



The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism

AmeriCorps Programs

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AmeriCorps Alumni Spotlight: Vanessa Fry currently serves as the assistant director of the Idaho Policy Institute at Boise State University and assistant research professor in the School of Public Service. Her career has focused on giving back to the community, including her service as an AmeriCorps member at the Environmental Resource Center. Vanessa has led multiple initiatives including Idaho's first county-wide open space initiative in Blaine County. Vanessa previously served as the assistant director for the Public Policy Research Center where she conducted a feasibility assessment on Pay for Success financing as a way to address issues associated with chronic homelessness. A native of Ohio, she is proud to call Idaho home.



212

Students Tutored



11,210



Clients Received Health Screenings



6,200

Community Members Received Environmental Education

110

Members Served In



17

Idaho Communities

438

Acres of Public Land Treated



Receiving \$___ in Education Awards





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Commission Activities

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SERVICE AS A SOLUTION

Serve Idaho, the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism, exists to inspire service to build a better Idaho. We promote collaborative efforts among private and nonprofit organizations, schools and state and local government agencies to advance national service programs and volunteerism throughout the state. Serve Idaho achieves this through the administration of Idaho's AmeriCorps grants, hosting the annual Serve Idaho Conference on Service and Volunteerism to provide volunteer management training and professional development, and through hosting the Idaho's Brightest Star Awards to recognize Idaho's outstanding volunteers. We also serve as the state leader in national days of service including Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Sept. 11th Day of Service and Remembrance.

serve IDAHO 2017 conference



185

Attendees received professional development on engaging seniors as volunteers.

3

Service Projects completed at the conference for local nonprofits.



7,994

Community Members Served during Idaho@Play statewide Day of Service.



5th

of all states in the nation for volunteerism.



Idaho's Brightest Star Awards

In 2017 we recognized 74 outstanding volunteers from throughout Idaho. Pictured is John Harrington Burns, winner of the veterans category. A World War II Navy veteran, John is the founder of the Rock of Honor in Meridian, which honors the 66 veterans from Meridian who were killed or died from wounds suffered in action.