



GETTING THINGS DONE
MAY 11-18, 2008

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2nd Annual New York City AmeriCorps Week Highlights

Margaret Mead once said,

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

From organizing blood drives to working to improve urban community gardens, the 2nd Annual AmeriCorps week highlighted the daily contributions that AmeriCorps members and their host organizations make to New York City and to communities across the United States.

Throughout the week of May 11-18, New York City AmeriCorps members participated in diverse projects including organizing books in a low-income library, cleaning and painting a food pantry, reading one-on-one with children, and planting in a community garden.

Fast Facts

- More than 300 AmeriCorps members participated
- 40 AmeriCorps members donated blood
- Over 25 events took place throughout the week
- 7 days, five boroughs, approximately 200 hours of service
- Governor Paterson declared May 11-18, 2008 National Service Week

What People Are Saying

"Thank you to all for your work in making NYC AmeriCorps Week such a success." **Eric Czupil, NYS Office of National and Community Service**

"It was a nice opportunity to meet other VISTA's in NYC and I loved getting the opportunity to do some direct service."

Alison VanBuskirk, NYDIS*VISTA

"I liked meeting AmeriCorps from all over New York and learning about their organizations."

Tara Pascual, American Red Cross – AmeriCorps National

"I liked the enthusiasm of VISTA leaders and members who took time out of their weeks to promote the program. Many people stood in the rain outside of the Today studios at Rockefeller center and they were happy to be there fulfilling their part."

Kristie Johnson, Community HealthCorps*VISTA

"I enjoyed meeting other VISTA's, getting out of the office and into the community. Getting my hands dirty doing service and learning about other nonprofits." **Taylor Vecchio, Jumpstart*VISTA**

"The service experience exceeded my expectations because I knew right away that my contribution would make a difference in the lives of children. As a parent, I was able to find activities that suited my interests and natural abilities, and my children were able to participate as well."

Malika Simmons, NYCCA*VISTA