Mission:
Improving lives and strengthening Wyoming communities through volunteerism
December 12, 2019

Dear Friends in Service,

I am moved by the stories of service and volunteerism in Wyoming. Everyday AmeriCorps members are making a powerful impact on issues facing our state. The various projects include improving schools, fighting poverty, rebuilding after disasters, providing health services, preserving the environment, or supporting veterans and military families. AmeriCorps members are getting things done for Wyoming!

It is that time of year where I reflect on the many blessings of living in Wyoming. Our world class recreation, unsurpassed scenic vistas, abundant wildlife, and the generous spirit of our residents are some of the many things for which I am truly grateful. AmeriCorps members that serve Wyoming stand out among them.

This year, ServeWyoming, Wyoming’s Commission for Service and Volunteerism, oversaw 150 AmeriCorps members who performed critical services throughout the state. Since the program’s founding, nearly 3,200 Wyoming residents have served more than 3 millions hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education awards totaling more than $6.9 million.

I would like to thank AmeriCorps members who honorably served and/or continue to serve with Action Resources International, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Wyoming, Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, University of Wyoming - Wyoming Conservation Corps, University of Wyoming - Chronic Disease Self-Management, Teton Science Schools, and the Food Bank of the Rockies: Wyoming. You are truly making a difference.

Mark Gordon
Governor

ServeWyoming promotes efforts among private, non-profit, and governmental organizations that advance community service, volunteer programs and activities across Wyoming. ServeWyoming gives every citizen an opportunity to help solve our biggest challenges in education, the environment, public safety, human needs, disaster, youth, as well as veteran and family assistance.
ServeWyoming oversees, funds and monitors Wyoming AmeriCorps programs, with more than 150 AmeriCorps members that provide services such as teaching and mentoring children, environmental stewardship, veterans and military family assistance, domestic violence support, and disaster services.

AmeriCorps members commit to serving up to one year for their nation addressing a critical need and earn an education award to reduce college costs or repay student loans. This increases economic opportunity for AmeriCorps members by encouraging post-secondary education and reducing student debt. They have earned more than $6.9 Million in education awards. Since 1994, there have been more than 3,200 AmeriCorps members who have served in Wyoming.

Check out our 2019-2020 Grantees and learn how they are making a difference all around the state! If you are an organization interested in becoming an AmeriCorps program, contact ServeWyoming.
In 2019

AmeriCorps members in Wyoming accomplished...

- **2,005** children & youth were tutored or mentored
- **$789,189** CASH or IN-KIND resources leveraged
- **56,337** hours of service provided, valued at $1.4 million
- **535** volunteers recruited, who reported over 2,074 hrs. of service

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**Grantees**

**WYOMING COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Provide leadership, education & systems advocacy to advance social change & end violence, including crisis intervention.

6 members

**ACTION RESOURCES INTERNATIONAL**

Combating poverty through community strengthening projects.

6 members

**UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING - WYOMING CONSERVATION CORPS**

Promote leadership & provide natural resource & environmental management experiences to young adults.

40 members

**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF NORTHWEST WYOMING**

Provide after school educational & enrichment activities, youth literacy, mentoring, & homework assistance to local youth.

20 members

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2019-2020
Volunteer Wyoming is a FREE statewide resource designed to connect volunteers with nonprofits making a difference in our communities.

In 2019, ServeWyoming expanded our marketing plan to include a larger online recruitment presence. Over 30,100 volunteer referrals were provided through our call center, our online resources (including the matching database: www.volunteerwyoming.org), the Professional Volunteer Network, service events and other projects and partnerships.

6 Volunteer Guides were produced and distributed in Laramie, Sheridan, Campbell, Park, and Natrona counties, offering local nonprofits the opportunity to promote their volunteer opportunities for free and connect with community members looking to give back. In total, 393 organizations participated in the Guides by promoting 770 volunteer opportunities to their local communities.

Our Volunteer Management Trainings also help strengthen volunteer programs across Wyoming. In 2019, we conducted 32 volunteer management trainings throughout the state, which saw 415 total participants and approximately 747 training hours. These trainings focused on volunteer management, volunteer recruitment, utilizing higher skilled volunteers, and how to use our volunteer matching database.
VolunteerWyoming.org

Our FREE volunteer matching database provides a core infrastructure to link together all the various community volunteer activities, opportunities, and needs with volunteers and resources across the state, supporting nonprofits when they need it most!

4,338
USERS currently registered in the system

1,348
NONPROFITS with active profiles

559
Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES currently posted

103,011
NONPROFIT profile views took place across the year

Social
opportunities received the highest rate of RESPONSES via the system at 17%
In September of 2019, Serve Wyoming was the recipient of a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service, called the Volunteer Generation Fund. This three-year grant award has been used to relaunch our Professional Volunteer Network (PVN) Initiative, with a service-learning component via a mutual partnership with select Wyoming Community Colleges.

PVN is designed to lead, mobilize and engage Wyoming volunteers who agree to give their time, professional expertise and applied learning to nonprofits in need of volunteer management and capacity building support, in the form of short-term, training focused projects known as Service Grants.

To rebuild the PVN Initiative ServeWyoming has been leveraging the education and expertise of community college students participating in service learning curriculum, pair them with a professional volunteer who will mentor them through a short-term project with a local nonprofit in need of capacity building support.

By partnering with Wyoming community colleges that support service learning curriculum, students are offered the opportunity give back in a truly meaningful way. By utilizing their skills and education in a real-world setting, nonprofits stand to receive volunteer management and capacity building assistance from skilled professionals that they would otherwise be unable to afford. Additionally, the PVN Initiative allows for skilled professionals to stay active in their communities, share their expertise, and serve as a mentor to students.

ServeWyoming is seeking professionals from a variety of business backgrounds who are interested in volunteering their skills with college students and a qualified nonprofit for a capacity-building, short-term, specific project.

Nonprofits interested in receiving PROFESSIONAL capacity building assistance from students and professional mentor pairs should visit www.servewyoming.org. Here you can learn more about whether you qualify, the process to apply, and the ins and outs of the Professional Volunteer Network Initiative.

To learn more about the Professional Volunteer Network Initiative and/or get involved, please contact Wendy Luck at (307) 234-3428 / (866) 737-8304 or email Wendy@servewyoming.org
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On January 21st, approximately 100 volunteers participated in our MLK Day march and service event in Casper. Volunteers participated in a number of service projects, including the preparation of hygiene bags, pet food, and warming kits.

On Jan. 25th, ServeWyoming recruited and managed 58 volunteers, who provided over 179 hours of service to the annual Homeless Point in Time Count and Project Homeless Connect in Casper. Volunteers served meals, managed donations, greeted guests, and assisted with the street count.

With the help of the Casper community, AmeriCorps servicemembers, our commissioners, and more, ServeWyoming celebrated the 25th anniversary of AmeriCorps, as well as honored the 9/11 National Day of Remembrance by coming together to paint a mural in Riverview park.

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The Wyoming Veterans Trail Crew (WyVTC) completed its third season in 2019, after becoming the first veterans crew of its kind in the nation two years ago. Dedicated to their mission to build, maintain, and improve non-motorized trails across Wyoming, these AmeriCorps members earned industry recognized certifications and trainings to help them on their journeys to a career in land management. Beyond the certifications earned in training, these members receive a competitive living stipend, an AmeriCorps education award, quality food, and a chance to return to a team setting with fellow veterans.

2019 Accomplishments:

- 7 bridges constructed
- 14 acres cut and sprayed
- 128 miles of trail built & maintained
- 0.71 miles of Buck-n-Rail built
- 5 pedestrian turnstyles built
- 300 Bucks constructed
- 3,050 trees felled
- 28,000+ hours of service on public lands
2019 Commissioners:

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Thank you for your support of ServeWyoming & volunteerism in our state!