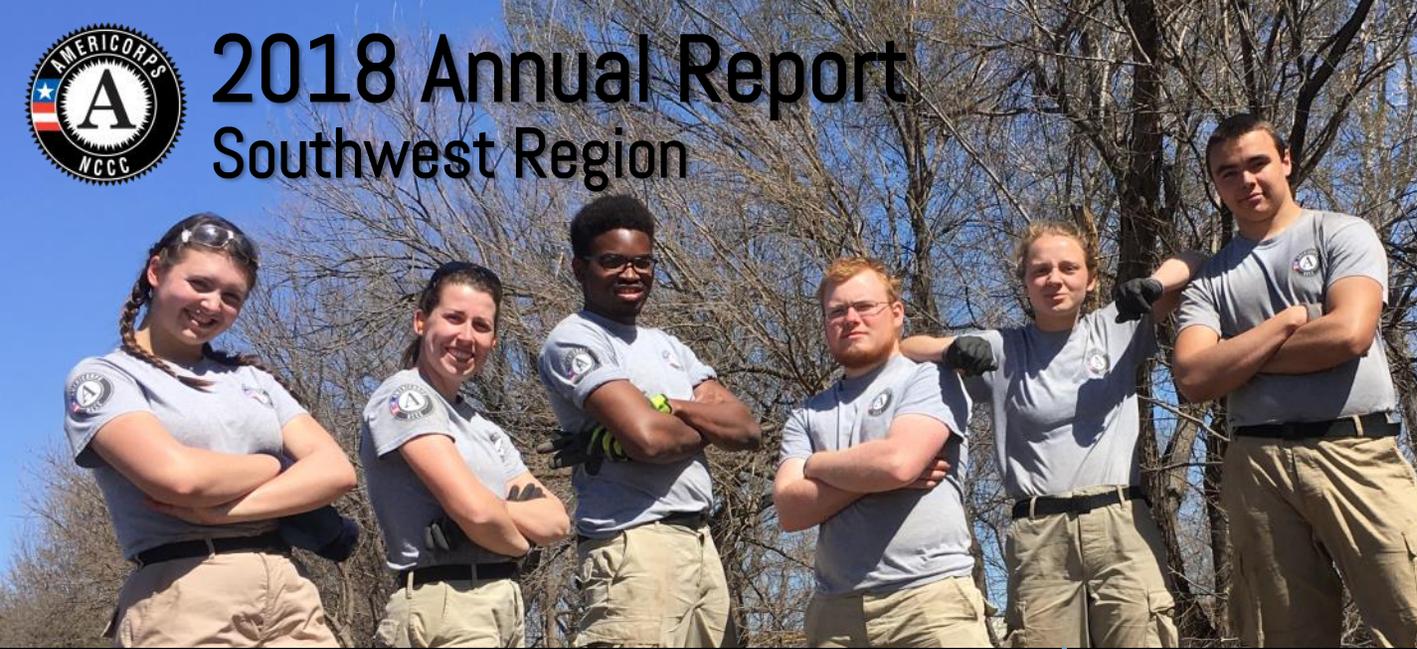




2018 Annual Report Southwest Region



In 2018, the Southwest Region advanced AmeriCorps NCCC's mission of "strengthening communities and developing leaders through national and community service". Staff and teams continued close collaboration with state and local partners to identify gaps in National Service support, both geographically and programmatically. Steering teams to meet those priority needs that might otherwise not be addressed kept our projects as relevant and in-demand as ever. Our sincere thanks to partners across the region for making this a reality.

To codify and strengthen our commitment to a bottom-up, community-driven project portfolio, the SW Region entered into a formal agreement with the State of Colorado and Habitat for Humanity to prioritize NCCC placements in the state on affordable housing projects. We are working towards formalizing a similar agreement in Texas, where long-term Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts are the state's top priority.

Throughout 2018, the SW Region continued a commitment to innovation, as well as to lead NCCC nationally in requests for teams, direct service hours completed, and the amount of support invested by host organizations and communities. As our sponsors increasingly provide the training, certifications, tools, and equipment to facilitate NCCC's success, partnerships are strengthened and savings is generated for the U.S. taxpayer. For the fifth consecutive year, we again led AmeriCorps NCCC in graduation rates of members.

Looking ahead to 2019, we aspire to be your partner of choice for addressing community needs best met by a team-based direct service resource.

-The Staff of the AmeriCorps NCCC SW Region

MILESTONES

JANUARY

Sun Unit Team Leaders and Corps Members arrive for training, kicking off Class 24B and the beginning of "split corps" in the SW Region. Bringing in members at staggered times allows for year-round project coverage, with no gap in service between classes.

JULY 12

Class 24A Graduation

JULY-OCTOBER

The SW Region officially begins serving its newly acquired 9th state: Wyoming

OCTOBER 18

Class 24B Graduation

NOVEMBER 8

Class 25A Induction



107

Projects completed



312,858

Service hours completed



75

Flooded homes cleared of water-damaged debris & mold



153,709

Pounds of debris or trash removed in disaster areas



2,507

Veterans assisted



\$4,312,498

Returned to communities through free tax preparation



294,539

Pounds of food received, inventoried, or distributed



48 Affordable homes built
79 Homes painted/renovated



363,143

Pounds of unwanted vegetation or underbrush removed



1,775

K-12 students tutored

"In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, Texas experienced historic levels of volunteer fatigue leading to massive volunteer shortages. In this environment, AmeriCorps NCCC provided invaluable resources. One year later, NCCC is still getting things done. Unmet need is estimated at \$1.3 billion. For years to come, Texas will depend upon the service, dedication, and hard work of voluntary organizations, including NCCC, as we seek to find a new normal following Hurricane Harvey."

- Liz Darling, President and CEO of the OneStar Foundation