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SAVE THE DATE!
**2011 Massachusetts
Conference on Volunteering
& Service**

Monday, May 23, 2011

This conference will bring together over 400 nonprofit, public, and private sector leaders and service participants throughout the Commonwealth for an inspiring day of learning, connection, and dialogue.

Workshops will include relevant issues in volunteer management, entrepreneurial volunteerism, baby



*On behalf of the board and staff of the Massachusetts Service Alliance, we want to wish you a **Happy, Healthy Holiday Season.***

As we welcome the new year, we thank you for your dedication to service & volunteerism and for helping to make our communities stronger. We look forward to working and partnering with you in 2011!

Best regards,

Emily Haber
CEO

Brendan Coughlin
Chairman of the Board



boomers, social media, technology
and more!

When:

Monday, May 23, 2011

Where:

Sheraton Framingham

Stay tuned for a "Call for
Presenters," and Exhibit and
Sponsorship Info!

**Save the Date!
The 5th Annual Youth
Mentoring Day at the State
House**

The Highland Street Corps
Ambassadors of Mentoring is holding
their 5th Annual Youth Mentoring
Day on

**January 26, 2011 from 10:00am-
1:00 pm.**

Join them as they celebrate yet
another successful year of
outstanding mentoring programs and
partnerships. Scheduled activities
will include the recognition of
dedicated individuals to the
mentoring initiative, visual
presentations, and the opportunity
to network with program staff,
legislators, and mentors.

For more information, or to submit
photos to be displayed at the event,
please contact:
Chelsy Baker at
cbaker@massmentors.org

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SAVE THE DATE!

"Celebrating Service in the Commonwealth" Breakfast

Please join the Massachusetts Service Alliance for a
special breakfast on **March 24, 2011** as it celebrates
20 years of service in the Commonwealth.



Featuring Keynote Speaker:

Victoria Reggie Kennedy

Where: Omni Parker House

When: March 24, 2011 at 8:00 - 10:00am

Price: \$50/ticket, \$500/table

*Tickets and tables will be available to purchase in
early January. We look forward to seeing you there!*

For more information, please contact:
Lindsay Snyder, Director of External Relations
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Grant Opportunities



Youth Service America has recently released a substantial number of national grants and awards to address pressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

For more information and application deadlines, please contact:
nsbinfo@ysa.org

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MSA Grants \$80,000 to 12 Organizations Across the State

*Service Projects
Address Community Need
While Honoring
25th Anniversary of
King Holiday*



MSA is pleased to announce that we have granted nearly \$80,000 to 12 organizations throughout the Commonwealth for our 2011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Project Initiative taking place the week of January 17, 2011. The grants were awarded to projects that would celebrate the life and teachings of Dr. King, identify a community need with a plan to sustain service and ongoing community involvement, and leverage a diverse group of volunteers.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the first observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This milestone is a perfect opportunity for communities throughout Massachusetts to honor Dr. King's legacy through service. The grantees will host projects that take place in all regions of Massachusetts including the Berkshires, Central Mass, Southeastern Mass, Greater Boston, the South Shore, and Cape Cod. Close to 3,000 volunteers will be recruited through this initiative to serve low-income families, seniors, youth, and veterans.

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. taught us that everyone has a role to play in making our communities stronger. We are proud to support these 12 organizations, as they tie Dr. King's teachings to addressing a compelling need in their communities," said Emily Haber, CEO of the Massachusetts Service Alliance. "This one day can truly be a springboard for service throughout the year."

The 2011 MLK Day of Service grantees include:

- [Barnstable County AmeriCorps Cape Cod](#)
- [Boston Cares](#)
- [Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries](#)

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- [East End House, Inc.](#)
- [Northeastern University's Center of Community Service / Massachusetts Promise Fellowship](#)
- [Northern Berkshire Community Coalition](#)
- [Old Colony Y City Pride](#)
- [People Making a Difference](#)
- [United Way of North Central Massachusetts](#)
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Over 150 Commonwealth Corps Members
Begin Year of Service

Nearly four months into Year 3, MSA's Commonwealth Corps program is already making huge strides in communities across Massachusetts. Despite budget cuts, MSA was able to sustain 20 diverse programs, supporting over 150 Corps members.

Members serve up to twelve months in full-time or part-time roles at designated nonprofits and public entities, and offer important capacity building support that will strengthen their communities for years to come. Through their year-long term of service and unwavering dedication to the common

good, members strive to promote civic engagement throughout Massachusetts.

Corps members serve at-risk youth, assist underserved seniors, build homes, and provide necessary health education programming. On top of serving, Corps members have already mobilized and trained over 1,200 community volunteers since September to give back to their communities.

Action for Boston Community Development describes how certain attributes of Corps members have been vital to the expansion and maintenance of their programming:

"Corps members have helped out with curriculum and workshop design, program development, and partnership building. We are also able to reach more beneficiaries due to the linguistic abilities of some of the corps members. (ABCD)"

According to the 2010 grantee, Samaritans,

"Commonwealth Corps members play a vital role in expanding Samaritans' ability to recruit, train, and mentor volunteers on our 24-hour helplines. The number of volunteers recruited and hours that they serve directly correlates to the number of life-saving calls we are able to take on our 24-hour helplines.

MSA is thrilled with the progress our Corps members have made in just a mere matter of months, and we are anticipating even more inspiring acts to come!



Funding Opportunities



Massachusetts AmeriCorps* VISTA

The Massachusetts State Program Office of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for new AmeriCorps*VISTA projects in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) is a full-time, national service program for individuals interested in developing lasting solutions to the problems of poverty in the United States. Nonprofit organizations and local and state government agencies interested in sponsoring an AmeriCorps*VISTA project are invited to **submit a concept paper** to the CNCS Massachusetts State Program Office **no later than January 14, 2011**.

The application and supporting documents are now available at www.mass-service.org. To find out more about AmeriCorps*VISTA and whether it's right for your organization, please visit www.americorps.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherry McClintock, the Massachusetts State Program Director for CNCS, at 617-565-7017 or ma@cns.gov.

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2011 Spring/Summer Commonwealth Corps Opportunity

The Massachusetts Service Alliance (MSA), in collaboration with the Commonwealth Corps Commission and Governor Deval Patrick's office, is pleased to offer a special one-time grant

opportunity. This new initiative, the 2011 Spring/Summer Commonwealth Corps program, is focused on connecting middle school aged youth with university and college students for summer enrichment and service-learning opportunities.

Visit www.mass-service.org for more details or [click here](#) to view the Request for Proposals (RFP).

Applications due: January 20, 2011 by 12:00pm

If you have any questions about this special funding opportunity, please contact Beth McGuinness, Director of Programs, at 617-542-2544, x217 or bmcguinness@mass-service.org.



1,200 AmeriCorps Members Kicked Off Year of Service During Annual AmeriCorps Opening Day

The Massachusetts Service Alliance hosted AmeriCorps Opening Day on Friday November 6th to celebrate and inspire AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps*VISTA members who began their year of National Service helping to address critical needs all across the Commonwealth.

During the 2010-2011 program year, over 2,100 members will serve in 90 AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps*VISTA programs performing countless hours of community service. AmeriCorps programs in Massachusetts are highly effective in addressing critical needs in education, public safety, housing, health, and the environment.

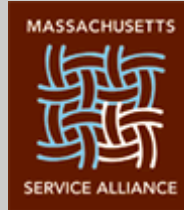


Addressing over 1,200 members, MSA's CEO, Emily Haber, said: "Whether you're working with children or seniors, restoring community centers, building houses, or protecting the environment, you are making critical changes in people's lives and in their communities." Highlighting the growth of AmeriCorps across the state and nation, Ms. Haber stated, "This year, we have over 2,000 members serving in Massachusetts. We have members in every county of the state, from the Berkshires to the Cape, Springfield to Worcester, Greenfield to Boston, and every place in between. You join 85,000 AmeriCorps members serving across the country this year."

Held at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College, it was attended by keynote speaker Rebecca Onie, Co-Founder and CEO of Health Leads (previously called Project HEALTH), and U.S. Congressman Michael Capuano (MA-8th District), a member of the National Service Congressional Caucus.

Following their Pledge of Service, Corps members had an opportunity to deepen their connection to the Massachusetts service movement by participating in tours of the

Massachusetts State House and John Joseph Moakley Court House; getting to know fellow Corps members through networking activities; and lending a hand through service projects at Cradles to Crayons and Community Servings.



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