

2021 Annual Report



NC Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service
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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.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTORS

I am honored to have been appointed as the Executive Director of the NC Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service. VolunteerNC had an impactful 2021 with our AmeriCorps Programs, disaster response and recovery work, the Governor's Page Program, and the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. We are pleased to present our annual report, which includes summaries of our work and highlights special projects and initiatives from an incredible year of service. In the upcoming year, I am excited to continue working with our commissioners, our partners, and our outstanding team as we focus on our mission of 'promoting service and volunteering to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement in North Carolina'. A special thanks to our former executive director, Caroline Farmer, for her hard work and leadership at the Commission for the past four and a half years.

S. Briles Johnson



Briles Johnson
Executive Director



Megan Trawick
Deputy Director
Acting
Executive Director
10/18-12/17

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

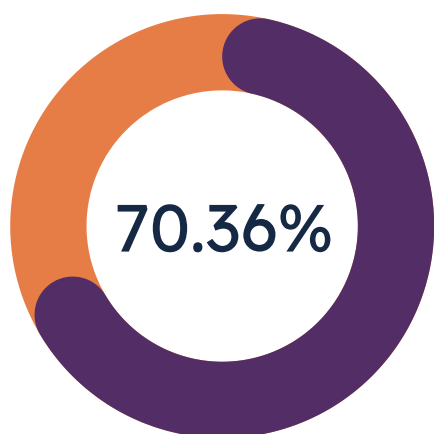
VolunteerNC receives funding from the AmeriCorps agency to support AmeriCorps programs and provide capacity building services to local nonprofits. In 2021, we received more than \$6 million in grant funding that was matched by significant financial support from local communities and partners.

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.

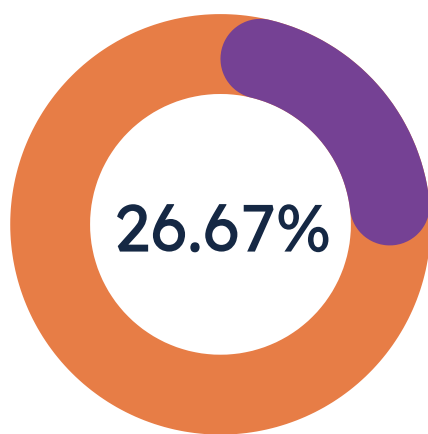
Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) funds are used to develop and/or support community-based entities to recruit, manage, and support volunteers. VolunteerNC distributed \$190,060 in 2020-2021.

**OVER
\$6 MILLION
IN GRANTS**

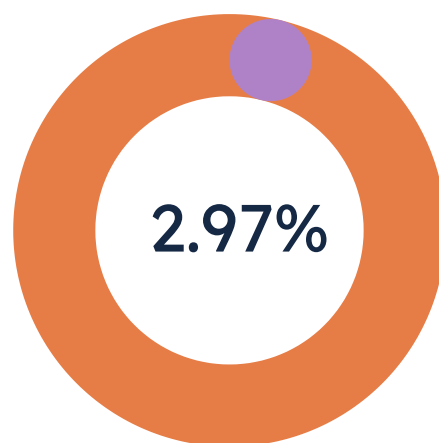
PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED 2021



**AmeriCorps State
Formula grants**



**AmeriCorps
Competitive grants**



**Volunteer
Generation Fund**

2021 AMERICORPS PROGRAMS



AmeriCorps
North Carolina

In 2021 we supported 17 AmeriCorps programs focused on education, health services, environmental stewardship, child and adult literacy, homelessness and economic resilience.

Resilience Corps NC

30 members
9 counties



Project POWER

31 members
3 counties

Partnership to End Homelessness

33 members
2 counties



Project MARS

48 members
18 counties



STEM-Corps East

33 members
6 counties



Conservation Corps North Carolina

31 members
statewide



Spirit of Excellence

20 members
1 county



Project ACCESS



20 members
5 counties



Duke NC Literacy Corps

38 members
4 counties

ArtistYear NC

8 members
2 counties



Project Conserve

28 members
20 counties



Carolina College

Advising Corps

56 members
21 counties



Lead for NC

23 members
11 counties

Duke College Advising Corps

18 members
8 counties



Friends of the NC Museum of Natural Sciences

11 Members
3 counties

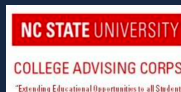


MedServe

58 members
33 counties

NC State College Advising Corps

20 members
22 counties



AmeriCorps

VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND (VGF)

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.

VGF GRANTEES BY COUNTY



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.

SERVICE INITIATIVES

PAGE PROGRAM



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ROY COOPER

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

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.



NC ED Corps launch video

CERT TRAINING

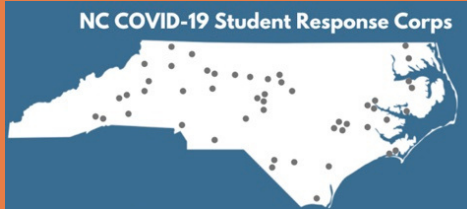


The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program teaches volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that can impact their community, and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT volunteers in NC have responded to hurricanes, winter storms, and the COVID pandemic. Several AmeriCorps programs completed CERT training in 2021.



COVID-19 PARTNERSHIPS

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.



THE GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS

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.

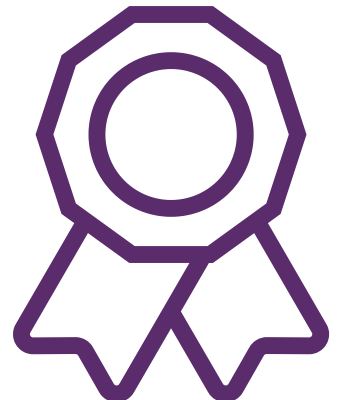
The Governor's Volunteer Service Award



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



GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Jackson

- Renada Davis
- Melanie Jones

Lee

- Kiwanis Club of Lee County

Lincoln

- Wayne Howard
- Kathy Vinzant

Mecklenburg

- Lanny Horton
- Julia's Café and Books Volunteers
- Courtney Gaston
- Cris Areskog
- Maia Campbell
- Adam Sparks

Moore

- Joan Byron
- Tandra Chamberlain
- Marilyn Wunsch
- Elba "Letty" Baker

Nash

- Delois Mercer

New Hanover

- Andi Creech
- Emma Baltezor
- St. James Plantation Volunteers
- Sarah Daniels
- Ashley Daniels
- Annie McNally Anthony
- Danny McPherson, Brunches

Northampton

- Wanda Flythe

Onslow

- Tom Mahlum
- Nivedita (Mini) Mittal
- Rylie Jordin Kies
- Tuesday CHEW Crew
- Onslow Strong Recovery Alliance
- Candy Thompson
- Dr. Becca Tagg
- Emily Lorelei Roberts

Orange

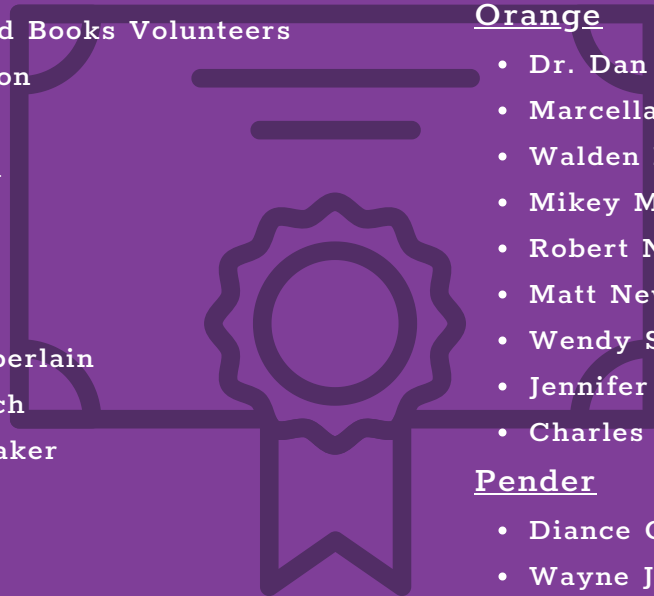
- Dr. Dan Graham
- Marcella Grendler
- Walden Lechner
- Mikey Mueller
- Robert Nash
- Matt Newton
- Wendy Schwade
- Jennifer Thomason
- Charles A. Williams

Pender

- Diance Cavanaugh
- Wayne Jeno
- Marke Ulcickas

Pitt

- Hany Hijazi
- Andy McLawhorn
- La Asociación de Mexicanos en Carolina del Norte
- Beast Philanthropy
- ThermoFisher Scientific
- Ilham Thurston
- Joan Christianson
- Christopher Cisterna
- Juvencio Rocha-Peralta



GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

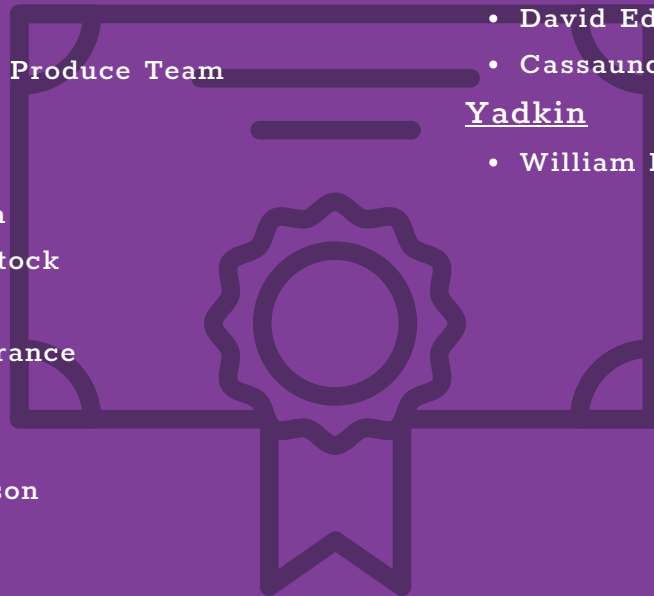
- Xavier Morris
- Laurie A. Scudder
- Steven Helms
- Anthony & Raymond Horlacher
- Michael Frey
- Tiffany McElroy
- Paige Kiser
- Thomas Bazor

Wilson

- David Edwards
- Cassaundra 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

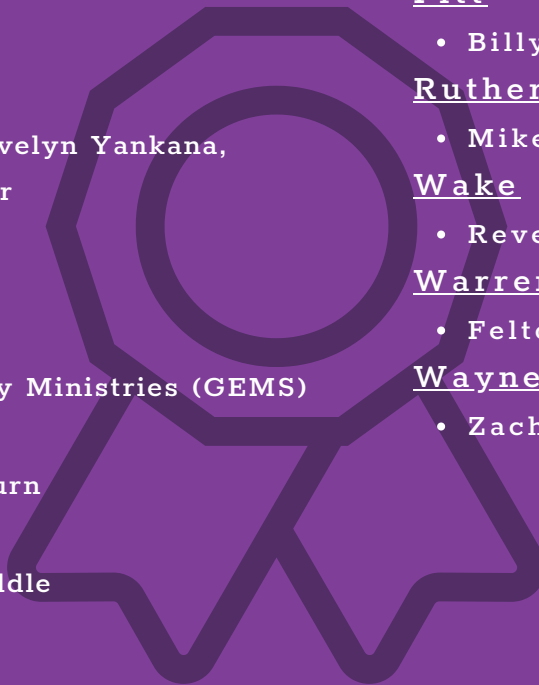
- Reverend Felix Iyoko

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.

Briles
Johnson

Executive
Director

Susan
Dean

AmeriCorps
Program Director

Megan
Trawick

Deputy Director

Joseph
DSouza

Chief Financial
Director

Colleen
Garrett

AmeriCorps Program
Monitoring &
Compliance Officer

Garrett
Pearce

Disaster &
Policy
Coordinator

Gianna
Quilici

Page and Awards
Coordinator

Tristian
Gwynn

AmeriCorps
Financial Assistant

Donna
Atkinson

Social Media
Coordinator

Erinn
Foote

Administrative
Intern

Mia
Currin

Disaster Donations
Manager

Daphné
Moore

Volunteerism
Coordinator

Jenna
Caputi

Outreach
Intern

COMMISSIONERS

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.

The Honorable
Robert C. Clark

Craig
Reed

Mary Ann
LeRay

Amber
Smith

The Honorable
Shinica Thomas

Luisa
Scott

Brandon
Heffinger

Michael
Frese

The Honorable
Yvonne Kinston

Dr. Joseph
Blosser

Cheryl
Parquet

Travis
Broadhurst

Ellen
Whitlock

Natalia
Botella

Tammy
Cobb

Rev. Paul
Langston

DeMarcus
Williams

Caroline
Ledlie

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