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U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown and Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor to celebrate AmeriCorps 20th Anniversary

Ceremony Part of Nationwide Swearing-in of 80,000 AmeriCorps Members

Columbus, Ohio– On Friday, September 12th, ServeOhio will host a 20th Anniversary of AmeriCorps celebration, with U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown giving the keynote speech. The event will culminate in Lt. Governor Mary Taylor swearing-in 800 incoming AmeriCorps members, 46 of which are serving in Athens with Ohio Stream Restore Corps at Rural Action and COMCorps at Ohio University.

Senator Brown will give the keynote address at 1:30 p.m. at the Capitol Theatre located in the Vern Riffe Center, 77 South High Street Columbus, Ohio 43215. Lt. Governor Taylor will give remarks and swear-in 800+ AmeriCorps members at 3:30 p.m. on the West Lawn of the Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square Columbus, OH 43215.

The ceremony will bring together nearly 1,000 AmeriCorps members, Alumni, and special guests, kicking off a year of national service for more than 800 AmeriCorps members in Ohio. The ceremony is part of a nationwide swearing-in of AmeriCorps members taking place in every state on the same day.

Since 1994, more than 29,000 Ohio residents have served in AmeriCorps, providing more than 46.2 million hours of service. They have earned education scholarships totaling more than \$90.8 million to help pay for college or pay back student loans.

ServeOhio is proud to announce 2014 grant awards totaling \$6.6 million that will support nearly 800 AmeriCorps members to serve with 23 programs across Ohio.

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ServeOhio (The Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism) strengthens Ohio communities through service and volunteerism. Through programs and initiatives funded and supported by ServeOhio, thousands of Ohioans of all ages engage in and are recognized for their service.

Interested participants may learn more about ServeOhio at www.serveohio.org, or find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, and the Volunteer Generation Fund, and leads the President's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit NationalService.gov.

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Photos and video are available. Contact Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss, rebecca.verhoff-kiss@serveohio.gov to coordinate.