



FISCAL YEAR 2022 ANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MONICA RITCHIE

It is a distinct privilege to introduce you to the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service (MCVS) Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022. Volunteer Mississippi is committed to serving communities all over our great state. We are so proud that AmeriCorps programs and volunteer services alike continued their work with grit and determination. The MCVS staff, the Board of Commissioners, and our Honorary Chair, First Lady Elee Reeves, proved their worth time and time again in how they responded to adversity and change. I am exceedingly grateful for their counsel and commitment to making Mississippi stronger, wiser, and healthier. And we are indeed getting stronger, wiser, and healthier: this year's Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence Awards honored an incredible group of individuals in their efforts to make Mississippi THE place to live, work, and play.

The Commission has continuously lent its time, talents, and resources to the state and nation for twenty-eight years. In the years to come, we will continue to stand together, learn from the voices of our betters, and persevere in our efforts to get things done. The challenges and opportunities presented to us this year gave us a new perspective and stoked our desire to make Mississippians' lives better. Thank you for joining us on our journey to do just that. It's a great day to volunteer in Mississippi!

Yours in service,

Monica L. Ritchie

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WE EXIST to engage and support ALL Mississippians in service to their communities.

BECAUSE WE EXIST, an additional \$4.8 million in federal funds was secured to support high impact programs for the great state of Mississippi.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

- Administered **6** AmeriCorps operating programs and **4** planning grants that provided over **450** opportunities for individuals to serve their communities
- Over **\$2.9 million** in AmeriCorps federal funds
- Tutored over **4,600** students and prepared over **400** pre-K students for school
- Provided health education to over **470** youth
- Prepared over **450** individuals to enter the workforce
- Treated over **150** acres of public land
- Provided over **340** hours of training and technical assistance to over **440** individuals
- Volunteer Mississippi and First Lady Elee Reeves honored the following **10** individuals and organizations for their outstanding volunteer service at the **Governor’s Initiative for Volunteer Excellence (GIVE) Awards:**

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| Margaret Arnold, Columbus | Shyra Galloway, Wiggins |
| Michael Brownlee, Oxford | James Davis, Jackson |
| Lakenya B. Evans, Cleveland | Emily Fitzhugh, Biloxi |
| Steward McMillan, Tupelo | Tammy Pierce, Byhalia |
| Mississippi Coats 4 Kidz Volunteers, Batesville | Gerald “Jerry” Schmuck, Gulfport |

Honorable mentions were given to the following individuals and organizations:

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| Jacob Barrett Aldridge, Jackson | Ronald Clayton, Hernando |
| Delta Cotton Belles, Greenville | Akeah Ronay Graham, Starkville |
| Janie Harrison, Vicksburg | Jourdan Hartshorn, Gulfport |
| Brian Little, Crystal Springs | Joyce Ricks, Meridian |



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