

UServeUtah Commission on Service and Volunteerism

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Department of Cultural
& Community Engagement

UServeUtah: Mission

UServeUtah is the state's commission on service and volunteerism. Our mission is “**Engaging all Utahns in solving community needs through national service, volunteerism, and community engagement.**”

UServeUtah: Commission

UServeUtah's commission “administers the selection, development and oversight of programs...” while “[pursuing] opportunities for sustainable and high-impact community service”.

AmeriCorps State

- National Service program: pass-through grants to Utah communities
- 10 programs, 282 service sites in 26 counties, with 1,735 AmeriCorps volunteer positions
- STEM, Healthcare, Mental Health, Education and Mentoring, Environmental Stewardship, Capacity
- Focus on Service to Career development
- Over last 30 years of operation, more than \$43M earned in federal Segal Education Awards

Volunteer reflection

*"What I took away from my AmeriCorps service was that anyone can do everything! And that **serving the community is one of the most wonderful and most fulfilling parts of life**. The more we help others, the more that we can learn about ourselves as well. I have absolutely loved working with my students and seeing them learn and grow and shine! AmeriCorps made it possible and provided me with so many resources to help them."*

- Sydney N., AmeriCorps Utah STEM Initiative

AmeriCorps Seniors



- National Service program: direct oversight and implementation
- 2 programs in 16 counties, recruiting low income seniors as volunteers
- Senior Companion program serving older adults to live independently and provide caregiver respite
 - Solutions to the epidemic of loneliness of isolation for older adults
 - 76% of clients reported increased support and capacity for independent living
- Foster Grandparent program serving students in schools and supporting teachers in classrooms
 - Supporting early literacy efforts in schools
 - 88% of children served showed measurable academic progress

Bruin Point Elementary Principal: Carbon County School District

*“[Our volunteer] has been an amazing part of our team in helping our students grow in both reading and math foundational skills allowing students to close gaps on the learning continuum. **One particular class that he has been working with on High Frequency word fluency, reading fluency, and phonics skills was 29% proficient on grade level reading at the beginning of the year. The students just completed end-of-year testing. Now...75% of students are proficient readers using grade level text** according to the results of our state mandated assessment. [Our volunteer] was a huge contributor to student growth both in reading proficiency and goal reaching by empowering students to persevere and build self-confidence through positive interactions. Teachers, staff, and students all appreciate and value [our volunteer].*

Partner reflection

Community Engagement

- Engage all Utahns in service to sustain the “Utah Way” through volunteerism.
- Volunteer for Good: High School service pilot program
 - Explore impacts on academics, social connections, civic engagement, well-being
 - 5 local education agencies (rural, urban, online)
 - 24,893 students participating in 23 schools
 - 418,446 hrs completed, volunteer return on investment of \$14,842,280 to the state
- College Community Engagement Council: 15 young adults engaged in a service capstone project
- United in Service: community based hosted projects around the state
- Volunteer management training for nonprofits and government agencies

Volunteer reflection

*“Volunteering has prepared me for my future mission and strengthened my desire to serve long term—whether in my career or community. **It’s shown me that service isn’t just about doing good things—it’s about becoming a better person in the process.** The community benefits from the work we do, but I’ve also grown more confident, humble, and aware of the needs around me.”*

-Volunteer for Good participant

UServeUtah: Impact

UServeUtah helps communities identify high-priority issues and solve them through service. Through service, we all become more connected to one another, it supports civility and increases our state's civic engagement.

The two largest programs the commission operates (One Utah Service Fellowship and Volunteer for Good) are both almost closing out their second year of operation.

- 858,270 hours served
- \$30,442,837 volunteer return on investment
 - *(according to most recent data from the Independent Sector of \$35.47/hr)*