



Community  
HealthCorps



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Statewide Impact Report

(2009-2010)

Missouri



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
Community Health Centers





## Introduction

Founded in 1995 by the National Association of Community Health Centers, Community HealthCorps is the largest health-focused, national AmeriCorps program whose *Mission* is to improve health care access and enhance workforce development for community health centers through national service programs. Members (AmeriCorps participants) provide a variety of health services/programs for patients and community frequently serving as community health workers (CHWs). Members also serve to improve the capacity of health centers to provide quality health services and programs to medically underserved people. The *Vision* of Community HealthCorps is to serve as a national service pipeline for careers in community health centers that is improving access to necessary primary and preventive care services for the medically underserved.

The cover of this brochure depicts just one of the many activities our members participate in. Here, you can see Krystal Kekula teaching a young girl how to plant a garden. Community HealthCorps members not only provide guidance to communities on how to navigate the health care system, but they also help educate communities on healthy ways of life.

## Members Reflect & Work in Underserved Communities

Community HealthCorps members serve rural and racially/culturally diverse urban communities and suburban, as well as migrant farm worker, homeless and public housing populations. Members are as racially, ethnically and economically diverse as the communities they serve. Educational attainment varies from high school and some college to graduate degrees. In addition, some members are active or retired health and social service professionals.

No matter their background, Community HealthCorps members become part of a community's struggle for better health and economic independence.

## Members are Highly Trained and are known as "Agents of Change"

Community HealthCorps\* AmeriCorps members acquire new skills and knowledge that enhance their effectiveness and value to patients and other individuals through pre-service orientation, in-service and advanced trainings.

In addition, Community HealthCorps\* VISTA Members alleviate poverty by improving the capacity of health centers to provide quality health services and programs to medically underserved people.



*Members volunteer within their community*



"I am so happy that I get to help people. My service in AmeriCorps has been a bit of a learning experience. I am very grateful that I got this opportunity."

-2010-11 Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc.  
Member, Kaneesha Miner

*Members help educate community members of all ages*

## We're everywhere, including Missouri!

For program year 2010-2011, nearly 500 Community HealthCorps\* National and VISTA members will serve full-time through nearly 40 partner organizations and three affiliate organizations at more than 150 delivery sites across 19 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

This year, Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc. will host 11 members in St. Louis. For more information about Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc. visit their website at [www.gracehill.org](http://www.gracehill.org).



*In addition to volunteering in a health setting, members also serve through local community restoration projects*



## A Quick Look at Community HealthCorps in Missouri 2009 to 2010

- 26,120 Encounters for sharing information about health issues, health insurance plans, & health services/programs, including eligibility determination
- 1,713 Enrollments in health insurance plans, & health services/programs
- 4,086 People using preventive & primary health care services two or more times in the program year
- 19,728 combined hours served among 14 members worth \$368,913.60 in 2009\*  
(\*Missouri State Dollar Value of a Volunteer Hour (\$18.70 per hour—<http://www.independentsector.org>)



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[www.communityhealthcorps.org](http://www.communityhealthcorps.org)

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