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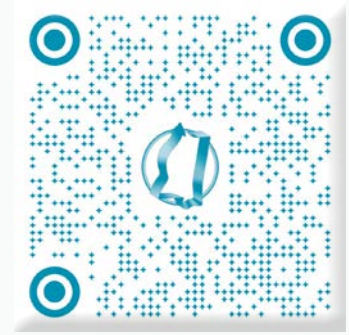
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## Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report

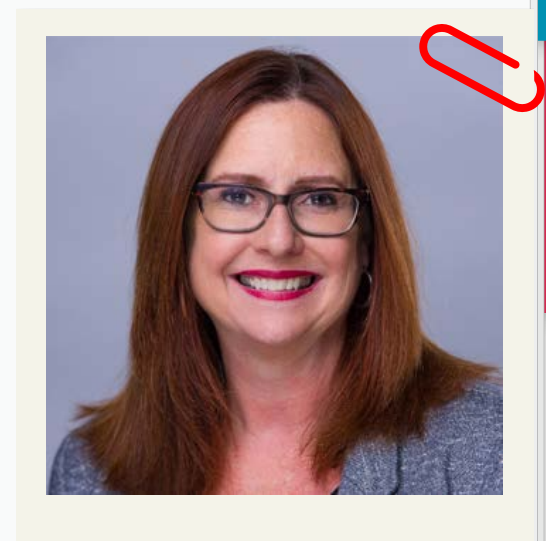
Monica Ritchie  
Executive Director





I am extraordinarily excited about the life-changing work that our AmeriCorps members, volunteers, and staff do every day in Mississippi. I am thankful to our Board of Commissioners, especially Honorary Chair First Lady of Mississippi Elee Reeves, for continued support, dedication, and service to Volunteer Mississippi's mission. Our amazing staff works every day to connect volunteers with opportunities and to ensure that the people of Mississippi are well-versed about how they can get involved in service to our great state. It's a great day to volunteer in Mississippi!

Yours in Service,  
*Monica L. Ritchie*  
Monica Ritchie  
Executive Director



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FY 2022 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



First Lady  
Elee Reeves,  
Honorary  
Chair,  
Jackson



Mr. William  
'Quint'  
Withers,  
V, Chair,  
Jackson



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Bean,  
Vice Chair,  
Madison



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2nd Vice  
Chair,  
Canton



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Jackson



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Cyrus Ben,  
Choctaw



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Blankenship,  
Madison



Owen Brown,  
II, Starkville



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Madison



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Cannady,  
Jackson



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Gandy,  
Decatur



Susan  
Garrard,  
Jackson



Aubrey Leigh  
Goodwin,  
Jackson



Lisa  
Grantham,  
Ridgeland



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West Point



Dr. Rolando  
Herts,  
Cleveland



Rochelle  
Hicks,  
Jackson



Jennifer  
Hopping,  
Jackson



Corie Jones,  
Madison



Merracle  
Jordan,  
Southaven



Mr. William "Quint" Withers, V

It has truly been a privilege to serve a second time as Volunteer Mississippi's Board Chair. From my years on Volunteer Mississippi's Board of Commissioners as a Youth Commissioner to Board Chair, I hold in great respect Mississippians of all ages for their remarkable gift in giving back in service to improve lives and strengthen communities. Your service challenges me daily to continue giving of myself to others.

To all of you known and unknown, thank you. Thank you for your service. Thank you for challenging me. Thank you for believing in Volunteer Mississippi and supporting us to allow us to engage and support ALL Mississippians in service to their communities and make a real change in someone's life. Being of service to others is what brings us true joy and happiness.

In service, I remain,  
  
Sincerely yours,  
  
Quint Withers



Mr. William "Quint" Withers, V

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**COMMISSIONERS' ORIENTATION AND SWEARING-IN CEREMONY, MARCH 29-30, 2022**



Powell "Gee" Ogletree, Ridgeland



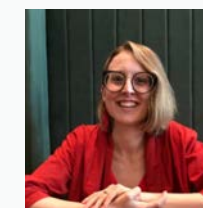
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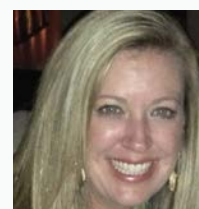
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Mayor Jimmie Smith, Meridian



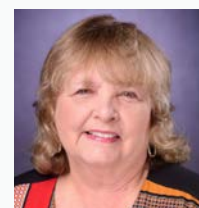
Katherine Krehbiel, Ex-Officio AmeriCorps Representative Regional Office



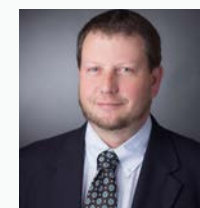
Avery Mounser Lee, Special Assistant Attorney General, Jackson

The Board, comprised of twenty-five Commissioners appointed by the Governor, guides the work of this state agency and funding from AmeriCorps. These Commissioners are true volunteers; they make a powerful impact on the most critical issues facing Mississippi.

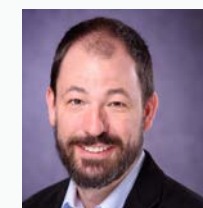
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Marty Clapton



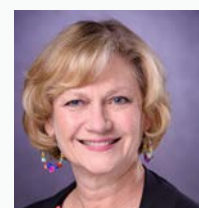
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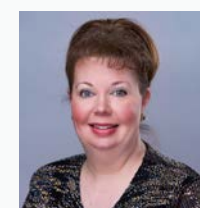
Darryl Grennell



Katie Hood



Dr. Bridget Pieschel



Donna Stewart





**HONORARY CHAIR  
FIRST LADY OF  
MISSISSIPPI  
ELEE REEVES  
HOSTS VOLUNTEER  
MISSISSIPPI  
COMMISSIONERS'  
RECEPTION AT THE  
GOVERNOR'S MANSION!**



**LOVED PARTNERING  
WITH FIRST LADY OF  
MISSISSIPPI ELEE REEVES,  
MISS MISSISSIPPI  
HOLLY BRAND, + KEEP  
MISSISSIPPI BEAUTIFUL  
TO CREATE THE FIRST  
STATEWIDE DAY OF  
SERVICE.**



# FIRST LADY ELEE REEVES

HONORARY CHAIR

Committed to giving back to her community and her fellow Mississippians, Elee volunteers her time to numerous charitable and civic organizations. Elee also gives back as a role model to future generations, mentoring girls and collegiate women. As a child, Elee joined Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi, where she sharpened her leadership skills. She has been a Girl Scout Troop Leader for 22 years and served on the Board of Directors for Girl Scouts of Mississippi. In her role as First Lady, Elee has enjoyed reading in schools, promoting the importance of literacy for students of all ages. After the historic flooding in our state in 2020, Elee partnered with Keep Mississippi Beautiful to highlight the need of participating in community clean-up efforts to restore Mississippi's natural beauty.

"As First Lady and Honorary Chair for Volunteer Mississippi, I look forward to partnering with the Board of Commissioners to increase volunteerism across our state. Mississippi is comprised of selfless individuals who are committed to bettering our communities and lending a helping hand to our neighbors in need. The work done by Volunteer Mississippi and the Board of Commissioners is truly invaluable to people across our great state; I thank them for their continued commitment to serving others."

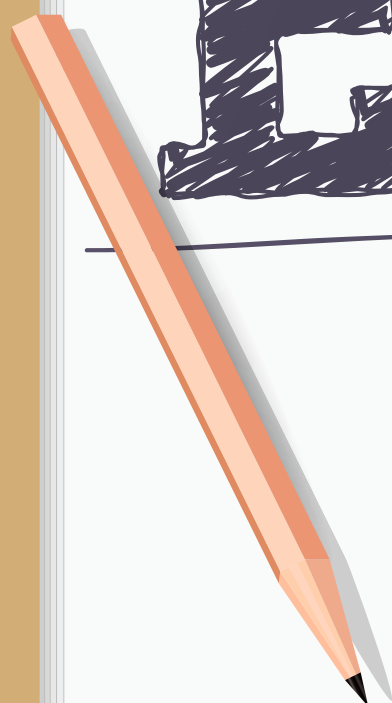
TO ENGAGE  
AND SUPPORT

ALL 

MISSISSIPPIANS  
IN SERVICE

TO THEIR  
COMMUNITIES

Why  
we  
Exist.





# GOAL ONE

# PROMOTE,

# INCREASE, AND

# RECOGNIZE

# VOLUNTEERS

**MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY RESPONSE & RECOVERY FUND**

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**HURRICANE VOLUNTEER RESPONSE**

**VOLUNTEERS, DO NOT SELF-DEPLOY**

**Get Connected and Be Ready**

For more information:  
 Email-volunteer@mgccf.org  
 Phone-228.265.7910  
 Volunteers can register at [www.gulfcoasthub.org](http://www.gulfcoasthub.org)

able to show vaccination card and supply their own PPE

**MLK 2022**

**DAY OF SERVICE HEALTH and WELLNESS Community FAIR**

Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This is a FREE community event for residents of Sharkey County and surrounding areas. This is a great opportunity to connect to healthcare resources available in the community and learn about how to live a healthier lifestyle. COVID-19 vaccinations will also be available to participants.

For more information contact:  
 Marva Johnson, Delta Volunteer Hub Director at 662-580-4495 or via email [mjohnson@cfwashco.org](mailto:mjohnson@cfwashco.org)  
 OR  
 Barbara Williams, Parent-Child Ministry Program Manager, Cary Christian Center at 662-873-4593 or via email [barbara@carychristiancenter.org](mailto:barbara@carychristiancenter.org)

**MONDAY JANUARY 17th**  
 10:30am to 1:30pm  
**LOCATION:**  
 CARY CHRISTIAN CENTER  
 154 COTTONWOOD STREET  
 CARY, MS 39054

**9/11 DAY OF SERVICE AUG 24TH - SEPT 10TH**

**FOOD DRIVE**

**911 LE**

**HELP US SUPPORT FOOD PANTRY AT HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
 PLEASE CONTACT DELTA VOLUNTEER HUB DIRECTOR, MARVA JOHNSON at 662.580.4495 or via email [MJOHNSON@CFWASHCO.ORG](mailto:MJOHNSON@CFWASHCO.ORG)











# YOU MATTER

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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



WE LOVE OUR  
VOLUNTEERS







## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 28, 2022

JACKSON, Miss. – 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:

Margaret Arnold, Columbus  
 Shyra Galloway, Wiggins  
 Michael Brownlee, Oxford  
 James Davis, Jackson  
 Lakenya B. Evans, Cleveland  
 Emily Fitzhugh, Biloxi  
 Stewart 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:

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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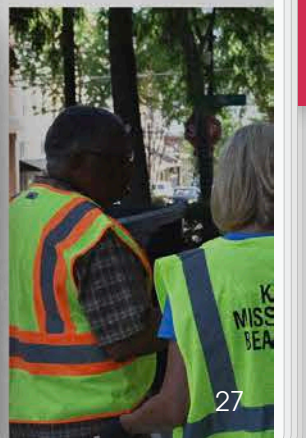














# GOAL TWO

## EXPAND AND DIVERSIFY

### AmeriCorps

## PROGRAMS AND

## INCREASE

## MEMBERS SERVING





## FY 2022 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

**6** AmeriCorps operating programs

**4** planning grants

**450** opportunities to serve

OVER **\$2.9**  
**MILLION**  
AmeriCorps federal funds





TUTORED OVER

4,600

STUDENTS

and  
prepared

OVER

400

pre-K students for school and

470

youth  
received

health education

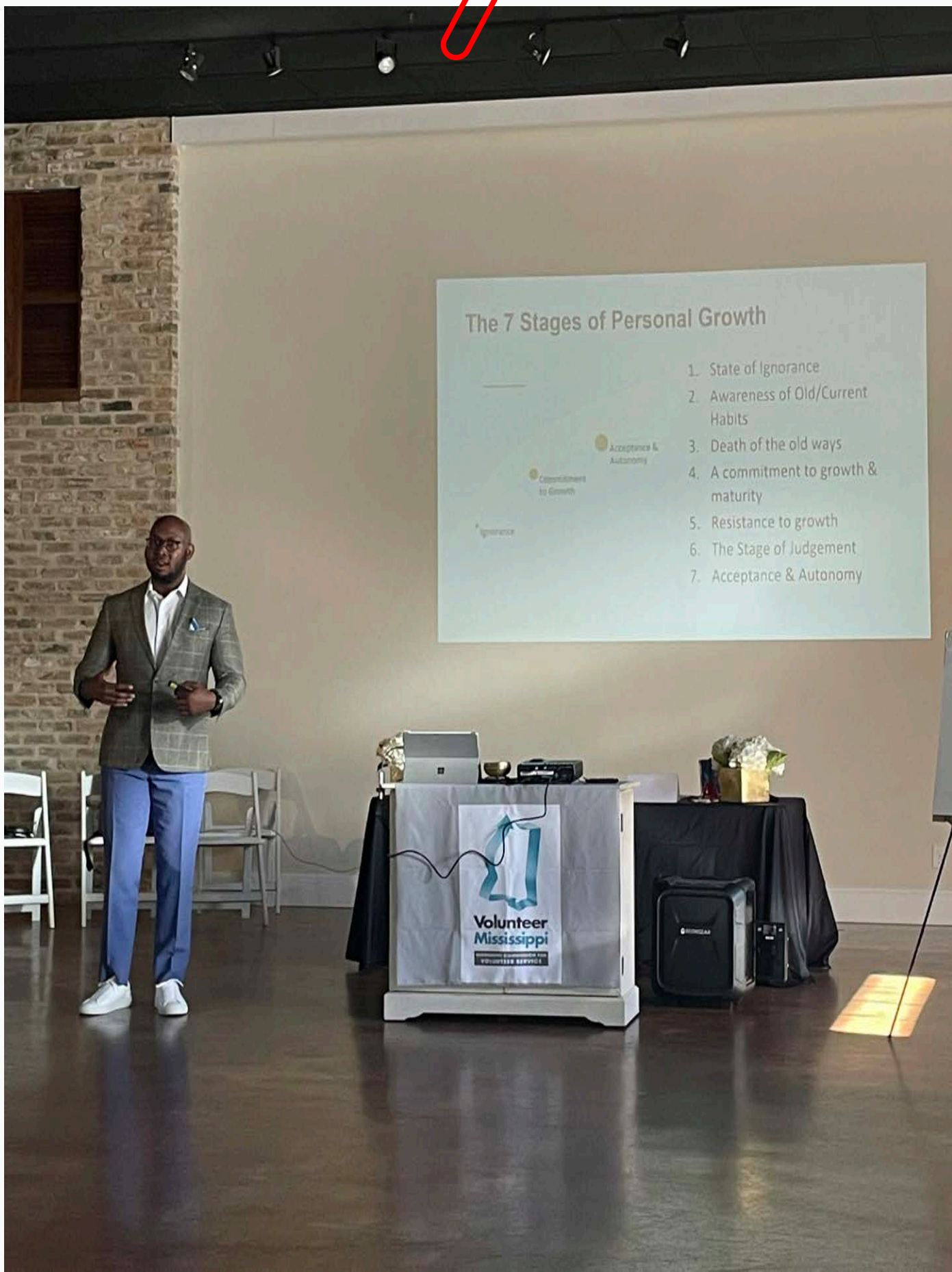




Treated  
OVER **150**  
acres of public  
**LAND**







Provided  
OVER

340

hours of  
training and  
technical  
assistance  
to over

440

INDIVIDUALS



GOAL 2  
COMMUNITY



# Prepared OVER 450 individuals to enter the WORKFORCE

**TRIAD**  
AMERICORPS

GOAL 2  
COMMUNITY



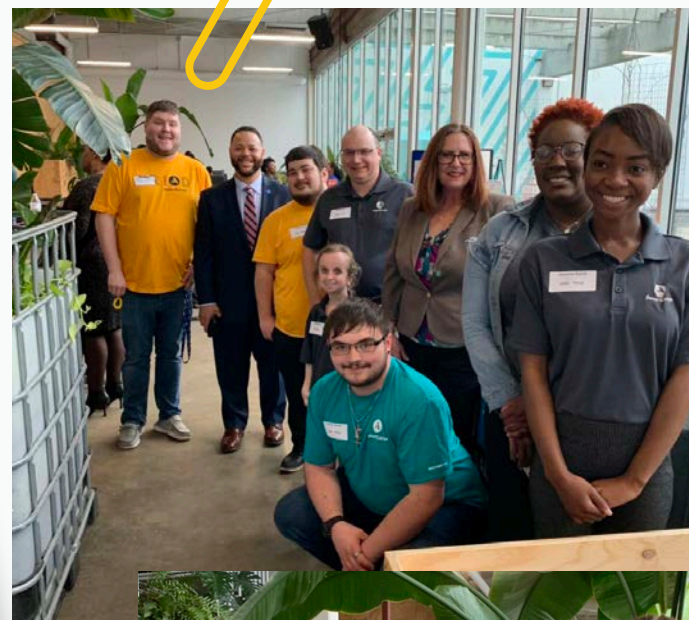
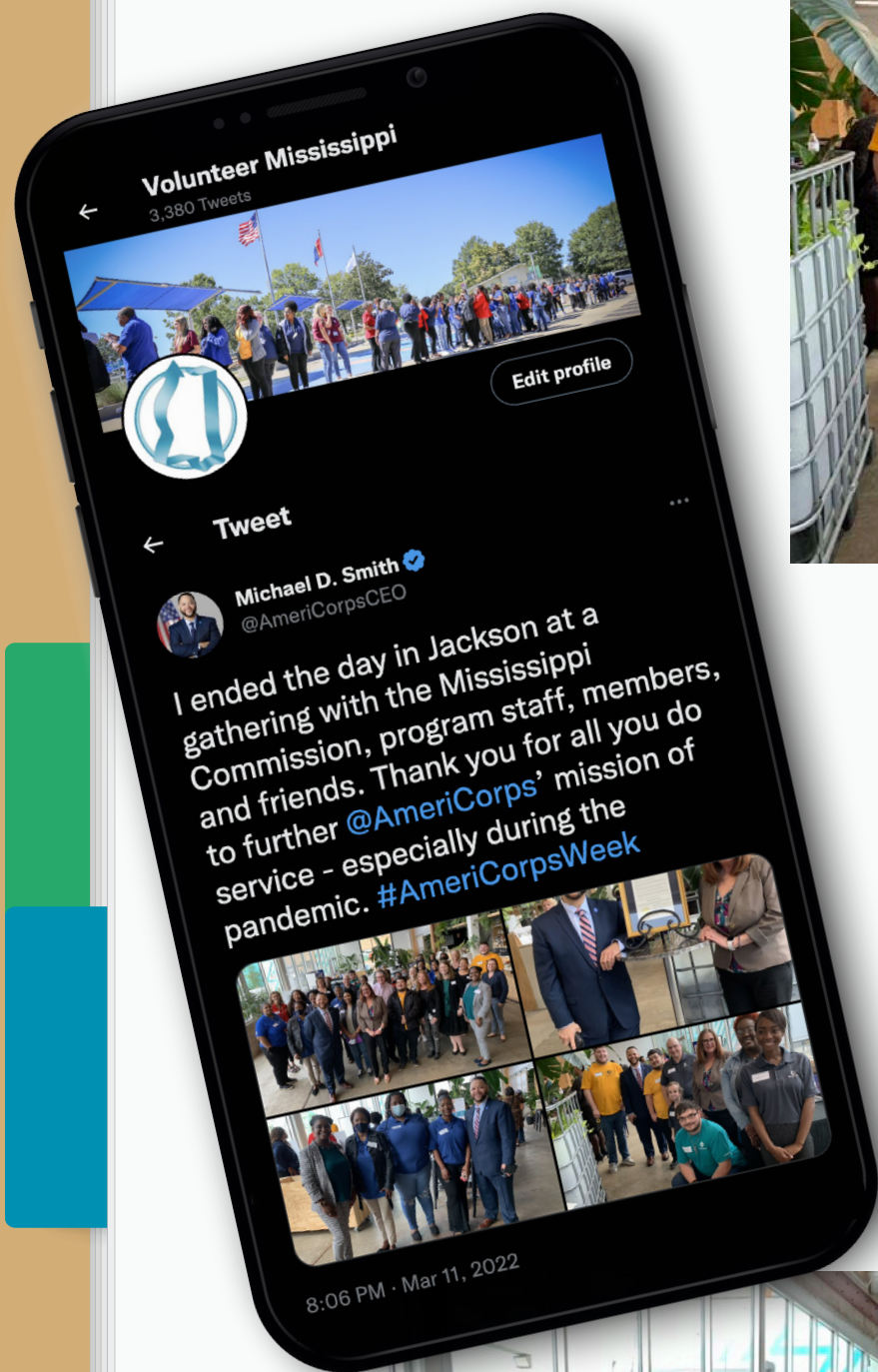


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NEWSROOM

## AmeriCorps CEO Tours National Service Projects in Mississippi and Louisiana

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Mar 14, 2022

*AmeriCorps CEO Michael Smith attends FEMA Corps graduation and New Orleans Book Festival; visits education and disaster relief programs*

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Michael D. Smith, AmeriCorps CEO, visited Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss. and New Orleans, this weekend to celebrate FEMA Corps Class 27A's graduation, see national service programs in action and hear from AmeriCorps members and alumni.

On Friday, March 11, Smith attended FEMA Corps Class 27A's graduation ceremony and reception at the AmeriCorps NCCC Southern Region campus in Vicksburg, Miss. During his visit, members shared how their FEMA Corps experience opened them to travel, personal growth, professional development and new career pathways. More than 70% of Class 27A graduates have accepted offers from FEMA, among other emergency management positions.

Next, Smith traveled to Jackson, Miss., to tour Genesis and Light, a local nonprofit receiving AmeriCorps funding that assists youth in developing positive self-esteem and moral values while encouraging academic excellence. Genesis and Light has served 2,000+ kids in the Jackson area since 1992 thanks to the support of more than 500 adults, including AmeriCorps members and local volunteers, who have made their mission possible.

Smith concluded his day with a meet-and-greet hosted by Volunteer Mississippi where AmeriCorps members, commissioners and stakeholders shared their challenges amid the COVID-19 pandemic, discussed ways to combat learning loss and how AmeriCorps can continue to support the local community.







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MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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Active in Disaster

COOPERATION | COMMUNICATION | COORDINATION | COLLABORATION

# COMMUNITY WE RISE TO MEET OUR STATE'S CHALLENGES

At Volunteer Mississippi, we care about YOU and want to engage and support ALL Mississippians in service to their communities. Join us and help connect volunteers with opportunities all over Mississippi so YOU can make a real change in someone's life! #VolunteerMS

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