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## OneStar Foundation Joins AmeriCorps to Encourage More Americans to Serve

*PSA, Outreach, and Education come as AmeriCorps marks its 20th Anniversary*

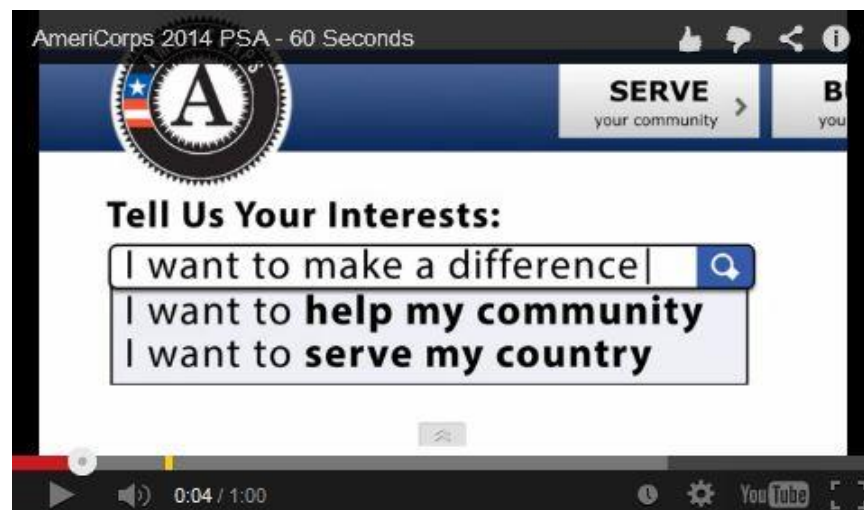
AUSTIN, TX – Every day in communities across America, AmeriCorps members are making a powerful impact on the most critical issues facing our nation. Whether improving schools, fighting poverty, rebuilding after disasters, providing health services, preserving the environment, or supporting veterans and military families, AmeriCorps members are getting things done.

Since its inception in 1994, more than 830,000 men and women have taken the AmeriCorps pledge, serving more than one billion hours and improving the lives of countless Americans.

OneStar Foundation, a Governor-appointed commission, utilizes the power of AmeriCorps to address some of Texas' most challenging and pressing needs. This year, more than **4,500** AmeriCorps members will serve through **116** nonprofits, schools, and community groups across Texas. Since 1994, more than **45,000** Texas residents have served 59 million hours and earned more than **\$122,950,000** in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards to help pay for college or pay back student loans.

As AmeriCorps marks a major milestone, celebrating its [20th anniversary](#), the “I Want to Join AmeriCorps” will help encourage more Americans to join AmeriCorps and make a difference.

Watch the 60-second PSA at [www.nationalservice.gov/newsroom/marketing/videos-and-psas](http://www.nationalservice.gov/newsroom/marketing/videos-and-psas). The PSA is also available in [Spanish](#) and [:30](#) and [:15](#) lengths:



For more information on AmeriCorps in Texas, visit <http://www.nationalservice.gov/impact-our-nation/state-profiles/tx>.

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AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency for service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million citizens in service at more than 60,000 locations in 8,500 cities across the country through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and other programs. National service participants address the most pressing challenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to preserving the environment and helping communities recover from natural disasters. For more information, visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov).

OneStar Foundation is the Governor-designated National Service Commission in Texas and administers the AmeriCorps\*State grant program. The Governor-appointed Board members oversee the legal and policy governance of the AmeriCorps\*Texas program portfolio. OneStar Foundation connects partners and resources to build a stronger nonprofit sector in Texas. For more information, visit [onestarfoundation.org](http://onestarfoundation.org).

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