

# THE KVC STAR

*A monthly newsletter from your friends at the Kansas Volunteer Commission*



**KANSAS VOLUNTEER COMMISSION**  
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## MAYOR AND COUNTY DAY OF RECOGNITION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

**Mayors, County Officials, and Tribal Leaders Recognize National Service**

More than  
**4,520**  
local leaders know  
national service works.

They represent  
**194 million**  
citizens across America.

To spotlight the impact of national service and thank those who serve, mayors and county officials participated in the fifth-annual Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service on **April 4, 2017** organized by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

More than **4,520** local leaders united behind the power of national service to say "Thank you!" to the everyday heroes doing extraordinary things in their community and across the nation. In Kansas, **76** elected officials registered with CNCS as a way to show their support of this day.

**See how a few Kansas communities celebrated this special day below!**



### Thank you Mayor Breuer for your support of national service!

Mayor Breuer, City of Basehor, participated in Mayor and County Recognition Day of National Service by signing a proclamation recognizing the Basehor-Linwood STEM Mentoring Initiative. On Saturday, April 8th, the Mayor will join the Basehor-Linwood Mentoring partners for an early "Earth Day" city-wide litter cleanup.



### Thank you Mayor Soden for your support of national service!

Mayor Soden, City of Lawrence, recognized and thanked AmeriCorps members from the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence and United Way of Douglas County during a Municipal Government meeting on April 4th.

**\$500 GRANTS FROM VOLUNTEER KANSAS**



Volunteer Kansas is offering \$500 Seed Grants for volunteer projects in Kansas. The deadline to apply is April 14th. Visit [www.volunteerkansas.org](http://www.volunteerkansas.org) for more information or email [contact@volunteerkansas.org](mailto:contact@volunteerkansas.org).

# KANSAS AMERICORPS WEEK CELEBRATION

To celebrate AmeriCorps Week, the Kansas Volunteer Commission organized an event for AmeriCorps members on March 10th. Check out our highlights and pictures from the event below. Thank you to the Kansas AmeriCorps members and program directors who "get things done" for our state every day!



- **One** proclamation from Governor Sam Brownback.
- **Seventy-one** participants from all 8 AmeriCorps State programs.
- **Seven** individuals improved the outdoor area at Kansas Children's Discovery Center.
- **Twenty-seven** individuals packed 3,000 pounds of bread and 257 Senior Commodity Food Boxes at Harvesters.
- **Nineteen** individuals worked on 2 houses for Topeka Habitat for Humanity.





## CELEBRATE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK!



Every day is a perfect day to thank volunteers and we know many organizations will celebrate National Volunteer Week this **April 23rd - April 29th**. The KVC would love to hear about your efforts. Please post your recognition events or volunteer spotlights on our Facebook page by tagging us **@kansasvolunteercommission**. Thanks in advance for highlighting Kansans and their dedication to service!

## UPCOMING EVENT

### **VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT TRAINING**

**Tuesday, April 25th**

1PM - 4PM

Ottawa, KS

RSVP is required, space is limited!

To RSVP or for more information email Valerie at [vtindill@eckan.org](mailto:vtindill@eckan.org)

# NATIONAL SERVICE IN KANSAS



Corporation for  
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COMMUNITY  
SERVICE



1,123

local service sites



4,189

Senior Corps &  
AmeriCorps  
members



\$12.3

million CNCS  
and local  
funding



\$22.6

million AmeriCorps  
scholarships earned  
since 1994

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