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MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE

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January 25, 1995

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The Honorable Angus S. King, Jr.
Governor of the State Of Maine
State House Station #1
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Governor King:

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Chairman, Pro Tem



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The Honorable Jeffrey H. Butland
President of the Senate
State House Station #3
Augusta, ME 04333

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Representative Dan A. Gwadosky
Speaker of the House
State House Station #2
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Mr. Gwadosky:

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MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

VISION STATEMENT

**Recognizing that the basic human spirit of cooperation
and a strong individual commitment form the
foundation of community,
our vision for community service in Maine
includes individuals and groups working together
using their diversity
to strengthen communities through meaningful service.**

**Promoting a revitalized service ethic and sense of personal responsibility,
the Commission envisions citizens involved in their communities
identifying critical needs and collaborating to find solutions.**

**We join with our fellow states to affirm
our national identity as a diverse people
committed to moving forward as a nation of neighbors.**

Adopted 10-30-94

VISIONS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

excerpted from statements by
individual Commission members

"Community service could improve the feeling of people for society and make the tone of society, in general, more positive and friendly."

"Helping is a natural act of humans and happens simply in the way of things, much like a reflex action. This natural tendency to help, however, needs to be tapped in some organized way, nurtured and provided ongoing support in order to realize significant accomplishments. When people can be brought together in the spirit of giving, be supported in their vision, and focused on an outcome, great things can be accomplished."

"Elimination of hunger and homelessness, a safer and more secure environment for our children and their families and a higher quality of education with equal access to educational opportunities for anyone seeking higher levels of education."

"Community service brings people who may appear different on the outside, together. Positive experiences show us how alike we really are. This gives me hope."

"For Maine, by involving children in the community in important ways, this could mean that fewer young people would feel that this state is a dead-end for them."

"My personal vision of community service is that it is crucial in the improvement of Maine's growth towards a more inviting society."

"I know the power of students when adults will allow them to use their minds and hands and hearts... We live in an age and in a culture which has disenfranchised most people."

"My vision is to encourage the widest possible participation of all age groups to contribute their time and talents in order for the many non-profit organizations to function at their peak capacity using volunteers to help them accomplish this goal."

"I see community service doing two things: providing people who already have a service ethic with meaningful and rewarding volunteer sites and involving people who have not yet developed that ethic in projects where they will be exposed to the experience of service and feel so good about helping their fellow man, their community, their environment, etc. that they will seek other opportunities to serve."

SOME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS REFERENCED IN THIS REPORT

Commission on National and Community Service--independent federal agency with a bi-partisan Board of Directors created by the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (under President George Bush).

Corporation for National and Community Service (also known as the **Corporation for National Service**)--independent federal agency with bipartisan support created by the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 (under President Bill Clinton)--AmeriCorps is born! Often referred to in this report as "**the Corporation**".

Maine Commission for Community Service--A 20-member committee, often referenced in this report as "**the Commission**", appointed by Governor John McKernan to foster Maine's ethic of community service; to encourage community service and volunteerism as a means of meeting critical human, environmental, educational and public safety needs throughout the state; to serve as the state's liaison regarding national community service and volunteer activities; to foster collaboration among service agencies; to receive gifts and grants; to implement community service programs and make sub-grants to state and local entities in accordance with the federal National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.

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REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE

MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

I. Introduction to National and Community Service

Bill Clinton made a vision of national service a pillar of his presidential campaign. At nearly every stop he spoke about a program which would reward commitment to community with enhanced educational opportunity. Citizens throughout the country responded with tremendous enthusiasm.

In his inaugural address in January of 1992, President Clinton challenged Americans young in age and young in spirit to a "season of service". Nine months later, on September 21, 1993, he signed the National and Community Service Trust Act with strong bipartisan support. The National Governors Association formally endorsed the legislation and played a critical role in its development. The Act created the Corporation for National Service whose central program is the President's new national service initiative, **AmeriCorps**.

The Corporation's mission is to engage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in community-based service. This service will address the nation's education, human, public safety, and environmental needs. In so doing, the Corporation will foster civic responsibility, strengthen the ties that bind us together as a people, and provide educational opportunity for those who make a substantial commitment to service. The Corporation seeks to create a strong national system of community-based service that will "get things done" and rebuild American communities as well as the American community.

The Corporation offers three major program areas which generally involve three distinct age groups:

- Learn and Serve America, K-12 and Higher Education programs for school-age youth;
- AmeriCorps, which includes the AmeriCorps grant program called AmeriCorps*USA and two special programs: VISTA and the National Civilian Community Corps, for citizens seventeen years of age and up;
- National Senior Service Corps, which includes the Foster Grandparents, Senior Companion, and Retired and Senior Volunteer programs, for older Americans.

The National and Community Service Trust Act gives State Commissions a vital role in this service initiative. State Commissions administer two-thirds of AmeriCorps*USA (the grant program), prepare an application for the community-based portion of Learn and Serve America, K-12, and develop a comprehensive state plan which will provide a vision for expanding service opportunities and a strategy for achieving that vision.

The vision of national service is more than dollars and programs. National service is about the American ethic of lifelong responsibility. National service is a call to all Americans, regardless of political party, race, age, or background. "Everyone can be great," said Martin Luther King, Jr., "because everyone can serve."

II. Status of the Maine Commission for Community Service

Governor John R. McKernan, Jr. appointed the twenty (20) members of the Maine Commission for Community Service on September 6, 1994, in accordance with his Executive Order (See Attachment 1) of March 25, 1994. (List of members attached as Attachment 2). The appointments were effective September 13, 1994, and official swearing-in of Commission members took place in the Governor's Cabinet Room on October 3, 1994.

Commission members participated in a highly productive orientation and working retreat the last weekend in October, which included their first formal business meeting on Sunday, October 30, 1994. At that time, the Commission developed its vision statement by consensus (See Page 1 of text). It responded to the urgency of immediate needs by establishing nine interim working committees, as follows:

Program Development Assistance and Training (PDAT) Plan/Funding Application Committee--This committee wrote the Commission's application to the Corporation for National Service for PDAT funding, due November 23, 1994, in coordination with staff of the College Conservation Corps of Maine (the Commission's formula AmeriCorps program) and the directors of the Maine AmeriCorps programs who report directly to the Corporation.

Comments on Corporation Guidelines--This committee submitted comments to the Corporation on Corporation priorities and guidelines for the 1995 Granting Process received 10-25-94 as published in the Federal Register.

Application Procedure--This committee set up a notification process, an application procedure, and a timeline which are fair, inclusive, open, and workable for the Commission's FY95 applicants for AmeriCorps grants.

Aggressive Grants--Maine did not win Corporation approval of any of its 1994 competitive AmeriCorps proposals. This committee is investigating what actions might be taken to make Maine's submittals for 1995 more nationally competitive.

Report to the Governor and the Legislature--Executive Order 6 FY 93/94 establishing the Commission requires an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature. This committee prepared this first annual report.

Legislation Committee--This committee has researched and prepared draft legislation and is prepared to testify before legislative committees as necessary during this session. Issues which have arisen include: geographic representation (representation of Aroostook County communities, of the city of Portland, and of southern Maine); representation of special interest groups; representation of the Legislature; the number of members; the process for adding new members and for filling vacancies; and obtaining State funding.

By-Laws Committee--This committee has drafted formal working agreements under which the Commission will operate, covering matters such as officers, permanent committees, quorum, process for consensus decision-making, etc.

Comprehensive Plan--The Commission approved the "State Plan Narrative" submitted as part of Maine's FY94 AmeriCorps application, with the addition of its new vision statement. This committee will review the results of public forums conducted in the spring of 1994 and other information, look into the revision or refinement of State priorities, prepare a final draft of the plan for submission in the spring of 1995, and propose an approach to full public input in preparing a longer range plan.

Personnel Committee--State Planning Office Director Stephen J. Adams appointed Robert G. Blakesley as Executive Director of the Maine Community Service Program in mid-summer 1994. For a variety of reasons, the Senior Planner position contained in Maine's Administrative Funding Application for 1994 has remained unfilled. The Personnel Committee will research staffing needs, job descriptions, and information from other state commissions. The committee will define the roles and responsibilities of all staff and report back to the Commission.

III. Chronology of Commission Activities and Accomplishments

1994

- Jan. 31 State Planning Office (SPO) submitted an application to the Corporation for National and Community Service for \$131,947 in FY 94 administrative funds to develop a comprehensive plan for community service and to solicit non-profit and state-agency proposals for AmeriCorps programs.
- Feb. 11 SPO's application for administrative funds approved by the Corporation.
- Feb. 15 SPO published "Opportunities to Foster Maine's Ethic of Community Service, A Progress Report on State Implementation of the of the National and Community Service Trust Act".
- Feb. 18 State Legislature approved two federally funded SPO staff positions for the Community Service program in its Supplemental Budget.
- Feb. 22 Stephen J. Adams, SPO Director, assigned Robert G. Blakesley as full-time Acting Director of the Maine Community Service Program.
- March 18 SPO announced a "Request for Letters of Intent to apply for an AmeriCorps grant", together with a statewide "town meeting" on interactive television (4000 piece mailing).
- March 25 Governor John R. McKernan, Jr. signed Executive Order No. 6 FY 93/94 establishing the Maine Commission for Community Service.
- April 1 SPO organized the "First Statewide Town Meeting by ITV" (with seven interactive television sites) to learn about community needs that Maine might address through AmeriCorps funding.
- April 12 An edited videotape of the April 1st meeting and a "Discussion Guide and Questionnaire" were made available to agencies interested in sponsoring local meetings.
- April 15 AmeriCorps Request for Proposal (RFP) packages were mailed to fifty agencies which met the April 13 deadline for "Letters of Intent to apply for an AmeriCorps grant."
- April 17-23 Proclaimed "Volunteer Week" by Governor McKernan, who also proclaimed April 19 separately as "Maine Youth Service Day".

- May The Maine Volunteer Connection organized eight "Speak Out Forums" across the state on behalf of the SPO to solicit additional local views on needs, opportunities, and priorities for community service across Maine. Input was gathered for the State Plan, as follow-up to the April 1 ITV Meeting. By mid-May Forums were held for Caribou, Rockland, Bath/Brunswick, Lewiston/Auburn, Bangor, Rumford/Bethel/Farmington, York County, and Dover Foxcroft areas.
- May 1 Maine was notified of federal approval of Summer of Safety awards for projects by the Maine Conservation Corps (\$82,000) and the Portland Youth Service Conservation Corps (\$84,000).
- May 16 State deadline for AmeriCorps funding proposals from non-profit and government agencies; six proposals were received, two of which did not meet threshold requirements.
- May 23 Candidate questionnaires were mailed to 100+ nominees and applicants for appointment to the Maine Commission for Community Service.
- May 27 The SPO submitted an application to the Corporation for Community-Based K-12 Learn and Serve funding. The application was prepared in collaboration by a number of interested agencies.
- June 22 The SPO submitted a State Plan and AmeriCorps Application to the Corporation for National Service.
- August 11 The Corporation approved an AmeriCorps award for the College Conservation Corps of Maine and authorized the SPO to incur costs, effective August 1, 1994.
- August 29 An SPO application for an Interim \$10,000 PDAT (Program Development Assistance and Training) grant was approved by the Corporation.
- Sept. 6 Appointments to the new Maine Commission for Community Service were completed by Governor McKernan, effective September 13, 1994.
- Sept. 12 In concert with programs nationwide, the SPO organized the AmeriCorps Launch and Swearing-in in Bangor for all AmeriCorps*USA programs in Maine, including the

College Conservation Corps of Maine, Portland Youth for Public Safety, the USDA Rural Development Team, the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Program, and VISTA. This event helped nurture a sense of common AmeriCorps*Maine and AmeriCorps*USA identity among the programs.

- Sept.19-Oct.4 A 23-member National Civilian Community Corps from Aberdeen, MD joined with the College Conservation Corps of Maine to contribute to projects in Baxter State Park and the Cutler Coast Management Unit.
- Feb.-Oct. SPO staff answered hundreds of inquiries and established a database and mailing list (in Paradox) with over 1000 names for use in conjunction with a 4000-name list maintained by the Maine Volunteer Connection.
- Oct. 3 Members of the Maine Commission for Community Service met with Governor McKernan for an official swearing-in ceremony, introductions, and a briefing by the Executive Director.
- Oct. 11 Members of the Maine Commission for Community Service participated in the annual Blaine House Conference on Volunteerism organized by the Maine Volunteer Connection.
- Oct. 24-27 About 60 members and staff from the College Conservation Corps of Maine, Portland Youth for Public Safety, and the USDA Rural Development Team participated in a four-day Joint Training Seminar at Camp Keyes in Augusta. The seminar was organized collaboratively by the directors of the three corps, with the help of a consultant provided by the USDA (Quebec Labrador Foundation/Atlantic Center for the Environment). First Aid/CPR training was given by a member of Maine's Commission. This event received favorable coverage on Channel 6 TV news,
- Oct. 28-30 Members of the Maine Commission for Community Service participated in a weekend orientation retreat at Sugarloaf Mountain, culminating in the Commission's first business meeting. The Commission adopted a vision statement and a number of organizational agreements, and established nine interim committees to respond to immediate critical deadlines and "hit the ground running".
- Nov. 15 Administrative Grant Renewal Application submitted to the Corporation.

- Nov. 23 Program Development Assistance and Training (PDAT) Plan and Funding Application submitted to the Corporation.
- Dec. 7 Business meeting of the Maine Commission for Community Service held at State Planning Office Hallowell Annex.
- 1995**
- Jan. 3 Administrative Grant Renewal approved by the Corporation.
- Jan. 18-20 Joint training workshop for members of AmeriCorps*Maine.
- Jan. 19 Business meeting of the Maine Commission for Community Service held at State Planning Office Hallowell Annex.

IV. The Days Ahead

- Jan. 25 Commission to issue Request for Proposals from local agencies potentially interested in submitting AmeriCorps funding applications in 1995
- Feb. 15 Business meeting of the Maine Commission for Community Service.
- Mar. 16 Business meeting of the Maine Commission for Community Service.
- Mar. 17 AmeriCorps proposals due to the Commission from local agencies.
- Mar. 21 Maine's K-12 Community-Based Learn and Serve Funding Application due at Corporation.
- Apr. 19 Business meeting of the Maine Commission for Community Service.
- Apr. 19 Commission to approve State AmeriCorps Funding Application package.
- Apr. 24 National Volunteer Service Week begins.
- May 1 Maine's AmeriCorps Funding Application due at the Corporation.
- May 18 Business meeting of the Maine Commission for Community Service.

Jun. 21 Business meeting of the Maine Commission for Community Service.

Oct. 5 Official launch of new 1995 AmeriCorps*Maine and AmeriCorps*USA projects.

Other Plans for 1995:

- *Refine and begin to implement State Plan for Community Service
- *Provide technical assistance to potential funding applicants and to operating programs
- *Serve as an information clearinghouse
- *Administer federal programs funded through the Commission
- *Foster networking and collaboration among non-profit and volunteer agencies
- *Organize and conduct public outreach activities.

V. Description of AmeriCorps Programs in Maine

See Attachment 3.



OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 6 FY 93/94
DATE March 25, 1994

EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE
MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

WHEREAS, Maine has a long and proud heritage of civic participation and neighbor helping neighbor; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing awareness that fostering that ethic of community service and volunteerism is a vital means of renewing community values, bridging cultural diversity, empowering youth and alienated minorities, and addressing otherwise unmet environmental, human, educational and public safety needs; and

WHEREAS, this growing awareness is part of a nationwide revival of national and community service, bringing together the public, private and non-profit sectors; and

WHEREAS, the state is looking for new and creative ways for pursuing quality in the way we manage and in the way we work together; and

WHEREAS, a state commission is necessary to foster collaboration among state, local and national community service and volunteer programs and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby create the Maine Commission for Community Service, the organization and functions of which shall be the following:

Purpose

The Maine Commission for Community Service, referred to herein as the "Commission," is established to foster Maine's ethic of community service; to encourage community service and volunteerism as a means of meeting critical human, environmental, educational and public safety needs throughout the state; to serve as the state's liaison regarding national community service and volunteer activities; to foster collaboration among service agencies; to receive gifts and grants; to implement community service programs and make sub-grants to state and local entities in accordance with the federal National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.

Membership

Membership qualifications. The Commission shall consist of 19 voting members, appointed by the Governor. A member may represent one or more than one category, but each of the following categories must be represented by at least one member:

- a) a representative of a community-based agency or organization;
- b) the Commissioner of the Department of Education or the Commissioner's designee;
- c) a representative of local government;
- d) a representative of a local labor organization;
- e) a representative of business;
- f) an individual who is at least 16 years of age but no more than 25 years of age and who is a participant in or supervisor of a service program for youth or a campus-based or national service program;
- g) a representative of a national service program;
- h) an individual with expertise in the education, training and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth;
- i) an individual with experience in promoting the involvement of adults aged 55 and older in national service and volunteerism; and
- j) a representative of the Maine volunteer community.

Appointments may also include educators, including representatives from institutions of higher education and local education agencies; experts in the delivery of human, educational, environmental or public safety services to communities and persons; representatives of Indian Tribes; out-of-school or at-risk youth; representatives of programs that are administered or receive assistance under the federal Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, 42 United States Code, Section 4951 et seq. (1973), and others. The Commission must also seat a non-voting liaison designated by the federal Corporation for National and Community Service.

Appointments must reflect diversity with respect to geography, race, ethnicity, age, gender, disability characteristics and political affiliation. Not more than 50% plus one member may be from the same political party. The number of voting members who are officers or employees of the State of Maine may not exceed 25% of the total membership.

The Chairperson of the Commission shall be an appointed, voting member of the Commission, selected by the voting members. Members may not vote on issues affecting organizations they have served in a staff or volunteer capacity at any time during the preceding twelve months. Failure to attend at least 75 percent of called meetings in any calendar year shall result in removal from the Commission.

Terms of Office

The appointed members serve three-year terms except, of the initial appointments, one-third shall expire June 30, 1995; one-third shall expire June 30, 1996; and one-third shall expire June 30, 1997. The Governor shall appoint members to vacancies on the Commission as they occur or upon expiration of terms. Any vacancy must be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in which the vacancy occurs.

Compensation

Members shall serve without compensation. Members may be reimbursed through the Maine State Planning Office for necessary expenditures allowed by state law that are incurred in the performance of their duties on the Commission.

Functions and Duties

The Commission shall:

1. Develop a state vision statement for national, state and community service.
2. Demonstrate an ethic of service in its activities, procedures and by-laws, utilizing decision-making by consensus; annually evaluate how effectively its procedures and bylaws are fostering the state vision and service ethic.
3. Develop a national and community service plan. Develop and annually update a three-year mission statement and state comprehensive national and community service plan, in accordance with federal guidelines. The Commission shall ensure an open and inclusive process for maximum participation in plan development and determination of state priorities.
4. Pre-select programs and prepare applications. Pre-select national service programs through an open competitive process, and prepare an application to the Corporation for National and Community Service.
5. Assist state education agencies. Assist the Maine Department of Education and institutions of higher education in the preparation of applications for national and community service grants.
6. Administer grant programs. Evaluate, monitor and administer grant programs.
7. Provide technical assistance. Serve as a clearinghouse for information on national and community service; provide technical assistance to local non-profit organizations and other entities in planning, applying for funds, and implementing national service programs.

8. **Recruitment and placement.** Serve as a clearinghouse for people interested in national and community service placements.

9. **Health and childcare benefits.** Assist the Corporation for National and Community Service in providing health and child care benefits to participants as required by the National and Community Service Trust Act.

10. **Make recommendations.** Make recommendations to the Corporation for National and Community Service with respect to priorities within the state for programs receiving assistance under the federal Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, 42 United States Code, Section 4951 et seq. (1973).

11. **Coordination** Coordinate with other state agencies, colleges, universities, municipalities, federal agencies, and volunteer service programs.

12. **Advisory committees** Establish advisory committees as needed, with membership not limited to Commission members.

13. **Fundraising.** Carry out fundraising efforts to supplement federal funding and to meet all federal matching requirements. The Commission may establish a dedicated account to receive funds contributed by private and public organizations.

14. **Recognition of outstanding contributions.** Provide public recognition of outstanding community service initiatives and individual contributions.

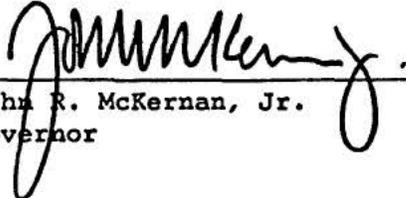
15. **Annual Report.** Submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature. The first annual report shall be submitted on January 15, 1995, and contain recommendations on establishing the Commission by legislative action.

Staffing

Staff support services shall be provided by the Maine State Planning Office, which shall assist in organizing the Commission and provide continuing administrative support.

Effective Date

The effective date of this Executive Order is March 25, 1994.



John R. McKernan, Jr.
Governor

LIST OF MEMBERS
MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

(appointed Sept. 6, 1994, effective Sept. 13, 1994)

Initial Term Length in brackets []

A. representing a Community-Based Organization

Ms. Shirley M. Powell [3] Route 2, Box 130 Hanover, ME 04237	Volunteer Services Manager, Androscoggin Home Health Services; member of the Planning Committee, Blaine House Conference on Volunteerism; active volunteer
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B. representing the Commissioner of the Department of Education

Ms. Heidi McGinley [1] of 12 Vining Street Lisbon Falls, ME 04252	Maine Department of Education; Coordinator, Maine's Common Core Learning; Director, Serve America Program
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C. representing local government

Mr. John T. Jenkins [3] 417 Main Street, P.O. Box 7205 Lewiston, ME 04243	Mayor, City of Lewiston; Chairman, Maine Commission on Diversity; experienced in teaching the physical arts and personal development
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D. representing a local labor organization

Mr. Paul G. Chretien [1] 104 Pierce Road Brewer, ME 04412	Community Service Labor Liaison, Maine AFL-CIO/United Way; endorsed by Maine AFL/CIO; coordinates United Way campaigns throughout Maine; fund raising experience
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E. representing business

Mr. Daniel N. Reardon [3] 11 Winslow Place Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107	Active volunteer; President, G.H. Bass, Retail Division, which has a company volunteer program, hires troubled youth, and has programs for at-risk youth
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F. age 16-25 and a participant in a service program

- Mr. Greg S. Lavertu [3] 1994 Edward Little High School graduate; participant in Elf Woods Project; member, Maine College Conservation Corps from 6/25/94; effective speaker
74 Fourth Street
Auburn, ME 04210
- Ms. Kathryn A. Tremper [2] Hampshire College, B.A. 1994; participant in Kids as Planners Project in Bath and Kids Consortium
10 Foreside Road
Topsham, ME 04086
- Ms. Kaye Woolam [2] Student, Richmond High School; 4-H Junior Leader; active volunteer; (reference, Nancy Churchill, former Richmond Town Manager)
R.F.D. #5, Box 436
Gardiner, ME 04345

G. representing a national service program

- Ms. Margaret M. Bean [2] Director of Employment and Training, Aroostook County Action Program, Inc.; Limestone Youth Community Action Project, (a Commission for National and Community Service project)
R.R.#1, Box 2795
Windsor, ME 04363
(moved from Presque Isle after appointment)

H. expert in the education, training and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth

- Mr. Bob Dickens [2] Teacher and counselor in alternative education with troubled youth, Community School, Camden, ME (a private school for drop-outs); initiated the school's volunteer social service and conflict resolution programs
P.O. Box 936
Ellsworth, ME 04605
(resigned, position vacant)

I. experienced in promoting the involvement of older adults in national service and volunteerism

- Mr. Norman W. Duzen [2] Retired clergy; active in Retired Senior Companion Program in Washington County
P.O. Box 1
Cutler, ME 04626
- Mr. Lawrence LaPierre [1] Retired; active volunteer; past Chair, Retired Senior Volunteer Program;
180 Portland Avenue
Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064
Board Member, Portland Red Cross Chapter

J. representative of the Maine volunteer community

Ms. Eunice A. Rescott [3] Director, RSVP of Eastern Maine; President, Maine Volunteer
R.R.#2, Box 2052 Connection; active community volunteer
Brewer, ME 04412

K. non-voting liaison designated by the Corporation for National and Community Service

Ms. Mary Pelkey [--] State Program Director, Corporation for National Service, Portland
380 Gorham Road
Scarborough, ME 04074

Others

Mr. Paul E. Nordstrom [1] President, University of Maine at Machias; natural resource
P.O. Box 120 management background; lifelong involvement in service activities
Machias, ME 04654

Mr. Robert B. Rheault [1] Educator, Hurricane Island Outward Bound (motivating, training
Ash Point and developing young people to accomplish difficult tasks under
Owls Head, ME 04854 stressful conditions, with community service an integral part)

Mr. Jay Skriletz [2] Director, producer, performer, designer, playwright for Penobscot
R.R.#1, Box 173-A Theatre Co; organizes and directs theatre volunteers; creativity for
Perry, ME 04667 staging public events and public relations activities

Ms. Rosland W. Smith [1] Director, Mid-Maine Chapter, American Red Cross; Chair, FEMA
R.F.D.#1, Box 1420 emergency food and shelter program for Kennebec County
North Vassalboro, ME 04962

Ms. Crystal H. Storer [1] Accounts receivable analyst, VA, Togus; participant and volunteer
404 Water St., Apt. 1 with the Maine Handicapped Skiing Association at
Hallowell, ME 04347 Sunday River

Ms. Evelyn Trotzky [3] Executive Director, Pine Tree State 4-H Club Foundation;
20 Knox Street Cooperative Extension; grantwriter/administrator
Bangor, ME 04401

National and Community Service Programs in Maine

AMERICORPS

September, 1994 through August, 1995

PROGRAM: COLLEGE CONSERVATION CORPS OF MAINE

20 Participants

Workforce Development Centers
College Conservation Corps of Maine
State House Station #55
Augusta, ME 04333

Location: Sites Statewide

Description: AmeriCorps members will work on trails in Camden Hills State Park, Lake St. George State Park, Reid State Park, Baxter State Park, the City of Bangor, the Town of Bethel; and in Public Land units on the Cutler Coast, at Donnell Pond and Nahmakanta. Shorelines will be stabilized, boundary lines cleared and marked, and river access points reconstructed. Members also will assist in operating the Unity Area Recycling Center.

Funding: Federal Grant through the Maine Commission for Community Service: \$276, 100

Contact: Kenneth E. Spalding, Director (Tel. 207-287-4931; Fax. 207-287-3823)

PROGRAM: PORTLAND YOUTH FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

25 Participants

Portland West Neighborhood Planning Council/Community Employment Project
181 Brackett Street
Portland, ME 04102

Location: Portland

Description: Portland Youth for Public Safety are a twenty-five member team sponsored by the Portland West Neighborhood Planning Council. They will be engaged in mediation of community and neighborhood issues, youth conflict resolution, and victim assistance in collaboration with the police department, the public housing authority and other community organizations.

Funding: Direct federal grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service: \$300,000

Contact: Lynda Simmons, Director (Tel. 207-775-0105)

PROGRAM: VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America)

22 Participants

Corporation for National Service
537 Congress Street, Suite 406
Portland, ME 04101

Location: Various locations throughout Maine

Description: VISTA volunteers currently are assigned to 10 projects addressing various issues around the state, including housing and homelessness, literacy, AIDS/HIV awareness and education, conservation, youth programs, refugees and economic development. An additional program will begin in February 1995, which assigns a volunteer to the Children's Museum of Maine, to develop the museum's volunteer program and traveling exhibits, to encourage families from low-income neighborhoods and backgrounds to become involved with the museum as volunteers, and to recruit more businesses to support the museum.

Contact: Mary Pelkey, State Program Director (Tel. 207-780-3414)

PROGRAM: RURAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM

20 Participants

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Soil Conservation Service
5 Godfrey Drive
Orono, ME 04473

Location: Various rural locations throughout Maine, from Portland to Presque Isle to Machias.

Description: Diverse assignments linked to water quality improvement and protection include: Initiating an Integrated Crop Management program with cranberry growers, conducting a lakeshore sanitary survey, assisting with development of recreational trails on old railroad beds, conducting fisheries studies, carrying out natural resource inventories and assisting with conservation education programs.

Funding: Direct federal grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service

Contact: Richard Baird, Deputy State Conservationist
USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service (Tel. 207-866-7241)

PROGRAM: MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARMWORKER PROGRAM 2 Participants

Association of Farmworkers
 Opportunity Program in Maine
 c/o Training and Development Corp
 Career Advancement Center
 1 Cumberland Place., Suite 1136
 Bangor, ME 04401

Location: Various rural locations throughout Maine

Description: AmeriCorps members will train migrant and seasonal farmworkers on how to reduce exposure to pesticides, and how to access health, educational and other supportive services.

Funding: Direct federal grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service to the American Association of Farmworkers Opportunity Program

Contact: Jack Frost, TDC, Director (Tel. 207-945-9431)

Related Programs Funded Previously

1993-1995

PROGRAM: AROOSTOOK YCAP (Youth Community Action Project) 50 Participants

Aroostook County Action Program
 18 Dyer Street
 Presque Isle, ME 04769

Location: Aroostook County

Description: Out-of-school youth ages 17-24 are working on community service projects to help alleviate problems caused by the closure of Loring Air Force Base in Limestone.

Funding: Grant from the Commission on National and Community Service (now the Corporation for National and Community Service) through the Maine Workforce Development Centers (Maine Conservation Corps).

Contact: Torry Eaton, Director (Tel. 207-768-3033; Fax. 207-768-3040)

PROGRAM: PROJECT MAINE S.O.S. (Youth responding to a call for help)

6 Oak Grove Avenue
Bath, ME 04530

Location: Sagadahoc and northern Cumberland counties

Description: Project Maine S.O.S. recruits youth in Sagadahoc and northern Cumberland counties. Primary recruitment is done at Brunswick, Morse, and Mt. Ararat high schools, Bath Regional Vocational Center, Maine Vocational Region Ten, Hyde School, and Bowdoin College. Project Maine S.O.S. offers both individual and group opportunities. Community service and service learning projects may be long or short-term in duration. Volunteer positions are available with over 40 local agencies dedicated to human, educational, environmental and public safety service. Other projects are developed without the influence of participating agencies.

Funding: Funded originally under Subtitle E of the 1990 act at \$20,100 for FY93/94. Funded under Subtitle H of the National and Community Service Act of 1993 for \$29,000 for FY94/95.

Contact: Chris Rallis (Tel. 207-442-0059)

SUMMER 1994

**PROGRAM: SUMMER OF SAFETY, PORTLAND YOUTH
SERVICE CONSERVATION CORPS**

25 Participants

Portland West Neighborhood Planning Council/Community Employment Project
181 Brackett Street
Portland, ME 04102

Location: Portland and South Portland

Description: Participants conducted water quality sampling and testing on a daily basis throughout the summer at about 40 sites throughout Portland Harbor and Casco Bay, which is one of 17 bays included in the EPA's national estuary program. Ambient water quality tests included air temperature, water temperature, SECCHI depth, pH factor, dissolved oxygen and salinity.

Funding: Direct federal grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service: \$84,483

Contact: Neil Taliento, Director (Tel. 207-879-8710)

FY 1992 AND FY 1993

PROGRAM: MAINE CONSERVATION CORPS

State House Station #55
Augusta, ME 04333

- Components: *
- * College Conservation Corps of Maine, completed various environmental projects throughout the state (in partnership with Unity College)
 - * Portland Youth Service/Conservation Corps (operated by West Portland Neighborhood Council/Community Employment Project)
 - * H.O.M.E. Youth Service Corps, Orland
 - * Region III Vocational School Service/Conservation Corps, Lincoln

Funding: Direct federal grant from the previous Commission on National and Community Service: \$612,252--FY 1993; \$647,927--FY 1992.

Contact: Kenneth E. Spalding, Director (Tel. 207-287-4931)

PROGRAM: VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America)

ACTION (now Corporation for National and Community Service)
537 Congress Street, Suite 406
Portland, ME 04101

Description: Various projects throughout Maine involved 20 VISTA volunteers, administered directly by the Portland ACTION office. NOTE: The Portland office also was responsible for 3700 part-time volunteers in 8 National Senior Corps programs, including Senior Companions (SCP), Foster Grandparents (FGP), Retired Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP), and a Student Volunteer Program.

Contact: Mary Pelkey, State Program Director (Tel. 207-780-3414)

LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA

FY 1994 - HIGHER EDUCATION

PROGRAM: LEARN AND SERVE CommUNITY

Unity College
Unity, ME

Location: Unity, ME

Description: Unity College will establish a coordinated community service program on campus by establishing an Office of Community Service, integrating a service component into the orientation program for first-year students, establishing pilot activities for four service groups, providing faculty training in service-learning, and placing work-study students in community service positions. By the end of the first year, 20,000 hours of community service will be spent monitoring and removing hazardous material from trail systems, providing environmental education programs for 25 migrant youth, protecting wildlife through monitoring and reporting programs, and presenting 200 school children with education programming to curb substance abuse.

Funding: Direct federal grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service: \$97,450

Contact: Dr. Dan Goehring, Project Director (Tel. 207-948-3131)

FY 1994 - K-12 Learn and Serve

PROGRAM: LEARNING CONNECTIONS

State Department of Education
State House Station #23
Augusta, ME 04333

Contractor: Kids Consortium
So. ME Technical College
2 Fort Road
So. Portland, ME 04106

Sub-grantees: Madison Area High School/Madison Junior High School in Madison, Lake Region High School in Bridgton, Hancock County Technical Center in Ellsworth, Hermon High School in Hermon, Fort Fairfield High School in Fort Fairfield

Description: Learning Connections will assist participating schools in designing community-based learning opportunities which empower students to address real-life problems and issues in their communities as part of the academic curriculum and which are integrated into the climate, curriculum, policy, and instructional fabric. Throughout the year, the program will host regional training opportunities and on and off-site technical assistance for grantees and other interested schools.

Funding: Direct federal grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service: \$87,528

Contact: Heidi McGinley, Department of Education, Program Director (Tel. 207-287-5986)
Caroline Allam, KIDS Consortium (Tel. 207-767-6223)

PROGRAM: KIDSNET

Kids Consortium
Southern Maine Technical College
2 Fort Road
South Portland, ME 04106

Sub-grantees: Lewiston and Bath Public School Systems, Wells-Ogonquit Community School District (and 2 school districts in Connecticut and Vermont)

Description: Sub-grantees will apply the KIDS as Planners model as a vehicle for school change. The model utilizes the "town as the text" to create authentic learning opportunities which transform the academic curriculum. Through a process of apprentice citizenship, students work together with parents, teachers, town officials, business people, and other community members to solve real-life problems and issues faced by the schools and communities in which they live. Through this process, young people learn that they matter and that they can influence the reality and the future of their towns.

Funding: Direct federal grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service to the KIDS Consortium as a grantmaking entity: \$160,000

Contact: Caroline Allam, Program Director (Tel. 207-767-6223)

FY 1992 and FY 1993 - K-12 Learn and Serve

PROGRAM: K-12 LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA

State Department of Education
State House Station #23
Augusta, ME 04333

Sub-grantees: Herman, Waterville, Kennebunk, Thomaston, Fort Fairfield, and Ellsworth

Description: Various service learning projects

Funding: Direct federal grants from the previous Commission on National and Community Service:
\$80,312

Contact: Heidi McGinley, Program Director (Tel. 207-287-5986)