# **Washington, DC National Service Directory**

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Program	Description	Issue Area
Center for Inspired Teaching 1436 U Street NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20009 Phone: (202) 462-1956 Fax: (202) 462-1905	Center for Inspired Teaching exists to ensure schools make the most of children's innate desire to learn. Center for Inspired Teaching has 30 AmeriCorps Members serving as part of a Professional Corps – the AmeriCorps Members will work as District of Columbia Public School Teachers and will work towards earning their Teacher Certification.	Education
Aleta Margolis Executive Director Phone: (202) 462-1956 aleta@inspiredteaching.org		
Julie Sweetland Director of Teaching & Learning and Research Phone: (202) 462-1956 julie@inspiredteaching.org		
www.inspiredteaching.org		
City Year 1875 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 1130 Washington, DC 20009 Phone: (202) 776-7780 Fax: (202) 776-7788  Tina Fernandes Program Director Phone: (202) 742-7363 tfernandes@cityyear.org	City Year Washington, DC works to help DC children and youth succeed, develop diverse leaders for our city's future, and improve our community. A diverse group of 96 17-24 year olds serve for a year of full-time, team-based community service and leadership development. Founded in 2000, City Year Washington, DC is one of seventeen City Year sites around the country and now in South Africa. Each year, City Year Washington, DC improves the academic success and healthy development of more than 7,000 DC children.	Education
Jeff Franco Executive Director Phone: (202) 742-7371 ifranco@cityyear.org		

Patricia Vargas Deputy Director of Programs and Service Phone: (202) 742-7368 pvargas@cityyear.org  http://www.cityyear.org/dc.aspx		
DC Scores 1224 M Street NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20005  Cielo Contreras Development Manager Phone: (202) 393 6999 ccontreras@americascores.org  Amy Nakamoto Executive Director Phone: (202) 393 6999 anakamoto@americascores.org  http://dcscores.blogspot.com/	DC SCORES is a nonprofit that combines soccer, poetry, and service learning in an after-school curriculum to help youth in 23 District Public Schools become physically fit, feel part of a team, and become active in school and agents of change in the community.	Planning Grant
E.L. Haynes Public Charter School 3600 Georgia Avenue NW Washington, DC 20010  Keely Flaherty Marketing and Development Manager Phone: (202)667-4446 kflaherty@elhaynes.org  Jennifer Niles Head of School Phone: (202)667-4446 jniles@elhaynes.org  http://www.elhaynes.org/	E.L. Haynes collaborates with other community organizations to ensure that students and families have the resources they need so that students can come to school focused and ready to learn. The AmeriCorps program is an essential component of E.L. Haynes' strategy to close the achievement gap and prepare every student for success at college and in life. E.L Haynes has 21 full-time members.	Education
Higher Achievement 317 8 <sup>th</sup> Street NE	Higher Achievement's mission is to develop academic skills, behaviors, and attitudes in motivated and underserved middle school children, 'scholars', to improve their grades,	Education

Washington, DC 20002  Martha Holley-Miers Director of Grants Phone: 202 567 2452 mholleymiers@higherachievement.org  Lynsey Wood Jeffries Executive Director DC Metro Phone: 202 375 7731 ljeffries@higherachievement.org  http://www.higherachievement.org/	standardized test scores, attendance, and opportunities: acceptance to top high school programs. Higher Achievement has 5 full-time members.	
Jumpstart 1612 K Street, Suite 704 Washington, DC 20006 Fax: (202)393-0202  Sekou Biddle Executive Director Phone: (202)393-4443 sekou.biddle@jstart.org  Katie O'Connor Program Director Phone: (202)393-4449 katie.oconnor@jstart.org  http://www.readfortherecord.org/site/Pag eServer?pagename=Jstart_homepage	Jumpstart is a national non-profit organization working toward the day every child in America enters school prepared to succeed. We do this through an extensive network ranging from our national board of directors, who oversee and govern our national operations, to our Corps members, who create caring, one-to-one relationships with preschoolers year after year.	Early Education
Latin American Youth Center 1419 Columbia Road NW Washington, DC 20009 Fax: (202)462-5696  Carlous Price AmeriCorps Coordinator Phone: (202)319-2261 carlous@layc-dc.org	Founded in the late 1960s and incorporated as nonprofit organization in 1974, the Latin American Youth Center serves multicultural youth with a comprehensive set of social services and educational, work skills (WISE), advocacy programs and residential programs.  LAYC has full-time members recruited mainly from their own community. The member goals include: increasing academic achievement for elementary and middle school students through the development of an individualized tutoring plan, developing and implementing after-school programs for elementary and middle school students delivering homework assistance and recreational activities, providing abstinence and self-esteem workshops in elementary and middle schools, sponsoring community building events	Education, Health

http://www.layc- dc.org/contact/default.html	such as community service fair, college fair, family night, etc, coordinate a neighborhood advisory committee, conducting community service projects such as community cleanups, parks cleanups, etc.	
Playworks 1429 21 <sup>st</sup> Street NW Washington, DC 20036  Kailyn Jones Program Associate Phone: (202)822-0097 Fax: (202) 466-4845 kjones@playworks.org  Paul Zimmerman Executive Director Phone (202)822-0097 Fax: (202)466-4845 pzimmerman@playworks.org  http://www.playworks.org/	Playworks is a national nonprofit organization that supports learning by providing safe, healthy and inclusive play and physical activity to schools at recess and throughout the entire school day. Playworks programming has a strong focus on recess, and encourages respectful, inclusive, healthy play for all students. Playworks provides each partner school with a full-time coach who becomes part of the school community. Each Playworks coach works full-time to provide organized play and physical activity programming throughout the school day and after school, organizing games during recess and class game time, and providing after-school games, supervised playtime developmental sports leagues and leadership training. Ten full-time AmeriCorps Members serve Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 in the 2009-10 school year.	Education, Health
Sitar Arts Center 1700 Kalorama Road NW Suite 101 Washington, DC 20009  Adrianne Wegner Institutional Manager Phone: (202) 797 2145 adrianne@sitarartscenter.org  Ed Spitzberg Executive Directos Phone: (202) 797 2145 ed@sitarartscenter.org  www.sitarartscenter.org/	Sitar Arts Center brings its diverse community together to give underserved children and youth the opportunity to explore and study the visual and performing arts in an afterschool safe haven. The Center partners with local volunteer artists and arts organizations to provide comprehensive arts education, nurturing relationships and high expectations that enable young people to better know and express themselves as they discover and develop their artistic gifts.	Planning Grant

### Youth Service Opportunities Project 1317 G Street NW Washington, DC 20005

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YSOP coordinates volunteer opportunities in New York and Washington, D.C. for groups of youth from around the nation. YSOP participants spend a day, weekend, or a week assisting organizations in maintenance and beautification projects at drop-in shelters, pack and distribute grocery bags at food banks agencies, and serve in soup kitchens, clothing and furniture banks, and recreational programs. Through meaningful service programs, YSOP is committed to helping young people become part of the solution to societal problems by showing them how even their smallest actions can make a difference in the lives of others.

Planning Grant

AmeriCorps\*National Direct Programs

AmeriCorps\*National Direct Programs are funded by national non-profits that operate in more than one state.

Program	Description	Issue Area
Alliance for Catholic Education – University of Notre Dame 112 Badin Hall Notre Dame, IN 46556  Aaron Wall Associate Director Phone: (574) 631-7052 awall@nd.edu  http://ace.nd.edu	ACE is a two-year service program offering college graduates the opportunity to serve as full-time teachers in under-resourced Catholic schools across the southern United States. Because we believe that good teachers need excellent formation, ACE prepares its teachers in an innovative Master of Education program at Notre Dame. ACE teachers represent a broad variety of undergraduate disciplines, with a diverse set of backgrounds and experiences. While teaching, participants live in small communities of 4-7 members and together share the many challenges and rewards of beginning teaching. ACE participants are encouraged to develop their own personal spirituality in the context of community, and to share with one another the journey of becoming committed Catholic school teachers.	Education
American National Red Cross: National Preparedness & Response Corps 2025 E Street NW Washington, DC 20006  Joan Pankey Phone: (202) 303-7710 pankeyj@usa.redcross.org	The mission of the National Preparedness & Response Corps is to provide vital emergency assistance to communities affected by disaster and increase preparedness in the areas of greatest need before disasters strike by recruiting, training and supporting adults who will provide integrated community outreach and education through Red Cross service activities.	Disaster Preparedness
Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services 1600 K Street, NW Suite 601 Washington, DC 20006  Helen Samhan Phone: (202) 429-9210 hsamhan@aaiusa.org	Members serve with Arab American community-based organizations to develop or expand social service programs; implement cultural outreach programming to build dialogue between Arab- and non-Arab Americans; implement immigrant orientation programs to ease the transition of new Arab immigrants to the U.S.; and mobilize community volunteers to encourage civic involvement and ensure program sustainability.	Social Services

Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs 1726 M Street N.W. Suite 602 Washington, D.C. 20036  202-828-6006  http://afop.org/		
Child Abuse Prevention Alliance 4700 Roseville Road, Suite 101 North Highlands, CA 95660  Cindy Kitade Project Manager Phone: (916) 244-1931 Fax: (916) 244-1905 ckitade@thecapcenter.org  Local Site: DC Children's Trust Fund 1112 11th Street, NW, Suite B Washington, DC 20001  Kinaya C. Sokoya Executive Director (202) 299-0900, ext. 26 (V) (202) 299-0901 (F) ksokoya@dcctf.org	The mission of the D.C. Children's Trust Fund is to foster the well-being of the District's children and their families by leading the way toward the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The Trust serves as a catalyst for prevention efforts by leveraging private and governmental resources to provide support and technical assistance to community-based organizations, schools, and churches to strengthen families and thereby reduce the risk of child abuse.	Child Health

CLEARCorps/USA 1522 Albany Avenue St. Paul, MN 55108 Phone: (651) 603-8000  Sue Gunderson sue@clearcorps.org  Megan Curran de Nieto megan@clearcorps.org  Local Site: Lead Safe DC 1001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 407 Washington, DC 20052  Harrison Newton Phone: 202-223-1777 harrison@nncc.us	LeadSafe DC (LSDC) is a primary prevention program aimed at ending childhood lead poisoning in the District of Columbia. The program will reach nearly 1,100 families through educational home visits this year. About 250 of these families have already had a child test positive for lead exposure between the level of 5ug/dl and 9ug/dl. The remaining families have a person at risk in their home (a child beneath the age of 6, or a pregnant woman) and live in a home built before 1978. All homes visited receive at least three dust swipe tests to determine if lead dust is present in the areas most frequently occupied by a child.	Health
Community HealthCorps National Association of Community Health Centers 7200 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 210 Bethesda, MD 20814 Phone: (301) 347-0400 Fax: (301) 347-0459  Jason Patnosh National Director/Associate Vice President Phone: (301) 347-0400 jpatnosh@nachc.com  www.communityhealthcorps.org  Local Site: DC Primary Care Association 1411 K Street NW, Suite 300 Washington, DC 20005 www.dcpca.org	The Community HealthCorps is a national AmeriCorps program that promotes health care for America's underserved, while developing tomorrow's health care workforce. HealthCorps members reach out to individuals with no regular primary care provider to increase access to health care, provide health education and support that lead to appropriate use of health care services and better "self-care" by health center patients, and recruit and develop volunteers to support community health centers.	Health Care

Eric Vicks Program Coordinator evicks@dcpca.org  DC Learns 1612 K Street, NW, Suite 300 Washington, DC 20006 (202)331-0141 Fax: (202)331-0143 www.dclearns.org  Dawn Thomas Literacy*AmeriCorps Coordinator dthomas@dclearns.org	Here in Washington, D.C., as many as 20% of our residents lack the literacy skills they need to earn a living wage, fully engage in civic affairs, access information about health and safety issues, or wholly exercise their legal and civil rights. Moreover, low adult literacy skills imperil future generations, because parents play the central role in the transfer of literacy skills from one generation to the next.  D.C. LEARNs is Washington's literacy coalition. We are working for adult, child, and family literacy programs here in the District to raise public awareness of literacy issues, recruit volunteers, provide outreach to new learners, and provide the materials, research, training, and technical assistance needed to raise the quality of literacy services available to D.C. residents.	Education
DC Habitat for Humanity Habitat for Humanity International 1000 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20005 Phone: (800) 422-4828 Fax: (229) 410-7497	The mission of DC Habitat for Humanity is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness in the nation's capital by building affordable, energy- and resource-efficient homes for God's people in need.	Housing
Local Site: Jenna Widmann Volunteer Services Supervisor 2115 Ward Ct. NW, Suite 100 Washington, D.C. 20037 (P)(202) 882-4600 x227 (F)(2020) 882-9343 Jenna.Widmann@dchabitat.org www.dchabitat.org		

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Equal Justice Works 2120 L Street, NW, Suite 450 Washington, DC 20037 Phone: (202) 466-3686 Fax: (202) 429-9766  Natalie Wasserman AmeriCorps Compliance Specialist P: (202) 466-3686 ext.104 F: (202) 429-9766  www.equaljusticeworks.org	The mission of Equal Justice Works is to create a just society by mobilizing the next generation of lawyers committed to equal justice. We provide leadership to ensure a sustainable pipeline of talented and trained lawyers involved in public service. Equal Justice Works provides a continuum of programs that begin with incoming law school students and extend into later careers in the profession. We provide the nation's leading public interest law fellowship program and offer more postgraduate, full-time legal positions in public service than any other organization.	Legal Services
Experience Corps 2120 L Street NW, Suite 600 Washington, DC 20037 Fax: (202) 478-6162  Christina New-Watling Senior Program Manager phone: 202-478-6193 cnew@experiencecorps.org  Amy Zandarski-Pica Executive Director 202-478-6123 azandpica@experiencecorps.org	Experience Corps participants tutor elementary school students one-on-one and in small groups, helping them to develop fundamental literacy skills.	Education
LIFT-DC 800 7 <sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 300 Washington, DC 20001  Raël Nelson James Executive Director, LIFT-DC Phone: (202) 289-1151 Rnjames@liftcommunities.org  www.liftcommunities.org/washington-dc	LIFT-DC (formerly National Student Partnerships): LIFT's mission is to combat poverty and expand opportunity for all people. We envision a day when all people will have the opportunity to achieve economic security and pursue their life goals.  LIFT-DC is a community-based nonprofit that engages trained volunteers – dedicated and talented college students – to serve low-income individuals and families in the District. LIFT clients and volunteers work one-on-one to find jobs, secure safe and stable housing, make ends meet through public benefits and tax credits, and obtain quality referrals for services like childcare and healthcare. Simultaneously, the LIFT experience pushes volunteers to grapple with D.C.'s most challenging issues related to poverty, race, inequality, and policy. LIFT-DC is located within the Perry School Community Services Center in Sursum Corda and at CentroNía in Columbia Heights.	Social Services

	LIFT's CEO and Co-Founder, Kirsten Lodal, started LIFT eleven years ago to serve as a resource to prevent community members from falling into poverty as well as a model for long-term and deeply committed volunteerism. Bringing this model to Washington D.C., LIFT-DC has served over 4,000 individuals and families on a path out of poverty and engaged 400 volunteers in service since 2000. LIFT-DC is part of a growing movement to combat poverty and expand opportunity for all people in the United States. Beyond Washington, D.C., LIFT serves four additional geographic regions: Boston, Chicago, New York, and Philadelphia.	
National AIDS Fund 1412 K St NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20005 Phone: (202) 408-4848 Fax: (202) 408-1818  Maggie Cunha Program Officer Phone (202) 408-4848 ext. 202 mcunha@aidsfund.org Jue@washingtongrantmakers.org  www.aidsfund.org	The National AIDS Fund was founded in 1988 to reduce the incidence and impact of HIV/AIDS by promoting leadership and generating resources for effective community responses to the epidemic. Through its unique expanding network of Community Partnerships, National AIDS Fund supports over 400 grassroots organizations annually which in turn provide HIV prevention, care and support services to underserved individuals and populations most impacted by HIV/AIDS including communities of color, youth and women.	Health
Notre Dame Mission Volunteers – AmeriCorps 403 Markland Avenue Baltimore, MD 21212 Phone: (410) 532-6864 Fax: (410) 532-2418  Local Site: Jo Harun Phone: (720) 254-9004 d.c.ndmva@gmail.com	Members tutor low-income children, teach ESL to immigrants, and teach GED and literacy skills to adults such as single mothers and high school drop-outs, and operate after school programs. Members also recruit volunteer parents for enrichment programs, teach conflict resolution skills, and do case management work with immigrant and refugee families.	Education

Rebuilding Together of Washington, DC P.O. Box 40026 Washington, DC 20016 Phone: (202) 965-2824 Fax: (202) 965-2827  Janice T. Stango, Executive Director Phone: (202) 965-2824 janstango@rebuildingtogetherdc.org  Laura J. Zabel Associate Director Phone: (202) 965-2824 lzabel@rebuildingtogetherdc.org  www.rebuildingtogetherdc.org	Rebuilding Together of Washington, DC, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is entering its 28th year of performing free home repairs for the city's lowest income homeowners in the poorest neighborhoods. Since our inception, we have repaired over 2,800 homes and 300 community facilities, such as homeless shelters, programs for at-risk children and teenagers, public schools, etc. Our programs enable the low-income elderly, disabled, Veterans, and families with children to age in place, safely, in their own homes with an improved quality of life.	Housing
Share Our Strength – Operation Frontline 1730 M Street NW Suite 700 Washington, DC 20032 Fax: (202) 347-5868  Hayley Beers National Program Coordinator Phone: (202) 478-6534 hbeers@strength.org  Local Site: Capital Area Food Bank 645 Taylor Street NE Washington, DC 20017 OFL@capitalareafoodbank.org	Share Our Strength Operation Frontline weaves together a net of community groups, activists and food programs to catch children at risk of hunger and surround them with nutritious food where they live, learn and play.	Health

## The New Teacher Project: DC Teaching Fellows

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Local Site: 1200 1<sup>st</sup> St., NE 10<sup>th</sup> St—HR Washington, DC 20002

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www.tntp.org

In the nation's capitol, The New Teacher Project (TNTP) has taken a two-pronged approach to improving teacher quality. Through its partnership with the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), TNTP implemented DC Teaching Fellows, a rigorous alternate route to certification program that has transformed the supply of teacher candidates available to the hardest-to-staff subject areas and schools. TNTP also partnered with DCPS to radically overhaul the District's teacher recruitment and hiring processes, better enabling schools to hire top teacher candidates.

Education

### **AmeriCorps\*Education Award Only Programs**

AmeriCorps\*Education Award Only Programs receive education awards from the Corporation for National and Community Serve and manage the program with minimal or no additional CNCS funds.

Program	Description	Issue Area
Catholic Volunteer Network 6930 Carroll Avenue, Suite 820 Takoma Park, MD 20912 Phone: (301) 270-0900 Fax: (301) 270-0901  Joseph Alustiza AEAP Coordinator Phone: (301) 270-0900 ext. 20 jalustiza@catholicvolunteernetwork.org	Members serve in all parts of the country through more than 100 faith-based programs providing (1) services for youth, including child care, educational support, recreation, tutoring, and mentoring, and (2) adult social services, including counseling, elderly outreach, homeless support, shelter work, access to health care and poverty relief.	Education, Environment, Public Safety, Human Needs
Lutheran Volunteer Corps 1226 Vermont Ave. NW Washington, DC 20005  Charles Spring Washington DC City Coordinator Phone: (202) 387-3222 ex 222 CSpring@LutheranVolunteerCorps.org www.LutheranVolunteerCorps.org	Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC), a national volunteer service program, partners with full-time volunteers and over 100 social justice organizations and ministries in twelve cities in the United States. In addition to working for justice, LVC Volunteers live together in intentional household communities of 4-8 people, deepen their spirituality, and encourage simple, sustainable living. Locations in DC include: N Street Village, Bread for the City, Women Empowered Against Violence, Academy of Hope, and Miriam's Kitchen.	Human Needs
Student Conservation Association 689 River Road P.O. Box 550 Charlestown, NH 03603 Phone: (603) 543-1700 Fax: (603) 543-1755 Kate Hagner	SCA provides college and high school-aged members with hands-on conservation service opportunities in virtually every field imaginable, from tracking grizzlies through the Tetons to restoring desert ecosystems and teaching environmental education at Washington, D.C.'s Urban Tree House. We are truly building the next generation of conservation leaders.  In this SCA program, college and graduate students and other qualified participants address specific, urgent conservation challenges. Projects may include mitigating	Environment

Education Award Program Manager Phone: (603) 543-1700 ext. 133 Khagner@theSCA.org  Local Site: SCA Mid-Atlantic/Southeast 1800 North Kent Street, Suite 102 Arlington, VA 22209 Phone: (703) 524-2441 Fax: (703) 524-2451  http://www.thesca.org/	wildland fire risks, eradicating invasive plants while protecting native species, restoring desert lands scarred by off-road vehicles, or providing environmental education in community classrooms. SCA Corps programs, some of which are offered in cooperation with AmeriCorps, run for up to 10 months, and members often share a communal residence.	
The Corps Network 1100 G Street NW, Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20005  Leslie Wilkoff Senior Projects Director Phone: (202) 737-6272  wilkoff@corpsnetwork.org	The communities to be served by the 60 EAP Corps are extremely diverse, representing suburban, urban, and rural communities nationwide. Regardless of the diversity among the Corps, the need for the EAP points to two issues apparent across each of the communities: countless service projects to be completed by skilled volunteers, and limited employment or education opportunities for youth.	Education, Human Needs
Local Site: <b>AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps</b> 1101 14 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20005 (202) 842-4700		
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AmeriCorps\*VISTA Programs

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Program	Description	Issue Area
A Wider Circle 9159 C Brookville Road Bethesda, MD 20910  Mark Bergel Supervisor Phone: (301) 608-3504 Fax: (301)608-3508 mark@awidercircle.org	Established in the fall of 2001, <i>A Wider Circle</i> is a 501© (3) nonprofit organization dedicated to creating change from the inside out. The programs address the inner and outer needs of adults and children challenged by homelessness, poverty, substance abuse, and other health and social issues. The mission of <i>A Wider Circle</i> is to empower children and adults to break the cycles of poverty and poor health. Their comprehensive wellness programming helps individuals gain greater control of their wellbeing, while the delivery of furniture, home goods and more helps individuals and families meet their basic needs.	Human Needs, Social Services
www.awidercircle.org		
Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital 3121 South Street NW Washington, DC 20007  Kerrien Rollins VISTA Supervisor Phone: (202) 333-2277  Fax: (866)812-7830  DHarvey@cisnationscapital.org	Hunger, poor health, homelessness, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, and youth violence are obstacles to academic accomplishment and contributors to the ever increasing dropout epidemic: 50% of DC students don't graduate from high school. Communities In Schools of the Nation's Capital works with the most disenfranchised student populations, identifying the barriers to their success, locating the programs and services that meet their needs, and brokering agreements to bring those services directly to the schools. Target institutions are those in which more than 90% of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. Pregnancy prevention, housing and employment assistance, dental screenings and eye exams, tutoring and mentoring, literacy and service learning programs: the goal is to address significant social problems, enhance students' learning experiences, and improve school outcomeshelping kids stay in school and succeed in life. Twice voted "one of the 100 top charities most likely to save the country" by Worth magazine, the local affiliate of National Communities In Schools, is working in five District of Columbia public schools.	Human Needs, Education
Critical Exposure 1816 12 <sup>th</sup> Street NW, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20009  Adam Levner Supervisor Phone: (202)745-3745 ext. 19 Fax: (202)745-1713 adam@criticalexposure.org	Picture equality: give cameras to kids; train them in documentary photography and writing; encourage them to capture images that illustrate the realities of their lives; and show them how to use photographs and writing to tell their stories and advocate for improvements in their schools and communities. This is the idea, at once straightforward and unique, behind Critical Exposure, which teaches students the basic techniques and elements of photography: composition, framing, lighting, and perspective. Then students put their training to work, using digital cameras and the written word to document the issues that most affect them such as DC's dropout crisis. Public exhibitions inform and engage the community as do legislative visits, public hearings, and press conferences. Just as importantly, students discover the power of their own voices, their capacity for	Arts

www.criticalexposure.org	leadership, and their ability to understand and seek solutions to the pressing issues in their lives. The union between art and advocacy creates a sense of empowerment that is otherwise in very short supply.	
DC College Success Foundation 1220 12 <sup>th</sup> Street SE Washington, DC 20003  Brett Lowitz Supervisor Phone: (202)207-1800 Fax: (202)207-1801 lowitzb@dccollegesuccessfoundation.org  www.dccollegesuccessfoundation.org	We believe that all young people who want to go to college should have the means and support to attend and succeed. Over 300 low-income, high-potential scholars who might not otherwise have been able to attend college are learning, graduating, or contributing to the workplace and our world because of our scholarships, mentoring, and support services. The District of Columbia College Success Foundation works with public and private partners to ensure that economically disadvantaged and underrepresented students receive the educational and financial incentives necessary to achieve their college and career dreams.	Education
DC Language Access Coalition 3166 Mouth Pleasant Street NW Washington, DC 20010  Sapna Pandya Supervisor Phone: (202)739-1315 Fax: (202)234-1118 Sapna.Pandya@dclanguageaccess.org  www.dclanguageaccess.org	The D.C. Language Access Coalition's (Coalition) goal is to ensure that DC residents and workers who are limited English proficient (LEP) or non-English proficient (NEP) have equal access to the most essential government benefits and services including food stamps, Medicaid, health care, unemployment benefits, job training programs, public education, fire and emergency services, the police department and mental health services. The Coalition is also committed to increasing the capacity and ability of underrepresented immigrant communities to engage in social change efforts. We are also committed to strengthening the Coalition's ability to sustain ourselves over the long-term in order to tackle other access to justice issues impacting immigrant communities.	Human Needs, Social Services
DC SCORES 1224 M Street, NW Suite 200 Washington, DC 20005 Sean Hinkle Phone: (202) 393-6999 Fax: (202) 393-0655 www.DCSCORES.org	DC SCORES is an after-school program for 800 students at 25 DC public and public charter elementary and middle schools. Our core values of teamwork, leadership, and commitment are carried out daily in a program model where students participate in soccer, poetry, service learning, and homework help. We hire DC public school teachers to run the program at each school, thus providing each student with direct access to a trusted mentor. DC SCORES, in operation since 1994, seeks to increase student school engagement, levels of physical activity, and students' sense of self-worth and belonging. We aim to fill gaps in an environment where students have little to no exposure to organized physical activity, childhood obesity rates are dangerously high, and literacy rates are far below average. DC SCORES is an affiliate of America SCORES, the nation's largest after-school soccer and literacy program.	Education, Health

Everybody Wins! DC 1213 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20005  Vinny Hughes Supervisor Phone: (202) 347-9467 ext. 17 Fax: (202) 347-9504 vhughes@everybodywinsdc.org  www.everybodywinsdc.org	Here in the Washington region, 14% of all 1st graders and 40% of all 2nd graders read below the "basic" level, and nearly 90% of 4th graders read below the "proficient" level. Behind their peers in reading ability, these are children at risk for failing academically and socially. Everybody Wins! runs literacy and mentoring programs in 30 Title I public elementary schools throughout the DC region. Participants include some 3,000 at-risk children and 1,400 adult Reading Mentors from companies, organizations, and Capitol Hill. The idea is simple: expose children to literature, inspire them to read, give them caring role models who read and talk with them each week – and then see the difference. EW!DC also distributes more than 9,100 books each year to students and libraries.	Education
For Love of Children 1763 Columbia Road NW Washington, DC 20009  Alison Henken Supervisor Phone: (202) 349-3504 Fax: (202) 349-3524  www.floc.org	We like to think of public education as the great equalizer, balancing life's injustices and leveling the unequal fields on which our children's lives unfold. But it doesn't always work that way: a dispiriting combination of limited possibilities and unlimited obstacles sometimes deepens, instead of mending, the disparities. For Love of Children opens opportunities for hundreds of children and teens, most from the Shaw/Columbia Heights neighborhood, offering carefully paced, one-on-one tutoring that brings students to grade-level proficiency in reading and math. After-school workshops teach teamwork, leadership, and community service, and students take on adventure challenges in a powerful outdoor classroom. Professional ACT and SAT prep, along with intensive college workshops that teach seniors how to navigate the complex application and financial aid process, all help them get safely to the next stage of the journey. The aim is to make sure that kids stay connected to their education, stay on track, graduate from high school, pursue college or vocational school, and arrive at adulthood positioned for success.	Education
George Washington University 2129 G Street NW Building D, Suite 101 Washington, DC 20052  Timothy Kane Director Phone: (202)994-5493 Fax: (202)994-8736 kanet@gwu.edu	The Office of Community Service (OCS) at GW is committed to creating service and experiential learning opportunities which develop civic-minded and engaged students to address unmet needs in the Washington, DC community. In collaboration with university and community partners, we serve, educate, and advocate in an accessible and consistent way while promoting diversity, developing leadership and fostering life-long learning.	Community Service
Heads Up 120 Q Street, 2nd Floor Washington, DC 20002	Heads Up provides after-school and summer academic programs to disadvantaged youth attending some of the most underserved schools in the country. Almost half of the children live in poverty, and most live in single parent families plagued by other risk	Education

Robin Minter Supervisor Phone: (202) 544-4468 Fax: (202) 544-4437 rminter@headsup-dc.org www.headsup-dc.org	factors as well. The goal is to break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by promoting a new cycle of learning and leadership. Every day, for three-and-a-half hours a day, and then six hours a day for six weeks in the summer, Heads Up tutors - local college students who are trained and supervised by the staff - guide their charges through reading, homework assistance, and writing activities. In the summer there are also community-based projects and trips. It's an intense commitment that really pays off. Reading proficiency improves dramatically; youngsters develop a love of learning and get tuned in, and turned on, to college though early exposure to college students. This year, free of charge, Heads Up will serve 700 students with the help of 200 undergraduate tutors. They will grow together in extraordinary ways.	
Higher Achievement 317 8 <sup>th</sup> Street NE Washington, DC 20002  Matt Thornton Supervisor Phone: (202) 375-7733 Fax: (202) 544-3644 mthornton@higherachievement.org  www.higherachievement.org	Targeting academically motivated kids at a critical juncture – 5th through 8th grade – and working with them in the "gap" hours – 3:30 to 8pm during the school year and 8am to 4pm in the summer – Higher Achievement Program offers rigorous academic classes, and stresses the discipline and dedication children need to succeed. A four-year, sustained academic intervention, Higher Achievement requires a serious commitment from its scholars and offers exciting bonuses in return: advanced intellectual discussions, overnight university trips, and lecture series on current topics. 100% of scholars improve by 20% or more on standardized tests. And, 100% of 2008 graduates advanced to college-preparatory high schools, 90% to their top choice school.	Education
Horton's Kids 110 Maryland Avenue NE Suite 207 Washington, DC 20002  Kim Atkinson Operations Director Phone: (202) 544-5033 Fax: (202) 544-5811 katkinson@hortonskids.org  www.hortonskids.org	Horton's Kids is a non-profit that provides comprehensive services to children living in Ward 8, improving the quality of their daily lives and nurturing their desire and ability to succeed. Horton's Kids are the lucky recipients of "mobile tutoring," in which children are bused from their neighborhood to federal office buildings where they meet one on one with trained volunteer tutors, who they love and adore. The tutoring rooms are stocked with rich academic materials to help each child master learning goals appropriate for their academic level and increase the likelihood that they will graduate from high school with strong math and reading skills.	Education

Little Lights Urban Ministries 760 7 <sup>th</sup> Street SE Washington, DC 20003  Mary Park Supervisor Phone: (202) 548-4021 Fax: (202) 544-7508 mary@littlelights.org  http://www.littlelights.org/	Little Lights started with the goal of helping low-income children to improve their academic and artistic skills, self-esteem and confidence. The mission of Little Lights is to instill the message in at risk children and youth that they are valuable, capable, and important. The program provides recreational and experiential education, and enhances confidence through caring relationships from mentors and tutors.	Education, Arts
Sasha Bruce Youthwork 741 8 <sup>th</sup> Street SE Washington, DC 20003  Vera Johnson Supervisor Phone: (202)675-9340 Fax: (202)675-9358 vjohnson@sashabruce.org  http://www.sashabruce.org/	Sasha Bruce Youthwork (SBY) meets the urgent needs of at-risk youth and their families in Washington, DC. SBY believes that young people and families already possess the strengths and abilities necessary to solve their problems and improve their lives. SBY provides help wherever it's needed—on the street, in its shelters, or at the homes of young people and families who are struggling. Serving DC's poorest communities, where institutions and systems are broken and young people and their families are struggling to overcome obstacles, SBY uses proven youth development practices to help young people find new ways of surviving, thriving, and realizing success.	Human Needs
Serve DC-The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism 2000 14 <sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 101 Washington, DC 20009  Jaime Spilken Director of National Service Phone: (202) 727-8003 Fax: (202) 727-9942 jaime.spilken@dc.gov  www.serve.dc.gov	The mission of the DC Commission on National and Community Service is to strengthen and promote the District of Columbia's spirit of service through partnerships, national service, and volunteerism. The Commission focuses on three areas to accomplish this mission: Partnerships: National Service, and Volunteerism. Serve DC is committed to connecting national service program directors across the District of Columbia in recurring events while providing them with valuable tools to develop or broaden their professional abilities.	Human Needs

Turning the Page 1010 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 915 Washington, DC 20005  Jason King Supervisor Phone: (202) 347-9841 ext. 10 Fax: (202) 347-9845 jking@turningthepage.org  www.turningthepage.org	Turning The Page (TTP) seeks to foster a life-long love of learning in elementary school children by creating a resource rich school community that encourages parental involvement and voluntary reading and learning. VISTA members build and maintain Parent Engagement Committees at participating schools; support community night programming, a series of workshops that encourage parent to engage their children in learning in the home; and support the School Library Media Center Initiative, which educates teachers to use library resources to meaningfully involve parents in their children's learning.	Education
Youth Venture 1700 North Moore Street, Suite 2000 Arlington, VA 22209  Marco Davis Supervisor Phone: (703) 527-4126 Fax: (703) 527-8383  www.youthventure.org	The mission of Youth Venture is to initiate a change in the role of youth in our society by enabling young people (ages 12-20) nationwide to create, launch, and lead "Youth Ventures"—organizations, clubs, or businesses that contribute positively to the community. Youth Venture helps Venturers develop concrete plans of action and provides an array of supportive tools and structures designed to help youth realize their goals and dreams while simultaneously transforming their communities. Through Youth Venture, teens can take responsibility for their own lives and communities by playing a substantive role as change agents, and in turn can help redefine society's perceptions of the role young people can and should play within our communities.	Entrepreneurship

Senior Corps Programs
Senior Corps Programs are funded through the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Program	Description	Issue Area
Foster Grandparents Program: United Planning Organization 1649 Good Hope Road, SE Townhouse Washington, DC 20020	Foster Grandparents serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers for at-risk children and youth with special needs through a variety of community organizations, including schools, hospitals, drug treatment facilities, correctional institutions, and Head Start and day-care centers.	
Cheryl Christmas Project Director Phone: 202.610.5122 cchristmas@upo.org		
RSVP/Family Matters of Greater Washington 1509 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036  Gwendolyn Moseley Coleman Program Director 202-289-1510 ext.1182 or 1171 Gcoleman@familymattersdc.org  www.familymattersdc.org	RSVP volunteers mentor at-risk youth, organize neighborhood watch programs, test drinking water for contaminants, teach English to immigrants, and lend their business skills to community groups that provide critical social services. RSVP is America's largest volunteer network for persons 55 and older. It is a cost-effective way to solve critical problems in education, public safety, human needs, and the environment.	
Senior Companion/Respite Aide Program Institute of Gerontology, University of the District of Columbia 4200 Connecticut Avenue NW, MB #5103 Washington, DC 20008  Laurie Blackman Thompson Project Director Phone: 202.274.6659 Ibthompson@udc.edu	Senior Companions and Respite Aides serve one-on-one with the frail, elderly and other homebound persons to assist with grocery shopping, bill paying, and transportation to medical appointments. They also alert doctors and family members to potential problems and provide short periods of relief to primary caregivers. Because of the program, thousands of citizens are able to live with dignity in their own homes.	

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