

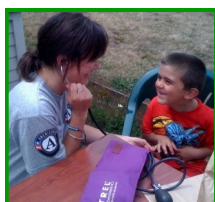


Community  
HealthCorps



*Texas 2010-2011*

Community HealthCorps' mission is to improve healthcare access and enhance workforce development through community health center sponsored national service programs. Founded in 1995 by the



National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), it is the largest health-focused, national AmeriCorps program with nearly 500 members serving in various capacities around the country in 19 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Community HealthCorps members, placed at over 150 delivery sites in 2010-11, strive to enhance access to primary and preventive services and programs for the medically underserved.

### What do Community HealthCorps members do?

Community HealthCorps members perform a variety of activities associated with health services and programs for patients and communities, often by functioning like community health workers.

Examples of activities include:

- **Creating a “medical home”:** Helping families and community members navigate the healthcare system thus improving their frequency of using health center services/programs
- **Educating the community:** Providing education/counseling around health issues and disparities that impact the specific communities members serve
- **Going the distance & extending basic care:** Supporting treatment plans by providing follow-up, support and case management to individual patients; enrolling qualified patients into health insurance and other applicable programs; and assessing other patient needs such as housing, legal and financial assistance



This year Community HealthCorps members assisted 592,875 people - of which 62,263 people were helped to enroll in insurance plans and other health related services and programs, and 112,654 people received health education and supportive counseling. Community HealthCorps members also recruited and coordinated the work of 8,442 non-AmeriCorps volunteers (nearly 2,000 volunteered more than once). These volunteers logged 35,026 hours in assisting health centers and other community-based organizations to address health and human needs. The value of the service from Community HealthCorps members and the volunteers they recruited is estimated at just over \$17 million dollars (Independent Sector estimates the value of volunteer time for 2010 at \$21.36/hour).

In Texas, two operating sites hosted almost 28 Community HealthCorps members who served across 17 different placement sites. Texas partners included:



**Brownsville Community Health Center**  
Brownsville, Texas  
[www.brownsvillechc.com](http://www.brownsvillechc.com)



**Heart of Texas Community Health Center**  
Waco, Texas  
[www.wacofpc.org](http://www.wacofpc.org)



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

**Texas  
Community HealthCorps  
members directly served  
98,196 people during the  
2010-11 program year.**

**Of those community members directly served...**

**28,108** were  
provided case  
management services  
(facilitation,  
assessment, referrals)

**22,093**  
received health  
education or  
supportive  
counseling

**Outreach  
services were  
provided to  
20,352**

**Other areas of service activities included:**

- \* Enrollment in health insurance, prescription assistance & other programs/services
- \* Child care services during health center visits
- \* Interpretation services
- \* Employment referral and counseling
- \* Financial counseling/eligibility assistance
- \* ...and more!

**2011-12 Program Year**

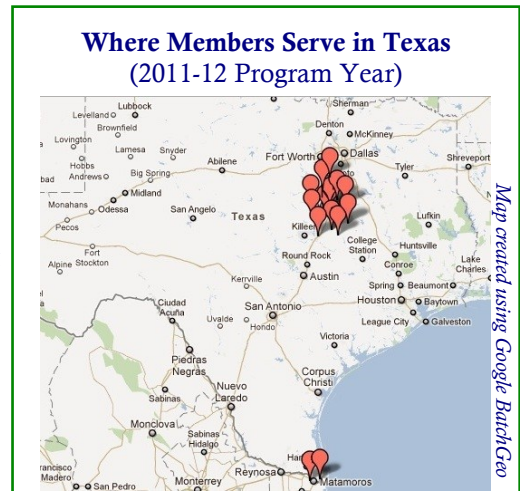
For the next program year of 2011-12, almost 30 Community HealthCorps members continue serving in Texas, with almost 500 members serving nationwide. In the upcoming year, Community HealthCorps members will continue volunteering in racially/culturally diverse rural, urban and suburban communities, as well as migrant farm worker, homeless and public housing populations.

No matter where they serve, Community HealthCorps members become part of a person's struggle for better health and economic independence.

**"This year I became a site supervisor, but because of one [Community HealthCorps] member, most days I felt like there was little supervision I actually needed to do. Her name is Lindsey and her goal in life is to help others. She hopes to become a PA, but not being accepted to any of her preferred schools at this time didn't stop her from following her dream of working with patients.**

**Some of our patients are a lot to handle and there have been times when Lindsey has been kicked out of a room because the patient just didn't feel like talking to her. One day, a patient came in to see the doctor. When Lindsey went in to talk to him he didn't want to listen to her and asked her to leave the room. Just yesterday the patient came back for his follow up and thanked Lindsey for her time and helping him learn about healthy eating habits. He lost 11 pounds in a short period of three weeks!"**

**- Angela (Heart of Texas Site Supervisor)**



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