

YouthServe AmeriCorps



Member Testimonials



"I gained a lot of perspective on who I am, who I desire to be, and changes I would like to make. I am more aware of my professional skills and I have amazing co-workers and fellow members—I have learned from them and their varied backgrounds."

—Jennie, *Dial/Self*, 2003-2004

"AmeriCorps has given me a greater sense of social responsibility. For the first time I've had strong feelings of community involvement that I find myself obliged to continue participating as well as serving my community. I've had the opportunity to see the teens and pre-teens I serve grow in positive ways and have seen this change in myself as well. My AmeriCorps service has left me optimistic, empowered, focused, and driven."

--Jared, *The Brick House*, 2003-2004

"AmeriCorps gave me a chance to gain confidence and skills. As someone who wanted to gain further professional experience before entering graduate school but also do something socially relevant, I have found the Greenfield AmeriCorps Program to be a great opportunity to both give and receive. The program director and my site supervisor have both worked hard to create an experience for me that not only validates the skills I brought with me, but also challenges me to develop new ones."

-- Dorothy, *11th St.*, 01-02



"There's nothing else I could have done this year that would have taught me this much. It is very challenging, but in a good way."

-- Alissa VanZee-Phillips, *YMCA*, 01-02



"My experience in AmeriCorps has had an immense impact on my life. I have become much more self-reliant and self-assured. I have learned that I knew nothing about a whole part of our society, which I thought I knew something about. I have become smarter, funnier and more like the person I thought and hoped I was before I started this year of service."

--Mary Jo., *Greenfield Family Inn, 2000-2001*



"A young woman in one of my groups, who is a natural leader, liked and respected by her peers, was telling the story of how she almost got into a fight. 'But instead,' she said, 'I took the girl to mediation, only we didn't go to the mediators. It was just us, and we talked things out and realized that it was all just a misunderstanding.' It was amazing to look around and see how intently the other girls were listening to this story, and absorbing the idea that they themselves could create alternatives to violence."

--Meg, *Community Coalition for Teens, 2000-2001*



"I now know what service means. This past year—the work and all the people involved—we accomplished so many great things together."

—Jodi, *The Brick House, 1998-1999*