



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MONICA RITCHIE

It is a distinct privilege to introduce you to the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service (MCVS) Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020. While the year came to a rather unusual close, our programs and services experienced successes beyond our collective imagination. The MCVS Board of Commissioners and Staff proved their worth time and time again in the ways they responded to adversity and change. I am exceedingly grateful for their counsel and commitment to making Mississippi stronger, wiser, and healthier.

For twenty-six years, the Commission has continuously lent its time, talents, and resources to the state and nation. In the years to come, we will continue to stand together (though safely distanced, of course), learn from the voices of our betters, and persevere in our efforts to get things done. While FY 2020 presented us with a plethora of unique obstacles and challenges, it also provided us with new perspective and stoked our desire to make the lives of Mississippians better. Thank you for joining us on our journey to do just that.

Yours in service,
Monica L. Ritchie

WHAT WE DO

Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service engages and supports Mississippians of all ages and backgrounds in service to their communities while working to encourage a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility to America.

FISCAL YEAR 2020 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

**Every dollar invested by the State of Mississippi was leveraged
to secure an additional \$9 in non-state funding**

- Generated over \$5 million in outside resources from AmeriCorps, businesses, foundations, public-private partnerships, and other sources in the state
- Administered 10 AmeriCorps programs that provided over 400 opportunities for individuals to serve their communities
- Over \$1,091,782 in educational awards were earned by AmeriCorps members
- Tutored over 3,600 students and prepared over 200 pre-K students for school
- Provided health education to over 300 youth
- Prepared 496 individuals to enter the workforce
- Treated over 200 acres of public land
- Tracked over 237,912 hours of volunteer service
- Trained over 900 non-profits in volunteer management and capacity building
- Matched 5,000 volunteers with rewarding volunteer opportunities at over 650 nonprofits

The full Annual Report for FY 2020 is available at: [VolunteerMississippi.org](https://www.volunteermississippi.org)