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ABOUT THE ANNUAL REPORT

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report is a comprehensive summary of the commission's activities throughout the preceding year. Annual reports are intended to give constituents and the North Carolina community information about the commission's activities and performance.

VOLUNTEERNC

Created in 1994, the N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service promotes service and volunteering to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement in North Carolina. The Commission oversees the state AmeriCorps programs, disaster volunteers and donations, the Governor's Page Program, the Governor's Volunteer Awards and promotes volunteer initiatives. The work of the commission staff is supported by a 17 member Commission that meets quarterly.
Despite moving into another year affected by the pandemic, VolunteerNC worked to support, train, and connect nonprofits, volunteers, and AmeriCorps programs across the state. This was our first full year of administering the Volunteer Generation Fund, providing grants to local nonprofits to increase volunteer capacity. It was exciting and rewarding to work with a new group of subgrantees focused on COVID-19 response, youth service, corporate engagement, and volunteer recruitment. Our AmeriCorps programs continued to serve their communities, providing support and service to students, veterans, refugees, and serving those directly affected by COVID-19. VolunteerNC is excited to welcome several new staff members to our team so that we can continue to expand our work to every corner of the state. Serving as the interim Executive Director for the last few months of the year, I am proud of our team and their dedication to the people of North Carolina. We are thankful for a great 2021 and look forward to a wonderful 2022!

Megan McLeod Trawick
FUNDING AND GRANTS

VolunteerNC receives funding from the AmeriCorps agency to support AmeriCorps programs and provide capacity building services to local nonprofits. In 2021, we received more than $6 million in grant funding that was matched by significant financial support from local communities and partners.

AmeriCorps programs help to meet our state’s most critical needs. Programs compete on a state and national level for AmeriCorps grant funding. For the 2020-2021 program year, AmeriCorps North Carolina programs were awarded $6,209,697 in funding.

Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) funds are used to develop and/or support community-based entities to recruit, manage, and support volunteers. VolunteerNC distributed $190,060 in 2020-2021.

OVER $6 MILLION IN GRANTS

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED 2021

- AmeriCorps State Formula grants: 70.36%
- AmeriCorps Competitive grants: 26.67%
- Volunteer Generation Fund: 2.97%
In 2021 we supported 17 AmeriCorps programs focused on education, health services, environmental stewardship, child and adult literacy, homelessness and economic resilience.
Our VGF grantees administered programs in six focus areas: disaster response, Covid-19 response, training, service enterprise initiative, volunteer expo, corporate engagement, and youth engagement. Our 18 grantees provided services to 49 counties across the state.

**VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND (VGF)**

**Training**
- United Way of Wayne County
- CORE Response

**Service Enterprise Initiative**
- Hands on Northwest NC
- Triangle Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Center

**Corporate Engagement**
- Hands on Northwest NC
- United Way of Pitt County
- Activate Good

**Volunteer Expo**
- Activate Good
- United Way of Wayne County

**Youth Engagement**
- Hands on Northwest NC
- REAL Ministry
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western NC

**COVID-19**
- United Way Asheville/Buncombe County
- Stanly Co Christian Ministry
- PORCH Communities
- Neighbor to Neighbor
- Gaston Hope in Christ
- Diaper Bank of NC
- City of Medicine VMC
- Catawba Riverkeeper
- Activate Good
- Cape Fear Volunteer Center
- United Way of Pitt County

**Disaster Response**
- Duplin County Long Term Recovery Group
- United Way of Coastal Carolina
2021 SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS

- Over 115,000,000 pounds of food was distributed by our partners.
- 3,255.5 acres of public land was treated by our programs. These efforts protect our natural resources.
- 13,525 victims of disasters were served by our programs. Disaster assistance continues to be a major volunteer need.
- We supported 15 AmeriCorps programs with 453 members. Our programs served 79 individual counties, with some serving statewide.
- Over 50,000 hours were served by our program volunteers. That means over 283 days in 2021 were spent serving the NC community.
- 25,080 volunteers were managed or recruited by our programs and partners. These volunteers help fill unmet needs in our communities.
The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program teaches volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that can impact their community, and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT volunteers in NC have responded to hurricanes, winter storms, and the COVID pandemic. Several AmeriCorps programs completed CERT training in 2021.

In 2021, the Governor’s Page Program successfully hosted 18 virtual program weeks over WebEx with over 120 high school students in attendance. In 2021, completed service projects by Governor’s Pages amounted to over 140 service hours dedicated to NC communities.

NC Education Corps matches hardworking, service-oriented North Carolinians with opportunities to make a life-changing difference in the lives of young students across the state. VolunteerNC is proud to support the program, assisting with their launch in 2020 and their first year of service in 2021.

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VolunteerNC appreciates the creativity and flexibility of our partners throughout 2021. We would like to thank all of our partners for their dedication and commitment to the community, especially during these difficult times. Below are some of the partners we have worked with most closely over the past year.

**COVID-19 PARTNERSHIPS**

- AmeriCorps
- North Carolina Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)
- NC Inclusive Disaster Recovery Network
- FEMA
- NC COVID-19 Student Response Corps
- NC Department of Health and Human Services
- CRISIS CLEANUP
- North Carolina Education Corps
- Emergency Management, North Carolina
As a community, we are enriched by and benefit from the hard work and compassion of our volunteers. Whether they are serving in disaster recovery, food assistance, or education, volunteers give countless hours of support to the greater North Carolina community. While they don't serve for reward, those who receive the Governor's Volunteer Service Award and the Governor's Medallion for Volunteer Service are more than deserving of praise.

The Governor's Volunteer Service Award

This award is to honor the true spirit of volunteerism by recognizing individuals, groups, and businesses that make a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service. Any person, group, or entity from the public, non-profit, and private sector may be nominated for an award. County award coordinators submit their top 10 volunteer nominations per county. County recommendations are reviewed by the Commission and award certificates are presented to recipients.

The Governor's Medallion for Volunteer Service

Medallion Awards recognize the top 20-25 volunteers in the state. Medallion recipients are nominated at the county level by the county award coordinator. Only one Medallion nomination is permitted per county. A statewide panel reviews and evaluates these nominations to select award recipients. Medallion Award recipients are honored at an annual reception.
GOVERNOR’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Alexander
- Andrew Ferguson

Ashe
- Halei Miller
- Ashe Memorial Hospital Volunteers
- Dr. Linda D Brown
- Laura McPherson
- Dr. Matthew Thomas-Reid
- Project Star
- Ashe County Children’s Project Volunteers
- Becky Marsten
- Jerry, Peggy, & Sarah Brandt
- Connie Osborne

Beaufort
- Henry Capogna
- Alethea Williams-King
- Perry Gaynor
- Penelope Radcliffe

Brunswick
- Timothy Steven Heath
- Gail Faust
- Jim Rewalt
- James McGibeny

Buncombe
- Austin Brown
- Anita Asbell
- Lee Arphai & Galina Wang Jan Cosman
- Kate Burger
- Regina Bishop
- Utha Aiken
- Bill Bass
- John Staatz
- Diana Spangler-Crawford

Burke
- Jody Ridgeway
- Deacon Maureen Dougher
- Chasity Poteat Rice Lily
- Prebor
- Jo Kioski & Connie Berry

Carteret
- Tommy Stringer
- Reach Global Crisis Response

Catawba
- Beth Bechtold
- Danielle Cannon
- Frances Hilton
- Mike Johnson
- Hemen Joshi
- Jacob Keller
- Brad McNeely
- Anna Grace Patel
- Kathy Ridenhour

Clay
- Stacie Ledford

Cleveland
- Floyd Queen

Columbus
- Judy Ward
- Angela Norris
- Men and Women United for Youth and Families

Cumberland
- Melode Dickerson
- Amelia Smith
- Metter Ann Montoya
- Patricia Nusbaum
# Governor's Volunteer Service Award Recipients

**Currituck**
- Wendy Harvey

**Dare**
- Marica Lyons
- Beth Pallett
- Dee Ann Baum
- Reha Otte
- John Thomas
- Brianne Clark-Perry
- Angelo & Gail Sonnesso

**Duplin**
- Darrell Talmadge Grubbs
- Marisol Garcia-Sandoval

**Durham**
- Mary Bell
- Anne Elliott
- Melissa Forde
- Andrew Holland
- Linden James
- David McNeil
- Pauline Robinson
- Justin Sprauge
- Lynn Sullivan
- Larry E. Thomas

**Edgecombe**
- Kelly Spivey

**Forsyth**
- Amanda Enloe
- Bruce Gavett
- The Clarkes Family
- Kathy Kovack
- Jim Carros
- Leila Warren
- Lacy "Ben" Miller
- Najashi 'Shi' Belcher
- Sarina Horner

**Gaston**
- Leon "Lee" Stadther
- Hans & Megan Kanal- H&M Catering
- Parkdale Mills, Inc. and US Cotton

**Gates**
- Open Wide Outreach

**Granville**
- Jerry Broyal
- Mary Elliott

**Greene**
- Joshua Trey Cash
- Dorien Jamel Sutton
- Malik Sutton

**Halifax**
- Jodie Dowhan
- Lou Smith
- William Mueller

**Haywood**
- Carolyn Guard
- Larry Guard
- William Price
- Heath Collins
- Patricia Robinson
- Christina Gibson

**Henderson**
- Suka Chapel-Horst

**Iredell**
- Roger Anderson
- Gabriela Peña
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<td>Wanda Flythe</td>
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<td>Onslow</td>
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GOVERNOR’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Randolph
- Ed Collins
- Gail Hancock
- Betty Hunt
- Kimberly Phillips

Rutherford
- Maureesa Gregory
- Wayne Webb
- PNC Bank
- Larry Jones

Transylvania
- Sharing House Produce Team

Wake
- Mary Beerman
- Rosa Chrismon
- Suzanne Comstock
- Marie Hopkins
- Barbara Lesperance
- Bob Meadows
- Cora Shores
- Barbara Townson

Warren
- Mike Hairston
- Deacon Stanley Jones Jr. & Trustee Jamar Perry
- Barbara Brayboy

Watauga
- Keith T. Martin

Wayne
- Xavier Morris
- Laurie A. Scudder
- Steven Helms
- Anthony & Raymond Horlacher
- Michael Frey
- Tiffany McElroy
- Paige Kiser
- Thomas Bazor

Wilson
- David Edwards
- Cassaudra V. Sullivan

Yadkin
- William Berwick
GOVERNOR’S MEDALLION RECIPIENTS

Burke
  • John Widener

Cabarrus
  • McKenzie Scott Cox

Cleveland
  • Dr. William “Jack” Weller

Dare
  • Larry Ogden

Durham
  • Helen Trotter, Evelyn Yankana, Charlene Trotter

Forsyth
  • Casey Capstick

Gates
  • Gates Emergency Ministries (GEMS)

Granville
  • Roxanne Blackburn

Greene
  • Marvin Gene Riddle

Haywood
  • Alan Lang

Hyde
  • John and Rauna Conner

Jackson
  • Marcia Jones

Mecklenburg
  • Rob Kelly

Montgomery
  • Tommy Byerly

Nash
  • Nancy Jones Taylor

Orange
  • Jane McCormick Hogan

Pender
  • Share the Table

Pitt
  • Billy & Elaine Tarlton

Rutherford
  • Mike and Tommy Haire

Wake
  • Reverend Felix Iyoko

Warren
  • Felton B. Davis

Wayne
  • Zachary Charette
COMMISSION STAFF

Commission Staff work on various projects and initiatives which can be summarized in three main focus areas: AmeriCorps, disaster preparedness and response, and general volunteerism in the community.
Our work is supported by a board of commissioners whose purpose is to encourage and recognize community service and volunteer participation as a means of community and state problem-solving. Commissioners are appointed as representatives for stakeholders or impacted groups such as youth and seniors.