



Serve *Wyoming*

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Serve Wyoming



Mission:
Improving lives and strengthening
Wyoming communities through volunteerism

Letter From The Governor



December 1, 2020

Dear Friends in Service,

I am moved by the stories of service and volunteerism across Wyoming, especially during this unprecedented time. Wyoming AmeriCorps Members made 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, and supporting veterans and military families. All of these have been accomplished in addition to COVID response related services such as performing wellness checks, online school/support, web-based professional development, delivering meals, assisting in the Volunteer Wyoming digital volunteer/donation hub, and so much more. AmeriCorps Members are getting things done for Wyoming!

It is that time of year when I reflect on the many blessings of living in Wyoming. Our world class recreation, unsurpassed scenic vistas, abundant wildlife, and the giving nature of our residents are some of the 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 and 32 AmeriCorps (Volunteer Generation Fund) Members who performed critical services throughout the state. Since the program's founding, nearly 3,210 Wyoming residents have served more than 3.2 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$7.2 million.

Wyoming organizations continue to have higher-than-ever demands for their services and will continue to have AmeriCorps Members serving through the end of the year. Early on, ServeWyoming launched the COVID Initiative designed to connect nonprofit organizations and agencies across the state in this unique time. I am happy to report that it continues connecting people to this day.

I would like to thank AmeriCorps Members who honorably served and/or continue to serve with Action Resources International, Antelope Butte Foundation, Casper College, Northwest College, University of Wyoming – Wyoming Conservation Corps, Teton Science Schools, The Science Zone, and the Food Bank of the Rockies: Wyoming. You are truly making a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Gordon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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, and veteran and family assistance.

2020-2021
GRANTEES

Antelope Butte Foundation

Provide an affordable & accessible avenue for youth & beginners to get outside & engage in physical activity.

12 MEMBERS

Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies

Making food security a reality for every Wyoming family

5 MEMBERS

TETON SCIENCE SCHOOLS

Provide education and science training for educators, youth and young adults and promote environmental education.

47 MEMBERS

AmeriCorps

*Getting Things Done
in Wyoming!*

ServeWyoming oversees, funds and monitors Wyoming AmeriCorps programs, with more than *150 AmeriCorps members* who provide services such as teaching and mentoring children, environmental stewardship, veterans and military family assistance, 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 **\$7.2 Million in education awards**. Since 1994, there have been more than *3,150 AmeriCorps members* who have served in Wyoming.

Check out our 2020-2021 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 2020, AMERICORPS WORKED
HARD TO SERVE YOU. HERE'S WHAT
WE ACCOMPLISHED:

1: 1,812 Children & Youth Tutored or Mentored



2: Over 11,398 hours served in response to COVID-19



3: 30,040 Hours of Service Provided (Valued at \$326,968)



4: 766 Volunteers Recruited, Reporting Over 4,575 Hours of Service



2020-2021 GRANTEES

SCIENCE ZONE

Will use a planning grant to develop an AmeriCorps program to increase access to science education in Natrona County.

PLANNING GRANT

ACTION RESOURCES INTERNATIONAL

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

20 MEMBERS

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING WYOMING CONSERVATION CORPS

Promote leadership and provide natural resource and environmental management experience to young adults.

41 MEMBERS

VOLUNTEER WYOMING

Your Statewide Volunteer Center


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

Over **25,258 volunteer outreach referrals** were provided through our call center, the matching database (www.volunteerwyoming.org), newsletters, the Professional Volunteer Network (Pro Bono), service events, social media, and others projects and partnerships.

6 Volunteer Guides were produced and distributed in Campbell, Laramie, Natrona, Parkland, and Sheridan counties, offering local nonprofits the opportunity to promote their volunteer opportunities for free and connect with community members looking to give back. In total, **445 organizations** participated in the Guides by promoting **920 volunteer opportunities** to their local communities, including **92 COVID-19 volunteer and donation opportunities**.

Our Volunteer Management Trainings also help strengthen volunteer programs across Wyoming. In 2020, we conducted **64 volunteer management trainings** throughout the state, which saw **420 total participants** and approximately **840 training hours**. These trainings focused on volunteer management, volunteer recruitment, utilizing higher skilled volunteers, and how to use our volunteer matching database, volunteerwyoming.org




Volunteer Wyoming
A project of *Serve Wyoming*

**VOLUNTEERISM IS
A LIFELONG PURSUIT!**



4,758
USERS currently
registered in the
system

1,347
NONPROFITS
with active profiles

679
Volunteer
OPPORTUNITIES
currently posted

134,675
NONPROFIT
profile views took
place across the
year

SOCIAL
opportunities
received the highest
rate of
RESPONSES
via the system at
18.57%

THE PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER NETWORK

In September of 2018, ServeWyoming 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/AKA Pro Bono) 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 re-build 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. ServeWyoming has awarded subgrants to Casper College and Northwest College.

By partnering with Wyoming community colleges that support service learning curriculum, students are offered the opportunity to give back in a truly meaningful way that utilizes their skills and education in a real-world setting, while nonprofits stand to receive volunteer management and capacity building assistance from skilled professionals that they would otherwise be unable to afford.

On top of that, 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 students and a qualified nonprofit for a capacity-building, short-term specific project.



In need of capacity building assistance?

Nonprofits interested in receiving PROFESSIONAL capacity building assistance from students and professional mentor pairs, visit www.servewyoming.org, where 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 us at (307) 234-3428 or [Hello@ServeWyoming.org](mailto>Hello@ServeWyoming.org)

2020

STORIES OF SERVICE

With her AmeriCorps service now focused on assisting two nonprofit partner organizations in the Jackson Hole area, Elsa is grounded and encouraged by the passionate Teton Science Schools (TSS) mentors who make AmeriCorps members feel connected daily.

Now, more than ever, Elsa believes in the importance of serving your community.

#StoriesofService



Elsa R.
Teton Science Schools



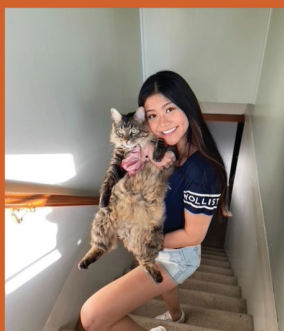
Find fulfillment through service!

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I love my community and wanted to be able to give back to it. Serving has made me feel more involved. Giving some of my time, knowing I am creating change, gave me an amazing feeling!

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#StoriesofService



Jennifer L.
United Way of Natrona County



250 hours

MLK DAY

On Jan. 20, approximately 125 volunteers participated in our MLK Day service event in Casper. Volunteers participated in a number of servIce projects, including making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that were included in Wyoming Food For Thought Project's weekend food bags for food-insecure youth.

70 volunteers

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

On Jan. 20, ServeWyoming recruited and managed 70 volunteers, who provided over 320 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.

54 agencies

COVID-19 Initiative

In 2020, 10 VGF student service learners and their mentors served over 69 hours to address community needs pertaining to COVID-19

COVID Response :

- Enrolling nonprofits into the Volunteer Wyoming digital hub (COVID Initiative) that serves as a statewide resource during the response
- Patient intake and health services
- Providing noncontact delivery of meals
- Conducting wellness checks and senior check-ins
- Providing online school/support and mentoring for at risk kids
- Conducting web-based professional development
- Recruiting highly-skilled volunteers to build nonprofit capacity



Second Service:

The Wyoming Veterans Trail Crew (WyVTC) completed its fourth season in 2020, after becoming the first veterans crew of its kind in the nation three years ago. Dedicated to their mission to build, maintain, and improve upon 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.

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