Dear Friends,

For AMERICORPS ALUMS, 2013 was a big year, and 2014 is going to be even bigger. With nearly 820,000 Americans having served as AmeriCorps members, and an additional 80,000 AmeriCorps members each year, our alumni community is nearly 1 million strong. As individual alumni and as a network of professionals, we are “getting things done” during our year of service and beyond – with more impact, influence, and reach than ever before.

Today, AmeriCorps alumni are running corporate social responsibility programs at companies across the country, launching and leading mission-driven nonprofits, and serving as mayors and members of Congress. We were “Made in AmeriCorps” and can look back on our service year and know that it significantly shaped who we are today.

This past year, AMERICORPS ALUMS strengthened our network to nearly 80 active chapters across the country, created more than 20 university partnerships linking alumni to higher education resources, and developed a robust portfolio of professional development tools to support alumni in strengthening their careers, communities, and our country.

AmeriCorps alumni led hundreds of volunteer events, contributing thousands of volunteer hours in the communities where we live. We met with mayors, governors, and members of Congress to share our stories of service.

AMERICORPS ALUMS is the only national network supporting alumni from all AmeriCorps national service programs. We are building what was “Made in AmeriCorps” into a network of civic leaders that will lead change – and strengthen our nation – for decades to come.

As we kick off 2014 and celebrate the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps, we continue to be inspired by the courage, commitment, and passion of the alumni community. So, this 20th year, we are going to be bigger and bolder, and grow further and faster, to keep getting things done for America. Join us.

In service,
Mary Bruce and Ben Duda
Co-Executive Directors
AMERICORPS ALUMS

AMERICORPS ALUMS builds a community of engaged citizens and civic leaders that gets things done for America.
### By the Numbers

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**INDIVIDUALS**

There are more than 820,000 alumni of all AmeriCorps national service programs. These leaders have contributed more than 1 billion hours of service across America, tackling pressing problems and mobilizing millions of volunteers in the communities they serve.

**COMMUNITY**

AMERICORPS ALUMS supports this dynamic network of engaged citizens and civic leaders. It is the only national network that provides an integrated pipeline of resources to the national service alumni community.

**COUNTRY**

As individuals, and as a community of national service alumni, we are “getting things done” for America. The Alums “Network Effect” exponentially increases our collective impact.

**FIVE PRIORITY AREAS**

- Networking
- Professional Development
- Educational Opportunities
- Service
- Voice
**THE AMERICORPS ALUMS ACCELERATOR**

AMERICORPS ALUMS connects alumni to resources that help them succeed and that support their commitment to a lifetime of service.

**IN THEIR WORDS**

“I met my best friends, mentors, and heroes through my AmeriCorps service. I continue to stay inspired and involved through AMERICORPS ALUMS.” - **Seth Marbin**, Program Manager at GooglersGive (Alum of AmeriCorps Youth Volunteer Corps ’95, AmeriCorps*VISTA ‘98, and City Year ‘99).

“AmeriCorps was a defining experience. There’s no question in my mind that serving was the most important career move I took as a young person. That early experience has informed my personal and professional decisions ever since. The AMERICORPS ALUMS network connects me to citizen leaders across the country who continue to get things done, every day.” - **Nicole Gallant**, SVP Education at United Way NYC (Alum of Community Impact AmeriCorps ’96-’99)
We believe AmeriCorps alumni are part of a pipeline that will turn out thousands of social impact leaders in the 21st century. Here are a few of our stories.

“Our nation needs to foster a next generation of leaders who can work across party lines, race, ethnicity, and income levels to get things done for our country. Veterans of civilian national service, like AmeriCorps Alums, are the bedrock of that leadership and are working in the private, nonprofit, and public sectors every day to strengthen our communities and country.”

- John Bridgeland, former director of the White House Domestic Policy Council for President George W. Bush, Co-Chair of The Franklin Project at The Aspen Institute, and CEO, Civic Enterprises.

**CHALLENGE: EDUCATIONAL EQUITY**  
In the U.S., one in five students does not graduate high school with his or her peers. The rate is closer to one in two in many of our nation’s toughest schools.

**SOLUTION:** Sasha Lopez served at Miami Central Senior High School as part of Teach For America. After her two-year commitment, she transitioned to be the school’s Graduation Coach, increasing the school’s graduation rate by 7 percent and helping the graduating class raise $4 million in merit-based scholarships, more than twice the amount ever raised at the school. Sasha now works with the Education Transformation Office, an arm of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, where she helps the area’s 16 lowest-performing high schools improve their graduation rates. Sasha explains, “I got my start in education with AmeriCorps’ Teach For America program in 2010. And now, four years later, my work is still informed by that experience. **I’ve seen firsthand how the power of national service, including the AmeriCorps alumni community, improves children's lives - and their lifetime outcomes.**”

**CHALLENGE: PUBLIC SECTOR LEADERSHIP**  
According to Gallup, 65 percent of Americans are dissatisfied with the way government works. To make matters worse, just 6 percent of college students plan to work for public sector institutions, and only 2.3 percent want to work at the federal level. America needs strong, effective, solutions-oriented public officials.

**SOLUTION:** As an AmeriCorps VISTA for Community Services and Employment Training (CSET), Marchelli Hill honed skills like consensus building, group facilitation, public speaking, and strategic planning. Now, as the Community Involvement Coordinator for the City of Houston, she’s putting those skills to work in local government. Among other responsibilities, she has developed a comprehensive youth violence prevention plan at a neighborhood level, engaging large nonprofits and building capacity for long-term sustainability. AmeriCorps alums like Marchelli, Mayor John Fetterman of Braddock, Pennsylvania, and U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich are bringing critical skills like problem solving and teamwork to local, state, and federal government.
“We have historically undervalued and underinvested in nonprofit talent and leadership. These areas represent some of the greatest untapped potential for increasing the capacity of the sector.”

-Melody Barnes, former White House Domestic Policy Council Director for President Barack Obama and CEO of Melody Barnes Solutions

**CHALLENGE: COLLEGE COMPLETION, COLLEGE DEBT**

Total student loan debt has surpassed $1.2 trillion, which makes higher education increasingly out of reach for millions of young people, and too many of those who have incurred debt leave college without a degree. Only 59 percent of full-time, first-time students who began seeking a bachelor’s degree at a four-year institution in fall 2005 completed the degree at that institution within six years.

**SOLUTION: AMERICORPS ALUMS** is dedicated to connecting our members to the higher education resources they need to succeed. In addition to providing other in-person events and virtual resources, this past fall, nearly 1,500 alumni and current AmeriCorps members registered for our first virtual grad school fair to meet representatives from some of the 121 schools that match the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, which helps alumni pay for college. Elizabeth Cole, Assistant Director of Admissions at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University said, “We are proud to partner with AMERICORPS ALUMS and further our joint commitment to advancing social justice in communities here and around the world.”

**CHALLENGE: HUNGER**

More than 17 million American households are food insecure – including 3.9 million households with children. These are the highest rates ever recorded in the United States. Despite these pressing national needs, only one in four Americans volunteer through an organization.

**SOLUTION: The Los Angeles chapter of AMERICORPS ALUMS partnered with Big Sunday, a local nonprofit that “builds community through community service.” This past Thanksgiving, Alums helped distribute more than 1,000 bags of food to individuals in need. AmeriCorps alumni are skilled and reliable volunteer leaders – through seasons of service and throughout the year.
Seventy-nine local AMERICORPS ALUMS chapters in 38 states and the District of Columbia convene AmeriCorps alums, strengthen civic networks, meet community needs through service projects, engage and support emerging community leaders through educational and professional development opportunities, and advocate for national service to local, state, and national policymakers.

Our chapters include:

Bay Area, California
Sacramento, California
San Diego, California
Miami, Florida
Orlando, Florida
Atlanta, Georgia
Chicago, Illinois
Des Moines, Iowa

Quad Cities, Iowa
New Orleans, Louisiana
Maine (Midcoast/state-wide)
Baltimore, Maryland
Boston, Massachusetts
St. Louis, Missouri
New Hampshire (state-wide)
New York, New York

Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Houston, Texas
North Texas
San Antonio, Texas
Washington, D.C.
Help celebrate the 20th Anniversary of AmeriCorps. Since the founding of AmeriCorps 20 years ago, more than 820,000 Americans have contributed more than 1 billion hours of service at 15,000 community-based organizations. The strength of AmeriCorps was reaffirmed with overwhelming bipartisan support in the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009, and it is reaffirmed every day by AmeriCorps members and alumni in communities across America.

See below for ways to get involved and then visit www.americorpsalums.org for additional details, including corporate sponsorship opportunities!

### Alums

820,000

Join AMERICORPS ALUMS – for free! We’re the only national network dedicated to serving alumni of all AmeriCorps programs. Invite your friends and colleagues to join, too. There are more than 820,000 AmeriCorps alumni, but too many are not connected to our national network. We hope to double our membership this year.

### Service Hours

20,000

We’re rallying the alumni community in 20,000 additional service hours this summer – join us!

### Stories

2,000

Tell us your story, so we can continue to inspire others to serve!

### Dollars

200

Give $200 to AMERICORPS ALUMS. Celebrate your service by giving $20/month for the next 10 months (the typical length of AmeriCorps service). Your tax-deductible contribution provides one young alum critical “life after AmeriCorps” resources during his or her first year of membership.

### Honorees

20

Nominate a friend, mentor, colleague, or staff member to be one of the 20 Twentieth Anniversary Alumni Leadership Award winners.

### Elected Officials

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Connect with two elected officials about the impact national service has on you, your community, and your country. Call your mayor, governor, or your member of Congress and tell them how you were “Made in AmeriCorps.”
We would like to thank the community of champions that has helped build a strong foundation for AmeriCorps and with whom we hope to grow an ever-stronger national service community and network of national service Alums.

A special thanks to the corporate, foundation, university, and individual sponsors of AMERICORPS ALUMS, without whom this work would not be possible.

Always, and especially as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps, we’d like to express our sincerest thanks to the “founding family” of national service, not just for their tireless dedication to expanding the reach and impact of service but for pushing AMERICORPS ALUMS to expand its reach and impact.

A special note of thanks for the current and former leaders of our chapter network, including hundreds of current and former leaders of local chapters, as well as the members of the AmeriCorps Alums National Advisory Council. These individuals volunteer countless hours to strengthen our national community.

Most of all, we would like to thank the more than 820,000 AmeriCorps alumni who gave their time and talent to strengthen communities and our country during their year of service and who continue to give through a lifetime of service.

**Foundations**
- Freddie Mac
- Marc Haas Foundation

**Corporate partners**
- 2U
- GEICO
- Morgan Stanley
- Quicken Loans

**Signature Education Partners**
- IPSL (Concordia University-Portland)
- Brandeis University (The Heller School for Social Policy and Management)

**Education Partners**
- American University (School of International Service)
- Carnegie Mellon University (Heinz College)
- Clark University (IDCE and GSOM programs)
- Columbia University (School of International and Public Affairs)
- Illinois State University (Stevenson Center For Community And Economic Development)
- Indiana University (Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and School of Public and Environmental Affairs)
- Monterey Institute of International Studies
- New York University (Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service)
- Prescott College (Social Justice and Human Rights program)
- Princeton University (Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs)
- SIT Graduate Institute (Master of Arts Degree Programs)
- Texas A&M University (Bush School of Government and Public Service)
- University of Arkansas (Clinton School of Public Service)
- University of Michigan (School of Information)
- University of the Pacific (McGeorge School of Law)
- Urban Teacher Center (Lesley University)
- Willamette University (Atkinson Graduate School of Management)
The AmeriCorps Pledge

I will get things done for America -
to make our people safer,
smarter, and healthier.

I will bring Americans together
to strengthen our communities.

Faced with apathy,
I will take action.

Faced with conflict,
I will seek common ground.

Faced with adversity,
I will persevere.

I will carry this commitment
with me this year and beyond.

I am an AmeriCorps member, and

I will get things done.