



NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS AN AMERICORPS PROGRAM

"Strengthen communities and develop leaders through team-based national and community service."

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Ohio Community Service Council
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Dear Ms. Dunphy and Mr. Hall:

The AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) North Central Region Campus is excited to announce three projects that will take place in Ohio from **May 2, 2013 through June 26, 2013** in partnership with Toledo Botanical Garden, Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation, and Habitat for Humanity of Mahoning County.

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The following is a brief description of the organizations' history and mission as well as details of the projects:

The mission of the **Toledo Botanical Garden** is to enrich life through gardens, the arts and nature. It does this through providing access free of charge to its 60 acre main public garden, where thousands of citizens explore horticulture arts, the public sculpture and the unique Artists Village studios and galleries. Through this project AmeriCorps NCCC team Oak 2, led by team leader Kyle Swatfager, will assist staff and volunteers with the installation and maintenance of plant material for their containers and seasonal displays throughout their 60 acres. The team will also assist in the preparation of the Crosby Festival of Arts which brings nearly 30,000 visitors to the garden. One day a week the team will assist with Toledo GROWS, an outreach program working with young adults in the Toledo area.

The mission of **Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation** is to improve the quality of life in Youngstown by building and encouraging investment in neighborhoods of choice for all. The organization provides community development programming and services including: vacant land reuse, urban agriculture, demolition, home rehabilitation, home repair, homeownership development, job training, economic development, community engagement, volunteer workdays, and neighborhood planning. Through this project AmeriCorps NCCC team Maple

6, let by team leader Kelsey Grant, will paint houses, secure vacant properties, and assist neighborhood groups with the reuse of vacant lots which may include urban agriculture, in distressed neighborhoods throughout Youngstown.

The mission of **Habitat for Humanity of Mahoning County** is to build houses in partnership with sponsors, volunteers, communities, and homeowner families, whereby families are empowered to transform their own lives. To eliminate poverty housing in Mahoning County and to raise awareness of housing issues in the community. Through this project AmeriCorps NCCC team Maple 3, let by team leader Jess Tyler, will be working to provide high quality affordable housing to families and individuals who could not qualify through traditional means. Members will be trained in residential construction, green building techniques, and volunteer management while engaging in the project. By the end of the project the team will have been directly responsible for placing at least one family in a new affordable home.

For more information regarding this project, please contact me at 319.472-9664 x 20. Take care and have a great day!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JJ Trotta', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JJ Trotta
Assistant Program Director