through 34-week school programs and eight-week-long summer programs in the Grand Rapids community. When evaluated, more than 80 percent of the youth participants felt they had a support system and learned a great deal from the AmeriCorps members.

Huron Pines AmeriCorps members implemented 19,831 linear feet of lakeshore or stream bank erosion control projects with the help of local volunteers in the counties of Missaukee, Grand Traverse, Presque Isle, and Cheboygan.

Members of *the readetroit corps* tutored 501 youth within the Detroit community. AmeriCorps members were often grouped with multiple young people to provide tutoring assistance and to serve as mentors.

The Impact

MCSC granted **\$4,916,489** to Michigan nonprofit programs. Additionally, members earned **\$1,610,000** in education awards.

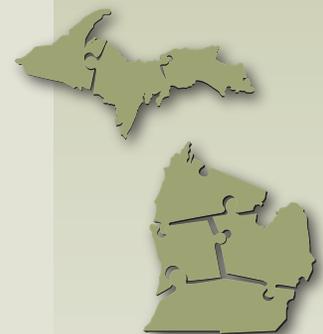
Michigan’s AmeriCorps programs’ local areas leveraged **\$4,929,457** in match funds.

1,060 members served through **19** programs located in **82** counties across Michigan. And, members completed **571,802** service and training hours.

Members’ Service

24,773 community volunteers were recruited, placed and or supported by Michigan’s AmeriCorps members. Additionally, these community volunteers donated **165,561** hours of service.

19,472 individuals received disaster relief services or disaster education. **32** families prepared and took ownership of new homes. **3,138** students received tutoring services or homework support. And, **10,195** children benefitted from ongoing mentoring relationships.





Learn and Serve – Michigan

Charlevoix Service-Learning Students Participate in Extreme Makeover: Home Edition

Be careful what you ask for was probably the phrase furthest from Charlevoix High School (CHS) Construction Technology teacher Brian Certa's mind when he wrote a letter to Extreme Makeover: Home Edition applauding the goals of the show and tentatively offering assistance in the future.

On Tuesday, March 4, 2008, Certa received a call to bring four of his seniors to New Orleans, Louisiana, to assist the show in building a house and church previously destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. From Friday, March 6 through Saturday, March 14, CHS Construction Program and Learn & Serve students Corey Gotshall, Cliff Jones, Kyle Jones, and Nathan Tripplehorn assisted with framing, installing doors, sheeting, wrapping, and landscaping.

“Volunteers were divided into skilled and unskilled groups. As these young men were in their fourth year of Charlevoix High School's Construction Program, they were qualified to wear the ‘skilled’ badges that provided access to all project sites.

Then it was just a matter of putting those skills to work – and they certainly did. Certa says by the end of the week the students were receiving offers of

internships and jobs with large construction companies located in North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee.

Despite the work experiences and networking opportunities, Certa believes this trip also summed up the value of service-learning.

“[Service-learning] stretches their boundaries outside of school walls and allows students to recognize the need for education and how useful it is in the real world. Focusing on the needs of others is an eye-opening experience for many young people and transforms them into more thoughtful and compassionate beings,” said Certa.

Learn & Serve – Michigan funds assisted with transportation and housing costs for the CHS students and Certa.

Service-learning is a teaching and learning approach that connects meaningful service to the community with classroom instruction that enriches learning, teaches civic responsibility, and fosters personal growth. It helps youth see beyond the classroom and into the community where they learn math, science, language arts, and other required subjects by

The Impact

MCSC granted **\$726,062** in school-and community-based service-learning grants. Additionally, grantees leveraged **\$775,589** in match funds within their local communities. As a result of these grants, **1,042 teachers** engaged **26,386 K-12 students** in

538,477 hours of service-learning. They were assisted by **2,713 adult volunteers**. They completed **70 community revitalization projects** in 2007-2008.

Through the community-based grant, Michigan State University Extension 4-H engaged **527 students** in **25,842 hours** of service through Peer Mentoring and Service-Learning programming.

addressing community needs and solving real-life problems.

The Learn and Serve - Michigan program administers two types of grants – school-based and community-based. School-based programs are rooted in K-12 classrooms and integrated into the school’s curriculum. Community-based programs are facilitated by non-profit organizations and occur during non-school hours.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) administers Learn and Serve at the federal level and partners with states to fund national service programs locally. The Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) in partnership with the Michigan Department of Education administers Learn and Serve - Michigan.

“Service-learning has a positive impact on students’ academic achievement, personal and social development, and civic engagement. It provides numerous opportunities for students to apply what they are learning to solve real world community problems.”

– Mike Flanagan,
Superintendent of
Public Instruction,
Michigan Department
of Education.

Learn and Serve – Michigan

Listed below are several highlights about service-learning projects conducted in Michigan schools

Science – Water Quality Monitoring

Joy McFadyen of Bay City, a 2008 Service Learning Award recipient, and a fifth-grade teacher at Hampton Elementary School helps nurture others in the field expand their service-learning knowledge and skills. In fact, she has involved her students in science-based service-learning for many years. Joy’s students have supported water quality monitoring of the Saginaw Bay through the Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (GREEN). To demonstrate mastery of the content, students presented their water quality findings to community members at the annual River Congress. Joy also makes science relevant by engaging students in the research, development, and maintenance of local rain gardens. They planted nearly 3,000 native plants in the local rain gardens with the help of more than 500 students and community volunteers. (Bay City Public Schools)



The Literacy Corps

The Literacy Corps at Tinkham Alternative High School in Westland, recipient of the 2008 Innovative Program Award, incorporates key elements of high-quality service-learning and has a sustainable impact on the students and the community. The Literacy Corps enhances students’ academic and personal success and helps them improve their literacy skills by tutoring and mentoring elementary students. Students are trained to create effective lesson plans based on the younger students needs through this service-learning course. The Literacy Corps participants complete a six-week training program before traveling to the elementary school, where they meet with students for 45 minutes, three times per week (Wayne-Westland Community Schools).

2007-2008 Learn and Serve - Michigan Grant Recipients

Belding Area Schools

Carson City – Crystal Area Schools

CASMAN Alternative Academy

Charlevoix Public Schools

Chassell Township Schools

Clarkston Community Schools

Copper Country Intermediate School District

Grand Blanc Community Schools

Inland Lakes School District

Kaleva Norman Dickson Schools

Kent Intermediate School District

Lake Orion Community Schools

Lowell Area Schools

Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency

Michigan State University 4-H Extension

Onaway Area Community Schools

Pennfield Schools

Renaissance High School

Shelby Public Schools

Southgate Community School District

Traverse City Area Public Schools

Wayne Westland Community Schools

Williamston Community Schools

YMCA Service Learning Academy





“All across the great state of Michigan there are youngsters waiting for someone to come into their lives and give them some time. We want you on our team – join us today.”

*Lloyd Carr
Former University of Michigan head football coach and Mentor Michigan recruitment spokesman*

Mentor Michigan Generating Brighter Futures

Changing schools every year. Never really having a place to call home. Wondering if anyone cared about her. These are all phrases that describe the first 13 years of Jamie Whipple’s life. However her life changed dramatically in 2004, when she met an individual who would become the one constant in her life – her mentor, Michele – through the Ottawa County Journey 4-H Youth Mentoring Program.

Their first meeting occurred at a local coffee shop in Grand Haven where they became acquainted and discovered they had much in common. From that point on, they were inseparable. In 2006, they even participated in the annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Run, and Michelle introduced Jamie to a new way of life.

Undoubtedly, mentoring has made such a change in her life that she loves to share her uplifting experience with others. In February 2008, Jamie

shared her personal story during a national webinar for mentoring program staff who work with at-risk youth. And, at the October 2008 Michigan Dropout Prevention Summit, Jamie explained the positive effect mentoring has had on her views about the importance of education.

“When things were bad at home my grades would fall,” explained Jamie. “If I’m ever having a problem in English or History, sometimes Michele will come over, pick me up, and help me with my homework. She always helps me focus.”

Jamie and Michele’s participation in the Ottawa County Journey Youth Mentoring Program will end in late 2009 once Jamie turns 18 – but that doesn’t mean they won’t continue their mentoring relationship in the future.

“We’ve set a goal that we’ll continue to meet once a month for coffee after I turn 18,” said Jamie.

The Impact

A 2008 survey of 143 mentoring organizations in 47 Michigan counties concluded:

227 Michigan mentoring organizations registered with Mentor Michigan.

22,916 children were mentored in 2008. A number of these youth are disadvantaged, including **730** that live in foster homes; **607** who have been diagnosed with a cognitive disability; **168** have a physical disability; and **1,245** have an incarcerated parent.

The state has **17,051** active mentors. Of those, 36 percent are male while 64 percent are female.

“Every day I keep thinking about how grateful I am to have Michele in my life. She is the only stable, adult role-model in my life and, she gives me the strength to keep going forward,” said Jamie

Following her high school graduation, Jamie hopes to attend Muskegon Community College to study Automotive Technology. Michele supports her and encourages her to reach that goal.

One hour a week can make a big difference in a young person’s future. Mentor Michigan supports more than 225 organizations around the state that are changing lives by matching mentors with young people. And, Mentor Michigan provides those organizations with training and research. It fosters partnerships with businesses, faith-based and nonprofit organizations, schools, colleges and universities, and state and local government to

support mentoring. Mentor Michigan also builds public awareness about the importance of and the need for mentors by urging caring adults to “pass it on,” because sharing a little of yourself with a young person can reward both of you with lifelong benefits.

This year, Mentor Michigan also launched Mentor PRO, an online case management system that allows programs to manage their matches more efficiently. Eighteen mentoring programs are now using this system to track 719 matches. Additionally, Mentor Michigan aims to recruit 10,000 new mentors by 2010 through several campaigns: *Men in Mentoring*, *Mobilizing Mentors: Hometown Heroes Mentoring Hometown Kids*, *The State Employee Recruitment campaign*, and the *Michigan Municipal League*.

Mentor Michigan helps provide financial support to mentoring organizations throughout the state.

- 28 Michigan Mentoring Month mini grants valued at **\$19,000** were awarded to recruit and recognize mentors.
- Over **\$90,000** was awarded in Volunteer Investment Grants to six mentoring organizations in the state.
- **\$6,692** in Meijer mini grants were awarded to 15 mentoring organizations in the state.
- The six Men in Mentoring pilot sites received **\$60,000** in funding to support their male mentor recruitment efforts.
- The Michigan State University Extension: 4-H Mentor Michigan Initiative utilized **\$700,638** in federal funds and 55 Michigan’s AmeriCorps members to expand and strengthen mentoring programs in the state.

“Mentors are everyday heroes who transform a life or even a community through their simple commitment to make a difference.”

– Daniel G. Mulhern
First Gentleman

In 2008 Mentor Michigan...

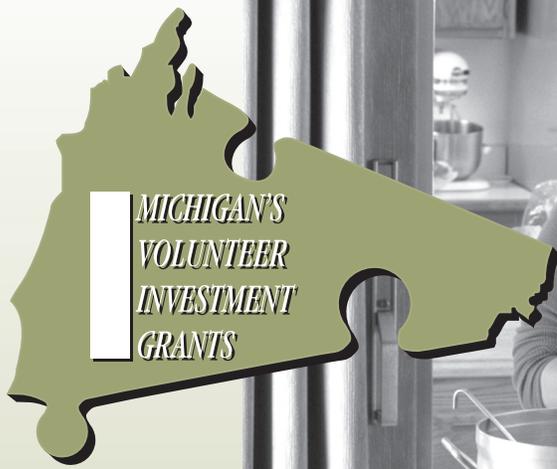
Partnered with the Michigan Army & Air National Guard to better serve Michigan youth in need of mentors by recruiting 500 Michigan National Guard members to serve as mentors by 2010.

Introduced its newest recruitment spokesman, former University of Michigan head football coach and current

associate athletic director Lloyd Carr, who will work to recruit more male mentors in the state.

Joined with the Michigan Municipal League to encourage city officials to support mentoring through serving as a mentor, recruiting or recognizing mentors, increasing awareness about mentoring, serving as a board member of a local mentoring program, or supporting the annual Michigan Mentoring Month.





Michigan's Volunteer Investment Grants

Increasing Community Capacity through Volunteerism

Communities across the state continue to struggle to identify lasting solutions to pressing issues affecting public health, economic vitality, clean and safe environments, and education. And, they continue to rely upon nonprofits to play a critical role in mitigating these issues with some measure of success.

Developed in 1998, Michigan's Volunteer Investment Grant (VIG) Program was founded on the premise that volunteers provide a vital-problem solving resource to communities. Michigan's VIG is designed to build organizational capacity to increase the number of citizen volunteers involved in community problem-solving. Using service at multiple age levels as a strategy provides non-profit organizations with additional human capital to help tackle their mounting challenges.

The goal of the VIG program is to increase and sustain the number of volunteers addressing one of three critical focus areas: mentoring children in need, mobilizing Baby Boomer volunteers, or engaging youth from disadvantaged backgrounds in service.

The following are several examples of VIG grant monies at work:

The United Way of Northwest Michigan (UW) leveraged a local partnership with Michigan State University to create an outreach campaign to attract young volunteers during 2008. Efforts included increased use of the Internet in UW's outreach efforts including the development of a "young volunteers" blog.

The Impact

13 Volunteer Investment Grantees supported 24 counties in Michigan.

MCSC provided \$250,000 in state funds to grantees. And, grantees leveraged \$200,000 in match funds within their local communities.

The Human Development Commission established a complete directory of non-profit organizations in Sanilac and Huron counties. Once completed, the Commission surveyed each organization to determine its volunteer needs and helped each refine its volunteer recruitment strategy.

Kalamazoo Communities In Schools produced 100 “Work-Life Balance How-To” kits to aid businesses in promoting a more family-friendly atmosphere for company employees. The Kits featured practical suggestions that benefited students and provided employees with opportunities to give back to the community. And, the Kits helped increase the number of volunteers in Kalamazoo schools as businesses begin to adopt work-life balance policies.



The United Way Volunteer Center of Chippewa County launched an Everyone Can Serve project. The project trained 24 educators to incorporate service-learning opportunities within their schools. The educators initiated 14 projects, which engaged 881 Upper Peninsula students. Collectively, the students, teachers, and additional volunteers yielded 2,984 hours of service.



2008 Michigan’s Volunteer Investment Grant Recipients

Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (*Washtenaw County*)
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint (*Genesee County*)
 Camp Fire USA West Michigan Council (*Kent County*)
 Catholic Services of Macomb (*Macomb County*)
 Communities In Schools of Detroit, Inc. (*Wayne County*)
 Human Development Commission (*Huron and Sanilac Counties*)
 Kalamazoo Communities in Schools (*Kalamazoo County*)
 Little Brother - Friends of the Elderly (*Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon Counties*)

Oak Park Business and Educations Alliance (*Oakland County*)
 United Way of Northwest Michigan (*Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau Counties*)
 United Way Volunteer Center of Chippewa County (*Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinaw Counties*)
 Volunteer Center of Southwest Michigan, Inc. (*Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties*)
 Volunteers in Prevention, Probation and Prisons, Inc. (*Wayne County*)





★ Governor's Service Awards

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Honoring Community Heroes

The Governor's Service Awards recognizes volunteers who work tirelessly on behalf of others, quietly improving their communities and touching lives, never expecting a word of gratitude or recognition for their good deeds.

These heroes used their time and talent to tackle some of the communities' most pressing challenges. And, each was honored at the 2008 Governor's Service Awards at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Michigan's own American Idol contestant LaKisha Jones performed for program attendees and Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and First Gentleman Daniel G. Mulhern presented the awards.

The 2008 Governor's Award Winners included:

Lois Herbage – *Governor George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award*

When people mention the name, Lois Herbage, Saginaw natives get excited. Herbiage, at age

90, has been active in the Zonta Club of Saginaw since 1947, and, she helped organize the Saginaw Women's Council, volunteered at St. Francis Home for 24 years, and is an active member of St. John Lutheran Church in Saginaw.

Olivia Thomas – *Youth Volunteer of the Year*

Kalamazoo native Olivia Thomas has been volunteering since age 11. She has been actively engaged in planning and executing a local park clean up, a paint-by-number mural for the city of Kalamazoo, a community block party, and hurricane relief work in Florida. This Kalamazoo Central High School student has devoted more than 556 hours to community service.

Medical Care Access Coalition of Marquette – *Outstanding Volunteer Program Award*

The Medical Care Access Coalition of Marquette responds to the medical needs of uninsured

The Impact

Publicly recognized the diversity of Michigan volunteers and the impact of their work across the state.

Encouraged volunteerism in local communities.

Highlighted local service corporations and community needs.

Identified and recognized Michigan's good corporate citizens.

families and individuals in Marquette, Schoolcraft, and Alger Counties in the Upper Peninsula. The program engages volunteer physicians and pharmacy services to provide healthcare and medications to those in need. Each year, the program serves nearly 1,000 uninsured adults. In 2006, volunteer providers donated more than \$790,000 in healthcare services and prescriptions to the uninsured.

Great Lakes Capital Fund of Lansing – Corporate Community Leader

Great Lakes Capital Fund of Lansing employees focus on supporting the growth of quality affordable and other economic and social opportunities for the economically disadvantaged. To date, employees volunteer with Think Detroit, Habitat for Humanity, American Cancer Society, St. Ignatius Nonprofit Housing Corporation Board, Michigan Avenue Business Association Board,

Special Olympics, and Kids in the Kitchen. In 2007, employees contributed \$1.1 million through donations and grants toward these efforts.

Nearly 180 nominations were submitted and awardees were chosen by a peer review committee, the Michigan Community Service Commission staff, and its board of commissioners.

“Michigan is a stronger state because of our committed volunteers,” Governor Granholm said. “These heroes give of themselves to help make life better for our children, families, neighbors, and friends. The Governor’s Service Awards are just one way we can thank them for all they do to help others.”

“Volunteers are the heart and soul of our communities,” said Jones who flew in from her home in Houston for the celebration of volunteers. “They give and give and give of their time and talent without expecting anything in return. Michigan is fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers and I am blessed to have the opportunity to honor and thank them for their commitment.”



2008 Winners of the Governor’s Service Awards

Lois Herbage of Saginaw, Governor George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteerism - This award honors individuals who demonstrate a lifelong commitment to community involvement and volunteer service.

Leon Judd of Northville, Volunteer of the Year - This award recognizes individuals who strive to improve the lives of neighbors, friends, community, or congregation.

Medical Care Access Coalition of Marquette, Outstanding Volunteer Program Award - This award acknowledges the importance an organization or club makes in community life.

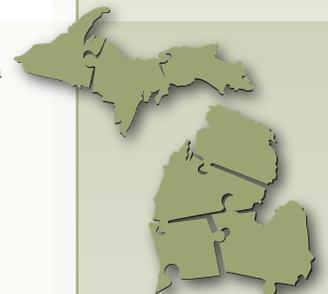
Olivia Thomas of Kalamazoo, Youth Volunteer of the Year - This award honors individuals age 21 or younger who take action to make his or her community a better place to live.

Sarah Brooks of Grand Rapids, Senior Volunteer of the Year - This award honors individuals age 65 or older who have worked to improve his or her community.

Great Lakes Capital Fund of Lansing, Corporate Community Leader Award - Corporations and businesses receive this award for efforts generated through corporate volunteer programs, monetary contributions, in-kind gifts, and employee-driven volunteer service.

Cary Levy of Troy, Mentor of the Year - This award honors individuals who make a significant difference in a child’s life through mentoring.

Carson City-Crystal Mentoring Program of Montcalm County, Outstanding Mentoring Program Award - This award honors mentoring programs for developing and maintaining high-quality experiences for both adults and youth.



The MCSC's 2008 Advisory Committees



Michigan's AmeriCorps Member Council

The Member Council provides a statewide network in which Michigan's AmeriCorps members share ideas, experiences, and a spirit of service while taking a leadership position in their AmeriCorps program. Each Council representative plays a significant role in promoting AmeriCorps by giving at least two outreach presentations and organizing at least one local service project. They also assist in the development of a Michigan's AmeriCorps Member Newsletter and serve as liaisons between AmeriCorps members and the MCSC. Each program has the opportunity to select one member to serve as a representative on the Council.

Rachel Cush

Camp Fire USA AmeriCorps

Yasmine Lennon

Superior AmeriCorps

Bridget Ferrigan

Michigan Campus Compact

Jessica Murphy

MARESA – Michigan's AmeriCorps

Christy Fieber

Volunteer Muskegon's AmeriCorps

Raymond Murry

Michigan AmeriCorps Partnership

Kathleen Grandy

Downriver CARES AmeriCorps

Matt Reaume

Huron Pines AmeriCorps

LaShauna Horton

Cherry Street Health Services

Christine Sisung

4-H Mentor Michigan Initiative

Colette Jenkins

readetroit corps

Rosie Villarreal

Faith In Youth Partnership

Beth Leonard

MPCA Community HealthCorps

Savanah Zednick

Char-Em ISD AmeriCorps

Asa Lockette

City Year Detroit

Josh Meyers

AmeriCorps Together We Prepare

Mentor Michigan Providers Council

The Providers Council offers expertise and direction to Mentor Michigan activities. The Council consists of experts representing various types of mentoring programs and organizations from across Michigan. Council members were selected through a competitive process and serve multiyear terms.

Thomas E. Barnum

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Janelle Hill

Arbor Circle

Sarah Bolman

Bethany Christian Services

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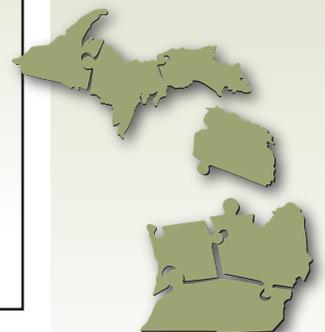
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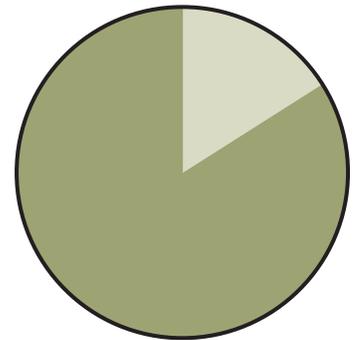
Financial Statement

September 30, 2008

Federal Funds	\$7,017,625	Fiscal Year 2008 Expenditures	
<i>Michigan's AmeriCorps</i>	\$5,497,827	Grants	\$4,575,498
<i>Learn and Serve – Michigan</i>	\$938,363	Program Training	\$176,474
<i>Program Development and Training</i>	\$120,000	Operations and Administration	\$1,110,020
<i>Disability and Inclusion</i>	\$72,000		
<i>Commission Administration</i>	\$389,435	Total Expenditures	\$5,861,992
State Funds	\$1,308,000		
<i>State Appropriation</i>	\$1,058,000		
<i>Volunteer Investment Grants</i>	\$250,000		
Total MCSC Revenue	\$8,325,625		

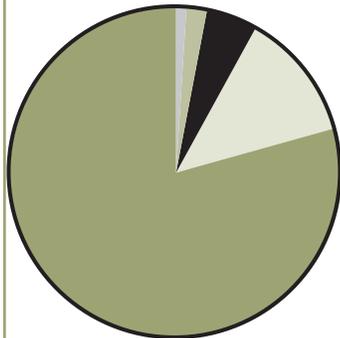
Revenue

- Federal (84%)
- State of Michigan (16%)



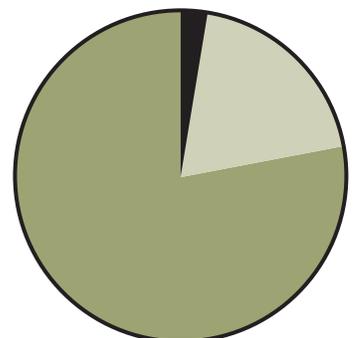
Federal Funds Expenditures

- AmeriCorps (78%)
- Learn and Serve - Michigan (13%)
- Commission Administration (6%)
- Program Development and Training (2%)
- Disability and Inclusion (1%)



Total Expenditures

- Grants (78%)
- Program Training (3%)
- Operations and Administrations (19%)



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