



A Brief History of National Service

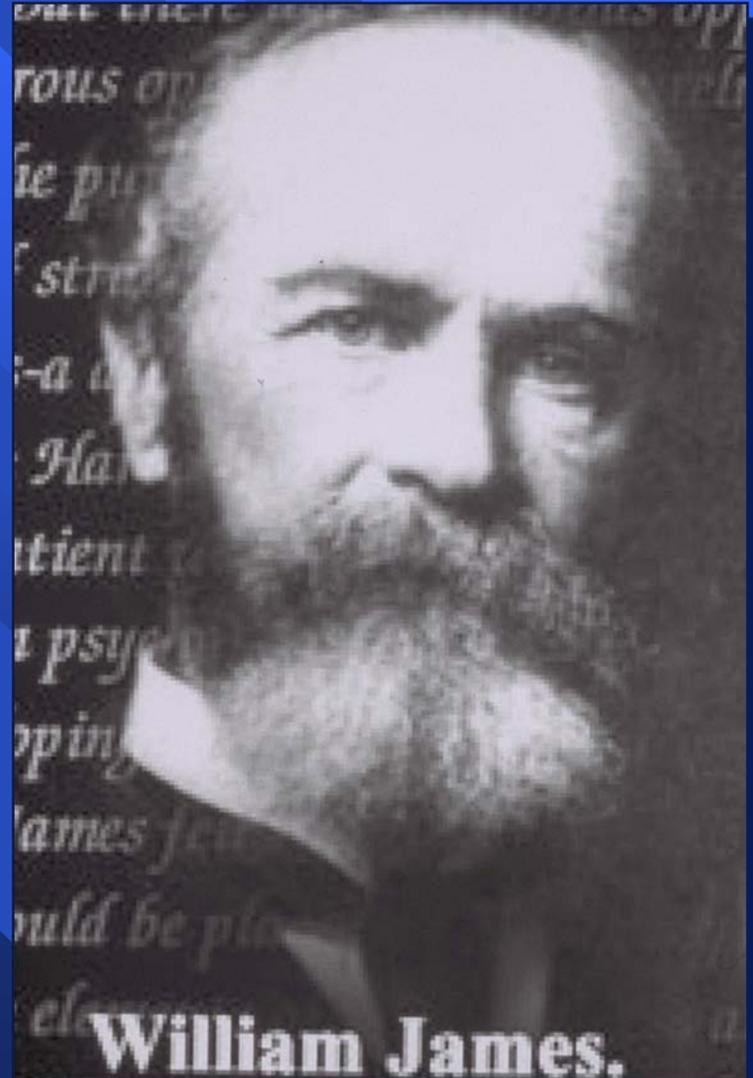
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1910

“The Moral Equivalent of War”

American philosopher William James envisions non-military national service in his essay “The Moral Equivalent of War”





1929-1942

Serving the Needs of the Nation

The Stock Market
Crash of 1929
precipitates the
arrival of The Great
Depression





1933-1942

Serving the Needs of the Nation



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One of the first elected leaders to use James' concepts to create public policy is President Franklin D. Roosevelt.



Alphabet Soup Initiatives



Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)

1942-1950

Rewarding Service

President Harry S. Truman introduces the idea of rewarding individuals who serve their country with money for college.



1942-1950

Rewarding Service

The GI Bill





1950-1961

Engaging Americans

“Ask not what
your country can
do for you; ask
what you can do
for your
country.”





1961

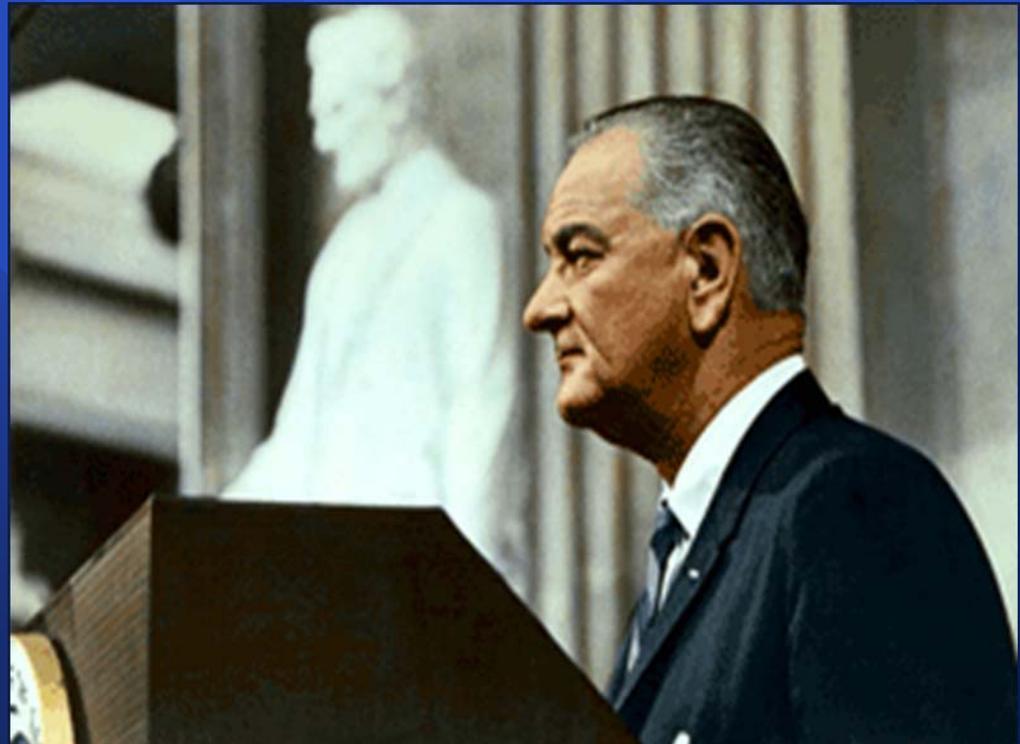
Engaging Americans

Peace Corps



1960's Continuing A Legacy

President Johnson's "War On Poverty"





1964

Domestic Volunteer Act

Creation of VISTA



VISTA makes this the beginning of the road.
Not the end.

1965-1969

Continuing A Legacy

Seniors Serving Their Nation



1970's Youth Corps



The Youth Conservation Corps, established in 1970 is a direct descendant of FDR's Civilian Conservation Corps.



California has the first state-wide, non-federal program.

1979

Potomac Institute

The Potomac Institute sponsors an independent “Committee for the Study of National Service” with funding from the Ford Foundation.



Harris Wofford



1980's

A Decade Of Smaller Government



President Reagan takes office in January of 1981.

Amid soaring budget deficits, the Reagan Administration commits to cutting the size of federal government.



1980's

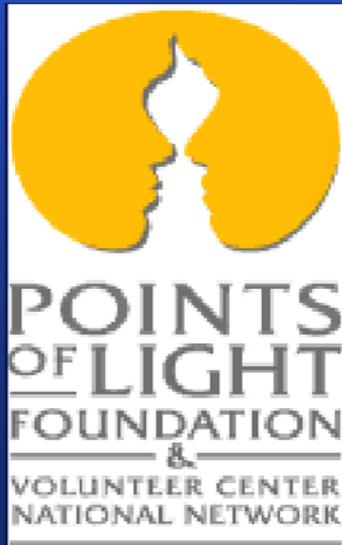
National Service Organizations

- Campus Outreach Opportunity League (1984)
- Campus Compact (1985)
- National Association of Service and Conservation Corps (1985)
- Youth Service America (1985)

1988-1990

A Kinder And Gentler Nation

President Bush comments that individuals serving their neighbors are like “a thousand points of light”

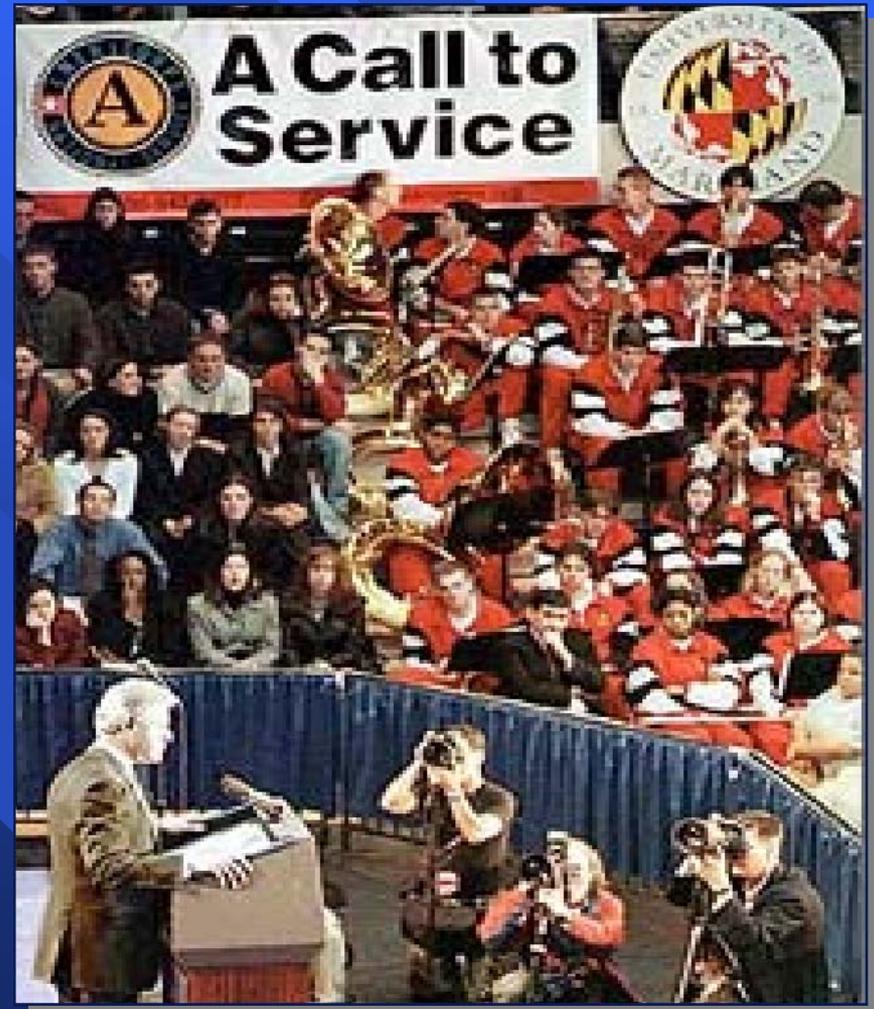


George H.W. Bush

1991 - 1992

A Call to Service

During the Presidential campaign, Governor Bill Clinton visits a number of college campuses and urban communities and is intrigued by the National Service movement.



September 1993

The Act



President Clinton signs the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, creating AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National Service.



1994 - 1996 A National Movement Takes Root

The first 20,000 AmeriCorps members serve.





April 1997

The Presidents' Summit for America's Future

A national summit of living Presidents is held in Philadelphia and chaired by General Colin Powell



January 2002

USA Freedom Corps



In his State of the Union address, President Bush calls on Americans to dedicate at least two years to the service of others.

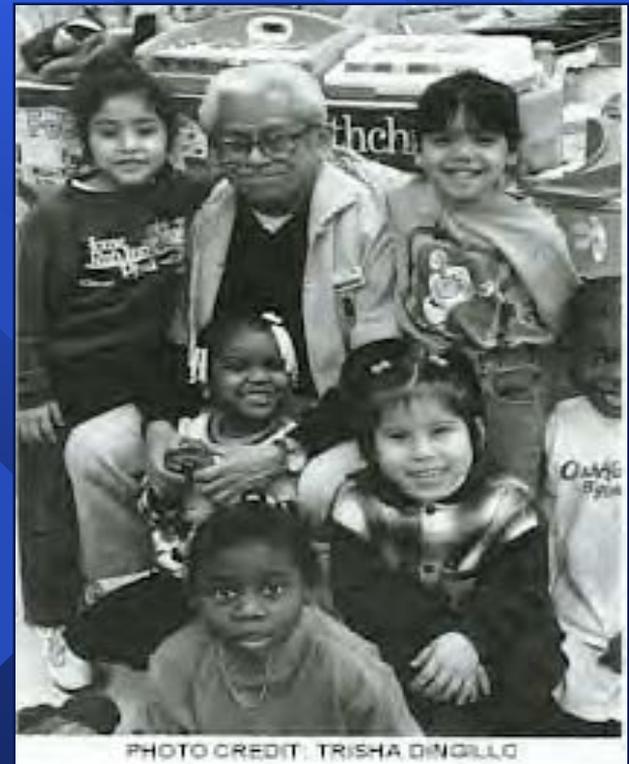
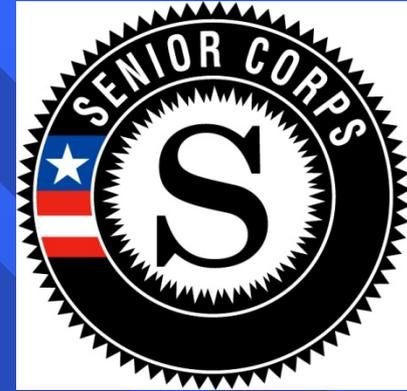


National Service Programs Today

Senior Corps

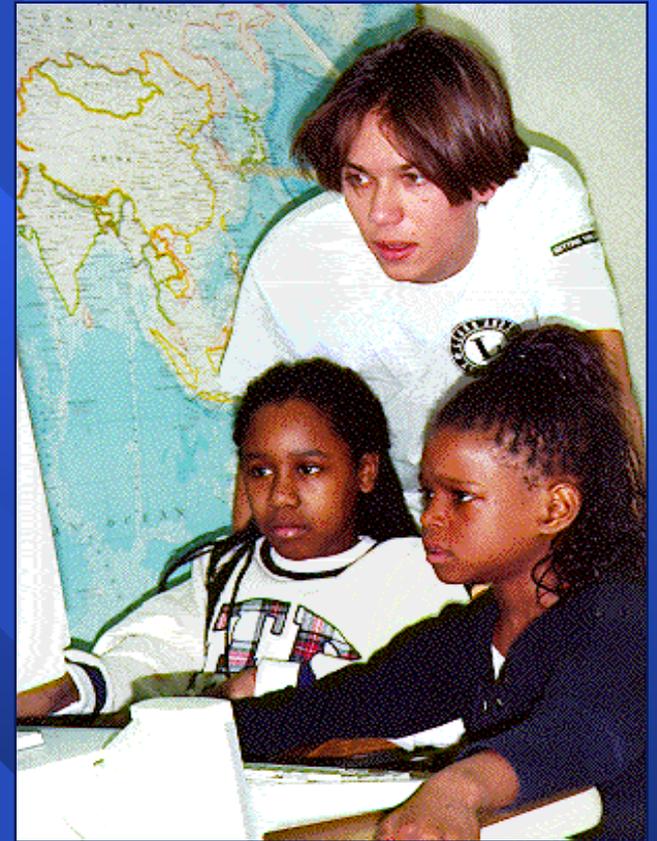
Seniors Providing Service To
Communities Across America

- Foster Grandparent Program
- Senior Companion Program
- RSVP





Learn & Serve America





AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is made up of three programs:

- AmeriCorps*State and National
- AmeriCorps*VISTA
- AmeriCorps*NCCC





National Service

1. Education
2. Public Safety
3. Environment
4. Other Human Needs
5. Disaster Services

AmeriCorps*State and National

AmeriCorps*State Programs:

funded through State Commissions.

AmeriCorps*National Programs:

funded through national parent organizations like Habitat for Humanity or Youth Build. Members serve in the states where those organizations have local programs or sites. Also includes Education Award Programs, and Professional Corps.



AmeriCorps*VISTA



Volunteers In Service to America...
fighting poverty for 40 years.

AmeriCorps*NCCC

NCCC is modeled after the conservation programs of the 1930's.





2006-2010

The Corporation's Strategic Plan

Improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering





**There's More in
the Future!**

**And it involves
you!**