



# VOICES *for* NATIONAL SERVICE

## Voices for National Service Member Organizations

AARP Foundation  
Alliance for Catholic Education  
America Forward  
American Red Cross  
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Bay Area Community Resources  
Blue Engine, Inc.  
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Campus Compact  
Catholic Volunteer Network  
Cities of Service  
Citizen Schools  
City Year, Inc.  
Coconino Rural Environment Corps  
College Possible  
Communities In Schools  
Connecticut Commission on  
Community Service  
Equal Justice Works  
FoodCorps  
Habitat for Humanity International  
Innovations in Civic Participation  
Jumpstart for Young Children  
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Louisiana Delta Service Corps  
Michigan Community Service  
Commission  
Michigan Nonprofit Association  
Minnesota Alliance With Youth  
National Association of Community  
Health Centers  
National Association of Foster  
Grandparent Program Directors  
National Association of RSVP  
Directors  
National Senior Corps Association  
National Youth Leadership Council  
Nevada Volunteers  
New Sector Alliance  
NYC Coalition Against Hunger  
Ohio Association of Second Harvest  
Foodbanks  
OneStar Foundation  
Playworks Education Energized  
Points of Light Institute  
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ServiceNation  
Southern Association of RSVP  
Directors  
Southwest Conservation Corps  
Student Conservation Association  
Teach For America  
The Child Abuse Prevention Center  
The Corps Network  
Utah Commission on Volunteers  
Utah Conservation Corps  
Volunteer Mississippi  
Volunteer Florida  
Youth Service America  
Youth Volunteer Corps  
YouthBuild USA

December 12, 2013

The Honorable Buddy Dyer  
Mayor, City of Orlando  
Orlando City Hall  
P.O. Box 4990  
Orlando, FL 32802-4990

Dear Mayor Dyer:

We deeply appreciate your extraordinary support of national service and your belief in the role citizens can play in addressing local challenges. You have been a leader in channeling the civic energy in Orlando to drive change, and you have elevated citizen service as a viable strategy to achieve measureable impact. For accelerating the service movement at the local level, Voices for National Service would like to present you with our Local Leadership Award. This honor is presented annually to individuals who have demonstrated leadership and innovation in leveraging national service to meet local needs. Previous recipients of the Local Leadership Award include Mayor Karl Dean of Nashville, Mayor Mark Stodola of Little Rock, Mayor Mitch Landrieu of New Orleans, and Mayor Michael Nutter of Philadelphia.

We hope you can join us to receive the Local Leadership Award at the 11th Annual Friends of National Service Award Ceremony on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Hosted by Voices for National Service, in partnership with Comcast NBCUniversal and CSX, the reception will take place in the East Hall of Union Station located at 50 Massachusetts Avenue, NE in Washington, DC, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The award presentation will begin at 7:00 PM.

Voices for National Service is a diverse coalition of national service programs, state service commissions, and individual champions committed to expanding opportunities for Americans of all ages to serve and volunteer. Founded in 2003, the coalition is the respected voice for the service community in Washington, DC, and has worked to educate our nation's leaders about the power and potential of national service to meet local community needs, expand economic opportunity, and build leaders for the future.

Each year, the Friends of National Service Award Ceremony is an opportunity for Voices for National Service to recognize leaders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors who have contributed in building a culture of citizenship, service and responsibility within America. We expect more than 400 guests to attend, including service practitioners, members of Congress, congressional staff, agency and administration staff, state service commission directors, community partners, AmeriCorps alumni, and corporate sponsors.

We sincerely hope you will join us at this special event to celebrate the power of national service and to accept the Local Leadership Award. We will contact your office to follow-up on this request or your staff may respond to Jennifer Ney, Managing Director of Voices for National Service, at [jney@cityyear.org](mailto:jney@cityyear.org) or 202-742-7380.

Sincerely,

Members of the Voices for National Service Steering Committee:

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