



# VOICES *for* NATIONAL SERVICE

## *Public support for national service: by the numbers*



4 in 5 voters support a **system of voluntary service** in which people of all ages would be given opportunities to serve in the military or civilian capacity for one year and receive a living allowance and education award.

CIVIC ENTERPRISES



For every dollar invested in national service, there are **returns to society** of 4 to 1 in terms of higher earnings, increased output, and other community-wide benefits.

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Every federal dollar invested in national service yields **more than double in savings to government programs**.



## *Voices for National Service is a coalition of national and local service programs,*

state service commissions, and individual champions who work to ensure Americans of all ages and backgrounds have the opportunity to serve and volunteer in their communities. Founded in 2003, Voices for National Service has built strong bipartisan support among our nation's leaders and has helped to elevate national service as a powerful strategy for **tackling unmet needs, preparing young people for work, uniting our country and developing civic character**. VNS has also led the effort to secure robust funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service annually, and has built a strong body of research that demonstrates the high return on investment, unique benefits of national service, and broad and deep support from voters across the political spectrum.

The CNCS works closely with city and county officials to identify local needs and deploy resources to meet them. Last year, 3,539 mayors and county leaders representing 178 million Americans joined in a national day of recognition to support AmeriCorps and Senior Corps.

More than 440 companies with 2.3 million jobs including Accenture, Sodexo, CSX, Disney, and Delta Air Lines have signed up to be Employers of National Service, committing to hire more AmeriCorps alumni because they value the leadership, skills and work ethic AmeriCorps members acquire during their service.

AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs leverage \$1.3 billion in outside resources from private, philanthropic, and local sources annually.

## *Americans unite in support of national service*



5 in 6 voters want Congress to maintain or **increase federal investment** in national service.

Voters overwhelmingly agree that national service:



restores values of patriotism & civic duty.



builds stronger neighborhoods & communities.



prepares young people for the workforce.

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N=800 PRESIDENTIAL BATTLEGROUND STATE REGISTERED VOTERS, SURVEYED 10/3-5/2015

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