



...engages and supports Mississippians of all ages and backgrounds in service to their communities.

Established in 1994 as the State Office on Volunteerism, the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service works to build a culture of citizenship and service in the state.

OUR STORY

VOLUNTEERISM

In 2017, Volunteer Mississippi programs oversaw



96,970

volunteer engagements



1,331,414

hours of service...

An estimated value of **\$32,140,333.96**

Helped build nonprofit capacity through training, marketing, and connecting volunteers for more than:

1,451
organizations

NATIONAL SERVICE

Every day in communities across Mississippi, AmeriCorps members and community volunteers are making a powerful impact on the most critical issues facing our state.



AMERICORPS IMPACT IN 2017:

546 members served through 10 programs

\$1.6M earned in education awards

11,500+ Mississippians...

were direct beneficiaries of National Service, through:

- tutoring & mentoring
- health education
- resource accessibility
- job training skills



Since 1994, more than **15,000** Mississippi residents have served as AmeriCorps members, logging more than **31 million** hours and qualifying for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$58,310,000.**



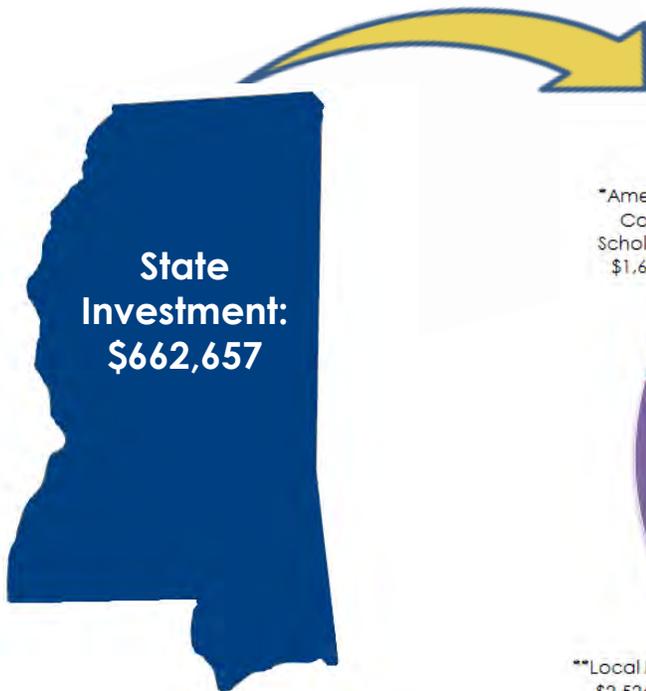
PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

Volunteer Mississippi was a part of every state disaster deployment in 2017, coordinating volunteers and donations in the aftermath of severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding. During these events, Volunteer Mississippi engaged **1,867** volunteers.

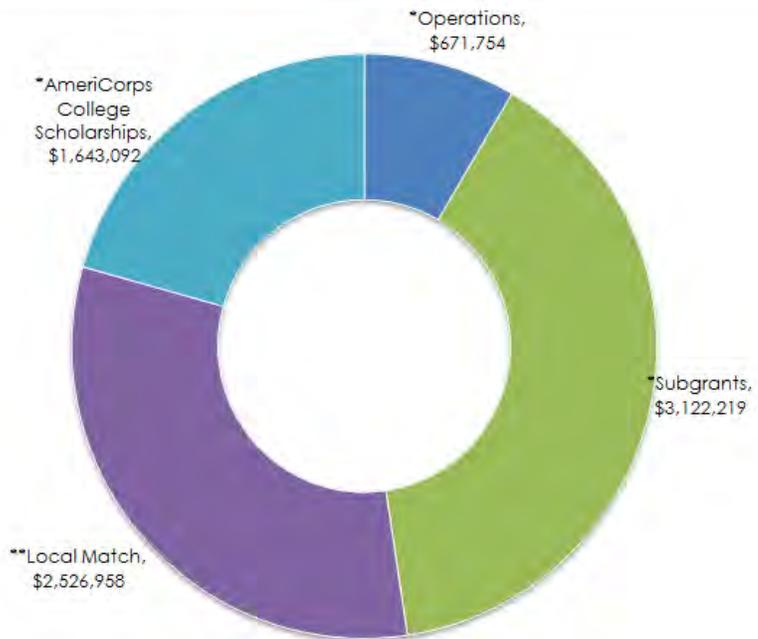
In 2017, Volunteer Mississippi facilitated **11** trainings for **196** individuals from **52** counties, focusing on disaster preparedness and Volunteer Response Center Implementation.



RETURN ON INVESTMENT



Leverages \$7,964,023 for Mississippi Communities



*Funding from the Corporation for National & Community Service
 **Includes local funds and in-kind match, including office space, utilities, personnel, etc.

\$1 : \$12



MCVS generates \$12 for every dollar invested by the state.



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SERVICE SOLUTIONS

Volunteer Northwest Mississippi builds capacity in 365 organizations and connects more than 17,000 volunteers to service opportunities in 11 counties in Northwest MS and the Delta. The majority of volunteers work to alleviate Hunger and Homelessness, due to the center's on-going Monthly Mobile Food Distribution project that engages more than 75 volunteers each month feeding more than 200 families in need. In April 2017, the first DeSoto County Hunger Summit was hosted with the intention of eradicating hunger in DeSoto County and the Delta. 140 nonprofits, faith-based organizations, restaurants, food retailers, elected officials, local leaders, and grantors participated in discussions about poverty, childhood nutrition and local backpack programs, policies and programs affecting access and affordability of food, senior feeding programs, and more. As a result, hungernomics.com was created to connect people with food pantries, and restaurants to programs that need food donations. Also, 10 hunger-related nonprofits received \$500 mini-grants with proceeds from the event.



On April 20, 2017, severe storms impacted several counties in North Central MS. In Holmes County, **over 500** homes were affected, with 149 either majorly impacted or destroyed. A Volunteer Response Center (VRC) was established in Holmes County, serving as a collection point for work orders, hub for volunteer groups, and connecting any unaffiliated volunteers with opportunities. In coordination with Volunteer MS and the Knights of Columbus, the Holmes County VRC managed 344 Work Orders. AmeriCorps NCCC Team Buffalo 3 was deployed to the area. Members worked with Samaritan's Purse to clear debris, tarp homes, and begin the process of recovery.

Detric Johnson completed his year of AmeriCorps service with Climb CDC. As a high school dropout with no support system he felt like no one believed in him. However, he knew he had to do something. Detric knew nothing of environmental stewardship and had never volunteered, but he showed determination, was motivated, and a hard worker. After months working at CLIMB, he changed from a quiet, hard-faced, broken kid to a social butterfly eager to take the lead. No matter what project site we went to, Detric was always given praise from site managers for his hard work. While participating in the CLIMB program, Detric obtained his High School Diploma (graduating with a 3.0 GPA), NCCER Certification, and CPR/Basic First Aid Certifications, along with gaining valuable knowledge in employability skills, life skills, and financial literacy. Detric graduated from Climb CDC with the Climb Excellence Award, and now has a bright future ahead of him in the construction trades.

