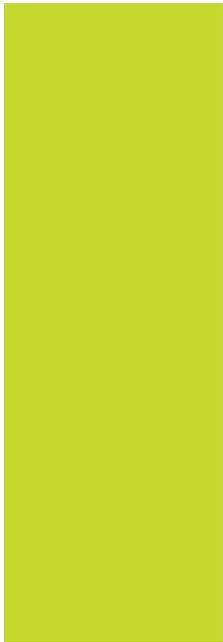




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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to present the Volunteer NH (VNH) 2015 Annual Report, and we are pleased to share in the good work of Volunteer NH and New Hampshire's volunteers.

As the New Hampshire State Service Commission, VNH is strongly committed to promoting volunteer service across the state. Acting as stewards of the National Service funds provided to NH by the Corporation for National and Community Service, we administer AmeriCorps programs. VNH provides training, recognition, opportunities for volunteerism, and critical volunteer support in times of disaster. We work to preserve the tradition of service in New Hampshire and to empower Granite State communities to engage volunteers to serve and assist with solving some of our toughest problems. We work daily to build a volunteer movement that addresses the most critical needs of the state.

2015 was a year of important expansion at Volunteer NH. **We welcomed our largest class of AmeriCorps State members and worked to spread the word about the many opportunities for meaningful service available to individuals and organizations in New Hampshire.** This year has been about increasing accessibility to our resources and developing partnerships with individuals, businesses, and nonprofits. We launched the Ready Corps program, training over 170 individuals who will be able to assist NH citizens by helping to provide shelter during emergencies. Our annual Spirit of New Hampshire Awards provided a beautiful evening of recognition to a record number of NH citizens, while also providing a special opportunity to honor our Veteran volunteers. In cooperation with NH Businesses for Social Responsibility, we worked to highlight and replicate best practice in corporate volunteer programing.

Moving forward to 2016, Volunteer NH will:

- Continue our focus on business by building true partnerships within the private sector and by working to highlight business volunteer models that will inspire others.
- Continue to increase awareness of Volunteer NH. Our goal is to highlight the tools and resources that we offer to non-profits, businesses, and volunteers across the state. We also want to focus our outreach on the opportunities that national service resources present for individuals who want to volunteer and nonprofits that want to increase their effectiveness!
- Conduct statewide outreach to develop a three year Unified State Service Plan.
- Continue to recognize, support, and increase the service graciously given by New Hampshire residents and national service volunteers.
- Grow an EVEN LARGER AmeriCorps State presence and begin development of new programs that will specifically respond to the needs of New Hampshire citizens.

Please remember that every volunteer has the ability to affect change and to make a difference within our communities. Celebrate service and get connected!



Gretchen Berger
Executive Director




Pam Hall
Board Chair





GOVERNOR
MAGGIE HASSAN

Strong connections among citizens set the Granite State apart and allow us to work together to strengthen our communities. Day in and day out, Volunteer NH brings people together to realize our strong sense of community, boosting the Granite State's rich tradition of volunteerism and civic engagement. Volunteer NH serves those who serve us, and I am glad to work with them to engage NH.





WE ARE ALL ABOUT SERVICE

Volunteer NH serves as the state commission for the Corporation for National and Community Service. As the commission, VNH awards federal funding and monitors four AmeriCorps Programs that recieved over 1.6 million dollars. VNH also recognizes outstanding volunteers, provides trainings and encourages the tradition of voluntarism and service throughout the state of New Hampshire. More than 3,200 NH Citizens of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through National Service programs in New Hampshire.

In 2015, AmeriCorps provided more than 410 members the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across New Hampshire.

28.1%

28.1% of residents volunteered. NH volunteerism is ranked 23 in the United States

306,350

306,350 residents contributed 39 million hours of service, estimated at a total value of \$900 million

\$23.07

One volunteer's time has value of \$23.07 per hour!



DAY OF CARING

Granite United Way Day of Caring events were held throughout September with more than 1,400 volunteers at more than 140 nonprofits throughout New Hampshire. Volunteer NH is a partner of the United Way and its Day of Caring event!



1405 Volunteers

5,637.17 Hours

112 Organizations

174 Projects

\$129,147.60
In-Kind Value

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

The 2015 MLK Service Day consisted of AmeriCorps service members from all over the state collecting donations and putting together care packages to be distributed to nonprofit organizations. Care packages consisted of toothbrushes, socks, peanut butter, and toothpaste valued at over \$19,000.00.

Official Attendance:
172 Service Members

Donation Totals and Estimated Cash Values:

Socks /Gloves/Hats : 2,516 (\$11,112)
Toothbrushes : 2,023 (\$3,035)
Peanut Butter : 576 (\$2,592)
Toothpaste: 350 (\$613)
Coats: 7 = \$175



\$19,447 Collection Donation
Total Cash Value



CITY YEAR NEW HAMPSHIRE

City Year is an education-focused nonprofit organization that partners with public schools to help keep students in class and on track to graduate through one on one tutoring, monitoring, and mentoring. City Year New Hampshire deploys 70 highly skilled AmeriCorps members to serve in 8 elementary schools in the city of Manchester: Bakersville, Beech Street, Gossler Park, Henry Wilson, McDonough, Parker-Varney, Hallsville Elementary and Northwest Elementary.

Each City Year New Hampshire corps member commits a whole school year to serving full time in one of eight elementary schools in Manchester. Each team supports students by focusing on the ABCs - attendance, behavior, and course performance. Volunteer NH is a proud supporter and partner of all the efforts being made by City Year.

IMPACT

- Number of students engaged: 623
- Number of students with improved academics who were in mentoring/tutoring programs: 105
- Number of teachers with assistance in class room: 41
- 80 percent of teachers report very strong improvement with students engaged by CY Members
- Engaged 440 students in mentoring or tutoring programs
- Increased the academic performance of 278 students



STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION NEW HAMPSHIRE CORPS

SCA NH serves the communities and lands of New Hampshire while building the members' leadership and technical skills in the conservation field.

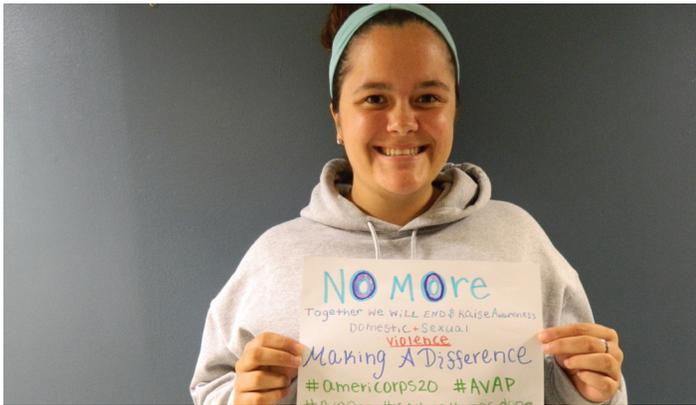
Each year, 30 full time SCA members contribute more than 50,000 service hours, providing environmental education programming to the state's residents and visitors, and completing conservation service projects that improve and protect the state's cultural, recreational, and natural resources.

Conservation Stewards serve in the Manchester, Al-lenstown, and Hooksett school districts to provide environmental education to over 1100 students, as well as design and complete service learning projects that engage the local communities we serve.

IMPACT

- 82 Miles of rivers or trails treated
- 67 Miles of protection to natural, cultural and recreational resources
- 40 Acres of parks or public land treated
- 38 Acres protection to natural, cultural, and recreational resources improved
- Numbers of students receiving education training in environmental stewardship: 1153
- Students who demonstrate an increased level of understanding of sustainable practices and ecology: 826





THE AMERICORPS VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AVAP)

The AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program (AVAP) is a program of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. AVAP is a multi-agency collaboration designed to address critical service needs in our communities and justice systems by ensuring services and education are available to victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking throughout New Hampshire, and promoting community service and a lifetime commitment to volunteerism. Additionally, AVAP is focused on providing housing placement services and financial literacy services.

Members of the AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program are placed throughout New Hampshire at crisis centers, police departments, prosecutor offices, the New Hampshire Department of Corrections, the New Hampshire Attorney General's office, child advocacy centers, and on college and university campuses to offer support and information to victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

3,030

Served more than 3,030 victims/survivors

1035

Improved the financial knowledge of 1035 victims/survivors

870

Provided Housing placement services to 870 victims/survivors



GRANITE STATE EDUCATION CORPS

Granite State Education Corps, a program of Goodwill Industries of Northern New England, places AmeriCorps members in New Hampshire schools and nonprofits to serve at-risk students attending Title 1 and failing schools. Volunteers work in and out of school in order to increase student engagement through mentoring programs, academic support, service learning opportunities, and outreach within the community.

43 members:

194

Engaged 194 students with services

150

Increased the academic performance of 150 students



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SENATOR
JEANNE SHAHEEN

AmeriCorps transforms the lives of both the members and the people they serve. It teaches young people to aspire to become a part of something bigger than themselves. I thank AmeriCorps members for their service and for making New Hampshire a better, brighter, and more compassionate place for all of us.



EMERGENCY SERVICE

Volunteer NH is an integral part of the State Emergency Operation Plan and oversees and monitors several disaster relief and response programs. Programs include: NH Citizen Corps, CERT(Community Emergency Response Teams), VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), NHDART (NH Disaster Animal Response Teams). During an emergency event, Volunteer NH works closely with the State in support of NH survivors faced with long-term recovery challenges and has a critical role in providing support for Volunteers and Donations.

Although NH had no disasters in 2015, Volunteer NH led the way in preparing for the worst by training hundreds of volunteers for disaster services.



VOLUNTEER NH READY CORPS

In September 2015, Volunteer NH launched Ready Corps as part of its Disaster Services programming. Ready Corps is comprised of AmeriCorps National Service members and staff that are trained in basic emergency operations and can be called upon and mobilized during local, regional and statewide emergencies. Ready Corps members can help communities recover from disasters and assist in emergencies.

VNH partnered with the American Red Cross and NHTI, Concord’s Community College, to offer a 1 day training. Over 150 AmeriCorps, VISTA members and NHTI staff received American Red Cross Shelter Fundamentals training.

28 Registered **Citizen Corps** councils in NH; CERT programs with over 800 trained volunteers

160 VNH coordinated 8 trainings for **CERT** and trained 160 volunteers

100 VNH held 6 trainings for **NHDART** and trained 100 volunteers

40 **NH VOAD** coordinates 40 organizations that manage hundreds of trained volunteers

170+
Service Members
Trained

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ALBERT RAYMOND
GOFFSTOWN CERT

NH CERT's have ingrained themselves into their communities overall, by training themselves and others to be prepared for various emergencies and disasters. NH CERT's are the first volunteers that are requested by Emergency Management Directors for response to emergencies and disasters.





RECOGNITION SPIRIT OF NH AWARDS



VNH is a strong believer that service and volunteerism deserves proper recognition. It is with this attitude that VNH hosts and organizes the the Spirit of NH Awards event every year since 2003. In 2015, VNH gave out 117 awards to individuals of all ages, and to groups, businesses, and nonprofits for their commitment to service throughout New Hampshire.

800+
Attendees

The Spirit of NH Award, which is given to a volunteer who has gone above and beyond in their service, was presented to Gale Stanley by Gretchen Berger, Thomas Hassan, and Mike L'Ecuyer. Gale's work with children's missions and her food pantry was beyond distinction.

117
Awards

The Community Pillar Award is given to an outstanding individual or organization whose work has fostered the civic engagement of others and has provided a lasting impact on NH citizens. In 2015, Volunteer NH was proud to present the Community Pillar Award to Dick and Barbara Couch & Hypertherm Inc, for their continued promotion of service in their community and the state at large. In addition to the Spirit of NH Awards, VNH is also proud to present the Volunteer Manager of the Year Award each year at the Governor's Conference on Volunteerism. In 2015, VNH presented the award to Nikki Lyons from Make-A-Wish New Hampshire



4600+
**Volunteers
Recognized**





TRAINING GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON VOLUNTEERISM

VNH recognizes the importance of training in order to enhance the service potential and performance level of those who are volunteering their time throughout the state. This is why VNH hosts and organizes the Governor's Conference on Volunteerism.

In May of 2015, VNH hosted its 32nd Governors Conference on Volunteerism, where over 30 training sessions were taught by professionals from both the nonprofit and corporate sectors. At the end of the day, over 230 people, coming from both for-profit and nonprofit backgrounds, were trained and ready to offer their services to the New Hampshire community.



30
Training
Sessions

230
Attendees

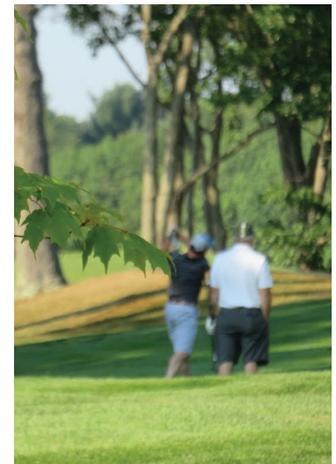
300
Total hours of
instruction





FUNDRAISING AND OUTREACH VOLUNTEER NH CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

In an effort to build support for its volunteer and service efforts, VNH hosted its 2nd annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Wentworth By The Sea Country Club. VNH believes that fostering relationships with business leaders from across the state is crucial to the success of its mission to spread the power of volunteerism throughout NH's communities. The Charity Golf Tournament gives us this opportunity to grow and enhance our business partnerships while also raising critical funds to support its causes.





GET CONNECTED

In an effort to enhance our volunteer outreach efforts throughout the state, VNH is proud to have partnered with Granite United Way to provide a brand new online recruitment service called "Get Connected". Get Connected is a matching software program that allows individuals to find volunteer opportunities and for nonprofit organizations to find volunteers. This online database allows agencies to post specific unmet needs through an ad-like platform while also giving volunteers the freedom to search for service opportunities that interest them. With Get Connected, volunteering and service has never been easier.

Through our online volunteer opportunities database, Get Connected, VNH connects thousands of people to volunteer opportunities across the state.

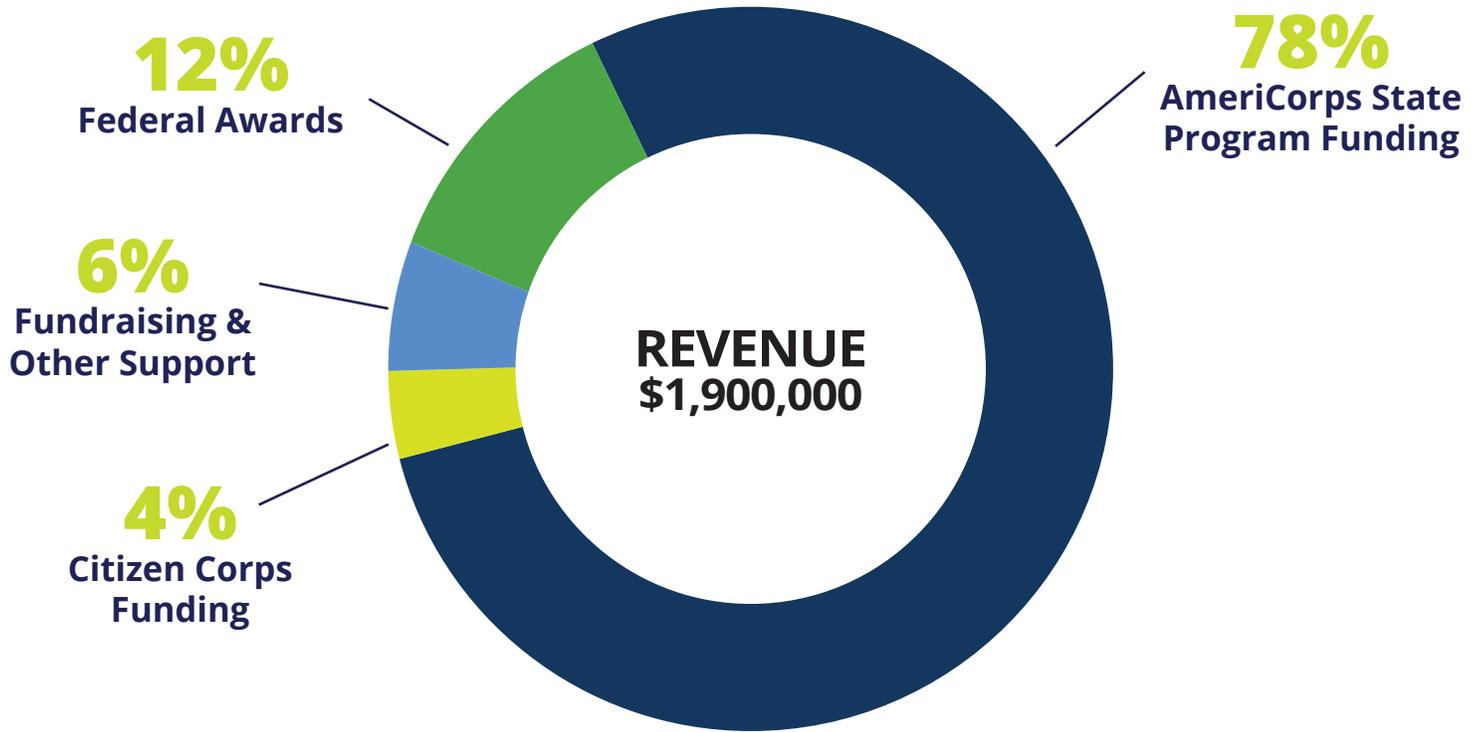
486 | 560 | 6000

Get Connected hosted **486 opportunities**, for **560 nonprofit organizations**, and **6,000 volunteers!**

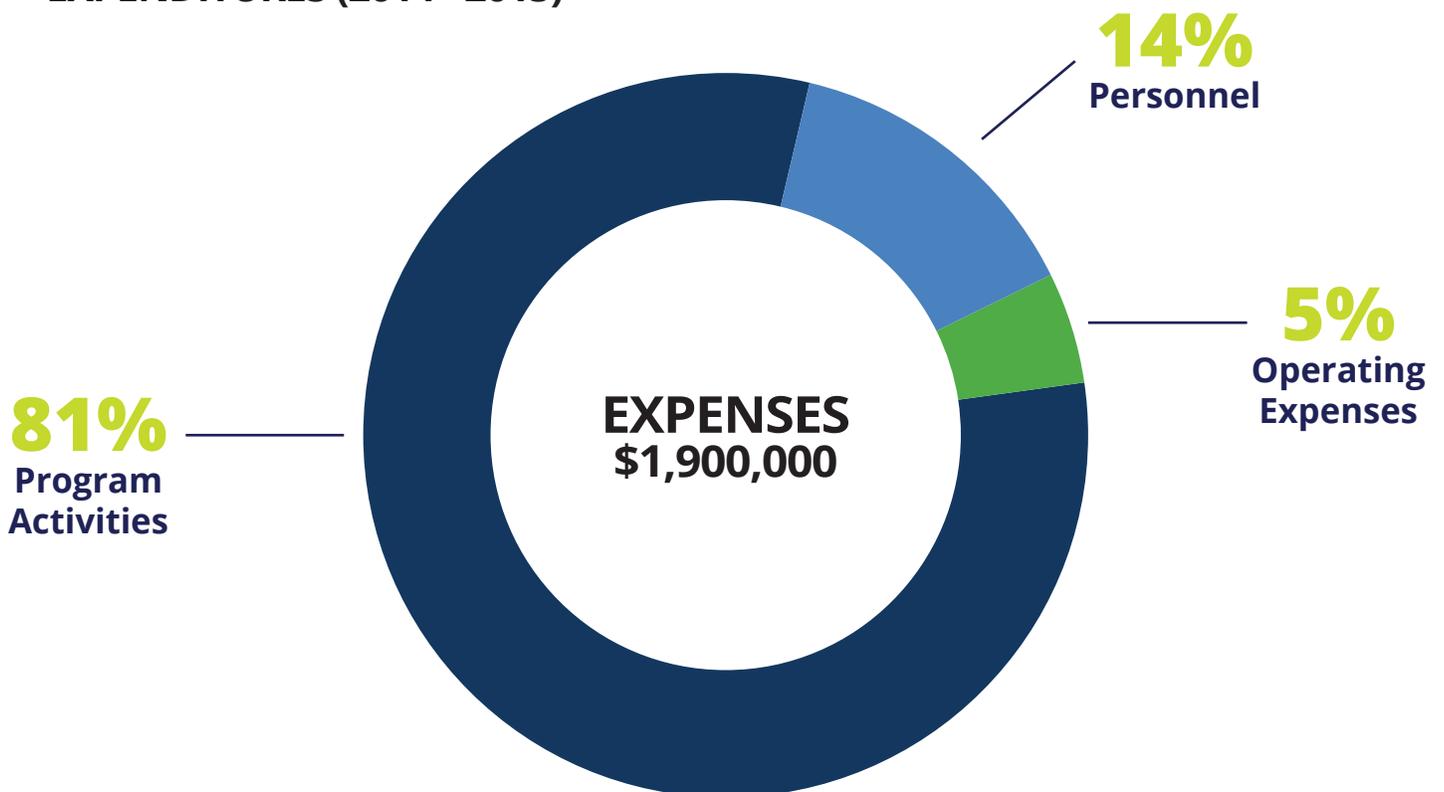
Volunteer NH continues to train organizations and leaders to use Get Connected in order to reach out and grow volunteerism throughout the state.



REVENUES (2014 - 2015)



EXPENDITURES (2014 - 2015)





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Volunteer NH would not be where it is today without the help and support of its business and nonprofit partners. It is because of the commitment from our partners that the mission of service and volunteerism can become a reality. To all of our supporters and partners thank you!





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