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VOLUNTEER MISSISSIPPI

FY 2023 Annual Report

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DR. SUZANNE BEAN

Chair, Board of Commissioners

What an incredible year! Our dedicated staff engaged and supported Mississippians of all ages and backgrounds in service to their communities, and it makes my soul swell with pride. It swells for the strides Mississippi has taken in service to others, and it grows even more with the thought that we have so much more to do. Since 1994, MCVS has worked to encourage a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility to America and our great state. We don't plan to stop any time soon. We are incredibly lucky to be charged with these responsibilities. It should be said, though, that these responsibilities are neither used to advance our own purposes nor to make a name for ourselves. There is but one use of great responsibility, and it is to serve people. The issues in our state are large, indeed, but our hearts are larger. Our challenges are great, but our will is greater. Our hearts and our will together forged a bold path through last year, and I look forward to continuing that legacy throughout the coming years.

But more than that, I am thankful to have served with this incredible organization that truly supports the well-being of all Mississippians. It has been a distinct pleasure to lead an active and dedicated group of commissioners while working with the service-oriented staff of MCVS. As I pass the reins of chairmanship to another, I do so with confidence that MCVS is strong and ready for growth. May we all look forward to watching the seeds of goodwill grow into the fruits of service.

Sincerely,
Dr. Suzanne Bean

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Volunteer Mississippi's Board of Commissioners is comprised of up to 25 individuals appointed by the governor. The commissioners guide the agency and are true volunteers who make a powerful impact on the most critical issues facing Mississippi.



Dr. Suzanne Bean
Columbus



Becky Cade,
1st Vice Chair
Madison



Aubrey Leigh Goodwin,
2nd Vice Chair,
Madison



Meredith Aldridge
Jackson



Victoria Blankenship
Madison



Owen O. Brown, II
Starkville



Susan Garrard
Jackson



Chief Cyrus Ben
Choctaw



Ashley Cannady
Jackson



Lisa Grantham
Ridgeland



Beth Fisher
Canton



Dr. Rolando Herts
Cleveland



Rochelle Hicks
Jackson



Jennifer
Hopping
Jackson



Merracle
Jordan
Southaven



Katherine Krehbiel,
Ex Officio
Austin, TX



Chip Morgan
Leland



Dr. Josie "Jo"
Shumake
Columbus



Mayor Jimmie
Smith
Meridian



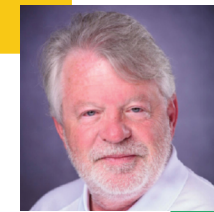
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Moss Point



William "Quint"
Withers, V
Jackson



Phillip Gandy,
Outgoing
Decatur



Perry Green,
Outgoing
West Point



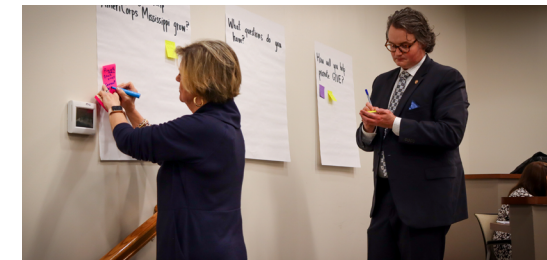
Corie Jones,
Outgoing
Madison



Powell "Gee"
Ogletree,
Outgoing
Ridgeland



Mark Prine,
Outgoing
Hattiesburg





First Lady **ELEE REEVES** *Honorary Chair*

Committed to giving back to her community and her fellow Mississippians, First Lady Elee Reeves 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 over 25 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. Over the last four years, Elee has developed a wonderful partnership with Keep Mississippi Beautiful on a number of projects to help ensure our state is as beautiful and welcoming as her people.



Elee Reeves addresses AmeriCorps members.



Elee Reeves presents a GIVE Award.

“As First Lady and Honorary Chair for Volunteer Mississippi, I’m proud to have the opportunity to continue partnering with this tremendous organization, its Board of Commissioners, and their volunteers to promote the importance of volunteerism. I greatly appreciate all the work done by Volunteer Mississippi on behalf of our great state. Mississippi is filled with truly incredible people who are committed to building up their communities.”

- Elee Reeves

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

At Volunteer Mississippi,
we seek to promote,
increase, and recognize
volunteers.

MCVS ANNOUNCES NEW WEBSITE

Volunteer Mississippi, the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service, recently implemented new features to support Mississippi organizations and projects needing volunteers or support.

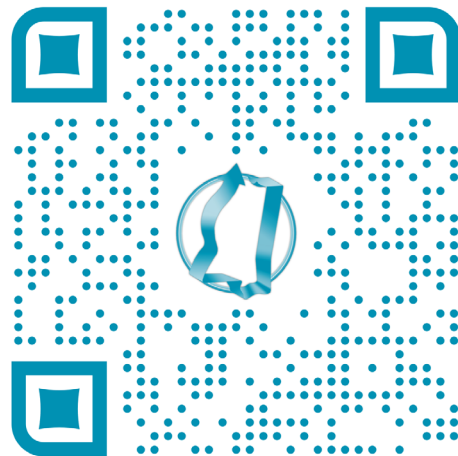
To help connect volunteers with opportunities, the agency recently relaunched its website to better help volunteers and organizations fill their needs.

One of the new website features is a free-to-use volunteer calendar. Any organization seeking volunteers for its events, whether recurring or a special event, can fill out a simple form describing its need for volunteers. Those seeking an opportunity to volunteer can view the calendar to find an upcoming service opportunity.

Corie Jones, deputy director, public relations at Volunteer Mississippi, designed the website, and she is thrilled with its success.

“Our goal was to simplify the process of finding volunteers,” said Jones, “and we were able to accomplish that. From disaster relief to food distribution and everything in between, Volunteer Mississippi is truly connecting volunteers with opportunities.”

Volunteer Mississippi’s website features information about events hosted by the agency, AmeriCorps grants, other funding opportunities, and a new “About Us” page that clearly articulates the mission and vision of Volunteer Mississippi. Scan the QR Code to visit our redesigned site.



connect volunteers with opportunities

volunteer now | submit volunteer opportunities | recognize a volunteer



 **VolunteerMississippi**
volunteermississippi.org

WEBSITE RESPONSE

by the numbers

Over
75,000
total website page views.

Over
10,000
volunteer platform views.
Compared to 330 in previous year.

Over
5,500
volunteer opportunities featured.
Compared to 325 in previous year.

MCVG Staff SERVES

Volunteer Mississippi's staff makes service a priority. We make sure to take time to serve Mississippi, just as she serves us. This year, we visited Camp Kamassa, a handicap-accessible camp that provides a place for ALL campers. At Camp Kamassa, we helped continue construction for the camp. We are honored to serve our community, and Camp Kamassa was a great opportunity to get our hands dirty while helping one of the organizations that makes Mississippi incredible.



MCVG Commissioner Honored with PRESIDENTIAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On Feb. 10, 2023, AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism, and Volunteer Mississippi, the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service, awarded the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award (PVSA) to William "Quint" Withers, V for contributing thousands of hours of volunteer service.

Withers, a commissioner and former board chair for Volunteer Mississippi, has served the Jackson Metropolitan Area and his country for the last two decades through community service and engagement. Collectively, Withers has attained over 4,000 hours serving with the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service, Youth United Way, Mississippi Book Festival, Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, Mississippi Hearts against AIDS, Millsaps College Alumni Association, Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Youth Leadership Development Program, and AmeriCorps NCCC, to name a few.



AmeriCorps State and National Director Sonali Nijhawan presents Withers with PVSA.

Holding many leadership positions throughout his lifetime, Withers is an example in leading others by serving. He shepherds volunteers, actively listening to those serving alongside himself and translating their needs and ideas into action. All of Withers' service is notable, and Volunteer Mississippi is thankful to have Withers as a part of its board.

"Quint has a servant's heart with a special affinity for National Service," said Adrian Austin and Suzanne Scales-Rutherford, interim co-executive directors for Volunteer Mississippi. "A true advocate for community engagement, he has the humanitarian spirit needed for this work. Quint has provided his considerable expertise, compassion and generous spirit to our organization and others time and time again."

Withers' volunteerism around the community and state has impacted lives, and his legacy of service will make a difference in Mississippi for years to come. For Withers, service is a lifestyle, and he is inspired by seeing others work together in volunteerism.

"From my years of serving, I hold in great respect Mississippians of all ages for their remarkable gift in giving back in service to improve lives and strengthen communities," Withers said. "Your service challenges me daily to continue giving of myself to others. Being of service to others is what brings us true joy and happiness."

Led by AmeriCorps and managed in partnership with Points of Light, the President's Volunteer Service Award allows organizations to recognize their most exceptional volunteers based on service over a 12-month period or a lifetime. The President's Volunteer Service Award program began in 2003 and honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires others to act. Award tiers include Bronze (100-174 hours), Silver (175-249 hours), Gold (250+ hours) and Lifetime Achievement (4,000+ hours).



GULFPORT ROADSHOW

Mississippi, AmeriCorps Mississippi, and volunteer management. Tobi Johnson, MA, CVA, an expert in volunteer management and training, facilitated discussion on effectively engaging volunteers in diverse settings. Participants were encouraged in their mission and challenged to continue innovatively serving their communities.

Our first roadshow gave organizations an opportunity to connect with our agency while networking with colleagues in the nonprofit and service sector. Our roadshows continue in fiscal year 2024 with stops around the state. We are excited to see our efforts continue impacting Mississippi organizations.



Inaugural

MINI-GRANT RECIPIENTS

Volunteer Mississippi periodically offers mini-grants to support Mississippi nonprofits and organizations making a difference in their communities. These mini-grants are available to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofits in the state of Mississippi. Funds are available to offset costs involved with projects or events engaging Mississippians of all ages and backgrounds in service to their communities.



BIG HOUSE BOOKS
PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO READ

Big House Books

Big House Books sends books to incarcerated Mississippians. During the grant period, BHB hosted weekly book packing parties where volunteers packaged 674 packages containing 2,022 books. Grant money funded postage for packages of books.



One by One
MINISTRIES

One by One Ministries

One by One Ministries partners mentor moms with pregnant and new moms who are seeking Christian community. One by One recruited volunteer mentors and participants with its mini-grant.



THE
REFILL JACKSON
INITIATIVE

The Refill Jackson Initiative

The Refill Jackson Initiative (RJI) empowers Jackson young adults seeking an improved quality of life with tailored support and job training. Volunteers built Mel's Corner, a park funded by our mini-grant memorializing Mel Groves, an RJI alumnus.



Rise Disaster Relief & Recovery, Inc.

Rise bridges the gap between federal disaster relief and the ongoing needs of impacted communities. Grant money supported volunteer efforts after the March tornadoes in Rolling Fork and Amory.



Rosie's Garden

Rosie's Garden allows volunteers to cultivate, grow, harvest, and deliver produce to those in need. During the grant period, volunteers planted new gardens, hosted workshops, harvested, and more.



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

DISASTER SERVICES

At Volunteer Mississippi,
we work with the
Mississippi Emergency
Management Agency to
aid in disaster response.



All Volunteer Mississippi disaster services and communications align with the responsibilities outlined in MEMA's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

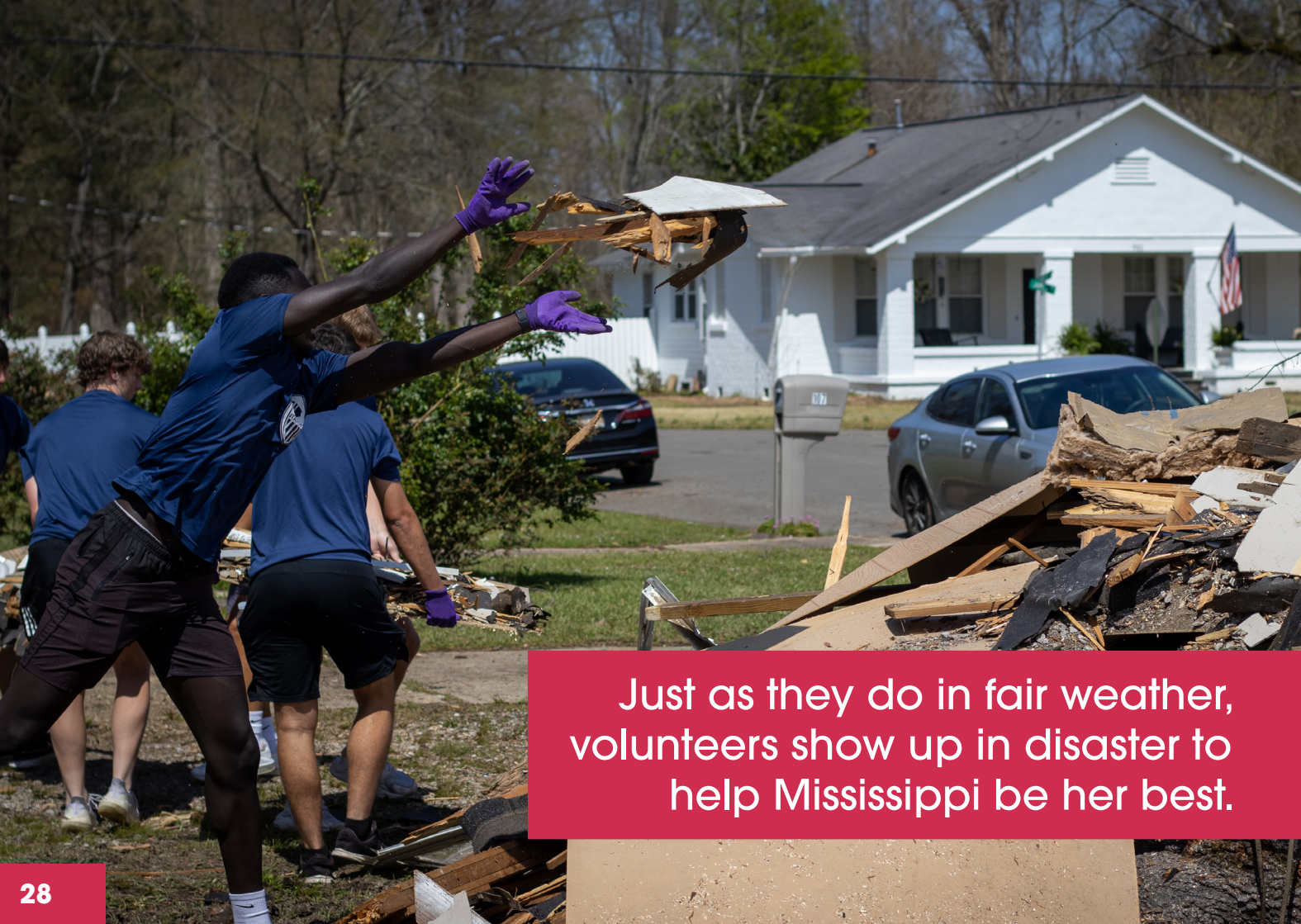
MARCH DISASTERS

On March 24, 2023, at approximately 8:04 p.m., the city of Rolling Fork was hit by an EF-4 tornado. The tornado, which first touched down in Issaquena County as an EF-1 categorized twister, strengthened rapidly and remained on the ground for nearly an hour, moving through Rolling Fork, Midnight, and Silver City, leaving disaster in the wake of its sixty-mile track. According to the National Weather Service in Jackson, over 70% of Rolling Fork and over 95% of Silver City faced damage from the tornado.

Just after 10:30 p.m. that night, the same storm supercell that produced the Rolling Fork tornado produced another that devastated Monroe County. This EF-3 tornado traveled nearly 40 miles and left significant damage, especially to the communities of Egypt, New Wren, and Amory. While these are the two most significant tornadoes born from the March 24 severe storms, multiple other cities faced large amounts of destruction, whether from tornadoes or straight-line winds.

As soon as search-and-rescue efforts were over, Mississippi volunteers arrived in areas affected by the storms to provide aid. Volunteer Mississippi led the charge in receiving and managing





Just as they do in fair weather,
volunteers show up in disaster to
help Mississippi be her best.

these volunteers to provide a unified, swift response alongside our partner disaster agencies: the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, Cajun Navy Ground Force and Mississippi Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

Volunteers supported relief efforts through many avenues, from donating water and supplies to helping with rebuilding efforts. At the Volunteer Reception Center, our staff was moved by the dedication these volunteers had to helping, and we were honored to help them find their place to serve.

Mississippi's March disasters drew national attention, and volunteers came from every corner of the United States to lend a hand in rebuilding Mississippi. National news agencies including The New York Times, The Washington Post, and Fox News, covered the tornadoes and response efforts, with Volunteer Mississippi being featured as the liaison for volunteers.

After the catastrophic events in March, Mississippi communities banded together as they do in times of need. Volunteer Mississippi was proud to be a part of the efforts to respond to needs in the aftermath. Mississippi proves its strength time and time again but especially in disaster response.

We are grateful for Mississippi's giving spirit that provides life-saving help in times of disaster.



AMERICORPS MISSISSIPPI

At Volunteer Mississippi,
we seek to expand and
diversify our AmeriCorps
Mississippi programs.

AmeriCorps provides Americans of all backgrounds opportunities to serve their country, address the nation's most pressing challenges, and improve lives and communities.



AMERICORPS MISSISSIPPI PROGRAMS



The Mississippi Delta NATURE & LEARNING CENTER

Caring for the earth and the people who live here

MS Delta Nature & Learning Center

MS Delta Nature & Learning Center ensures children in the MS Delta have access to high-quality outdoor educational opportunities to learn, exercise, and grow socially, emotionally, and physically. MS Delta Nature & Learning Center was a planning grant in fiscal year 2023.



Shepherd's Centers of America

Shepherd's Centers of America connects older adults to empowering programs, which improve their health and quality of life in more ways than you might imagine. Shepherd's Center was a planning grant in fiscal year 2023.



Girl Scouts Heart of the South

Girl Scouts Heart of the South members lead girls in engaging, challenging, and fun activities like earning badges, selling cookies, exploring science, getting outdoors, and doing community service projects - all part of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.



Grenada School District

Grenada School District's AmeriCorps program assists students in kindergarten through eighth grade in increasing reading and math skills. Members conduct tutoring to keep students on course with their grade level while inspiring students to want to learn.



Jumpstart

Jumpstart works toward seeing every child in America enter kindergarten prepared to succeed. Members deliver a curriculum designed to foster academic achievement and confidence in young children with a targeted focus on language and literacy skills.



Laurel Plays

Laurel Plays is a comprehensive development program where members serve in many areas, including environmental stewardship, neighborhood revitalization, public safety, community outreach, health services, and children and youth services.



TRIAD

TRIAD focuses on providing support for economically disadvantaged youth with disabilities through health education. Members visit local high schools and middle schools to train youth with disabilities on exercise and nutritional goals using the HealthMatters curriculum.



Reading & Math Corps

Reading & Math Corps believes that every student deserves an opportunity to succeed through proficiency in reading and math. Members serve as tutors who support readers in kindergarten through third grade and math students in fourth-eighth grade.

DAYS OF SERVICE

AmeriCorps promotes service 365 days of the year, but on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance, AmeriCorps hosts National Days of Service. These days place a special emphasis on national service, inviting AmeriCorps members and volunteers alike to honor the day through serving. From food drives to writing letters to armed forces members, National Days of Service are an opportunity to remember national leaders and events while making a difference in communities.

On 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance, Americans across the country are called to volunteer in tribute to the individuals lost and injured in the attacks, first responders, and the many who have risen in service to defend freedom. 9/11 Day of Service offers the opportunity to cross divides, differences, and ideologies to serve with neighbors and strangers alike to build important bridges in communities around the nation.

This year, AmeriCorps Mississippi programs honored 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance through showing gratitude for local first responders and service members. AmeriCorps members wrote letters of thankfulness for their sacrificial service and hand delivered them to first responders around their communities. Members were able to show their gratitude firsthand and hear from first responders about their experiences.





MLK Day of Service honors Dr. King's legacy by working toward a more just and equitable society where everyone is valued and respected, regardless of their race, ability, religion, or background. Participating in service projects helps bridge divides, heal wounds, and create lasting change that will benefit our communities for years to come. During the last quarter-century, the MLK Day of Service has grown, and its impact increased as more Americans

embraced the idea that citizenship involves taking an active role in improving communities.

This MLK Day of Service, AmeriCorps Mississippi programs promoted health efforts, community engagement projects, civic involvement, and civil education. Programs served in multiple projects including assisting with a Unity Run and Walk for Health, serving at an MLK breakfast and parade, and serving with "Committee for the King" which provides resources about the civil rights movement and Dr. King.

We invite you to join us in the upcoming year as we serve Mississippi communities on National Days of Service.



Investing in **AMERICORPS** **MISSISSIPPI**

We host events regularly for our AmeriCorps programs, members, and directors. These events serve to encourage, celebrate, educate, and consult with our AmeriCorps programs. Member Orientation, Celebration of Service, and Program Director Training are highlights of working with AmeriCorps programs.



Member Orientation

Held once in the fall, Member Orientation helps us kick off the program year and a new semester. AmeriCorps Mississippi members are invited to attend to help acclimate to AmeriCorps, get tips on how to get the most out of service, and learn about how to take care of what matters during their term of service.

AmeriCorps members grab lunch at Member Orientation.



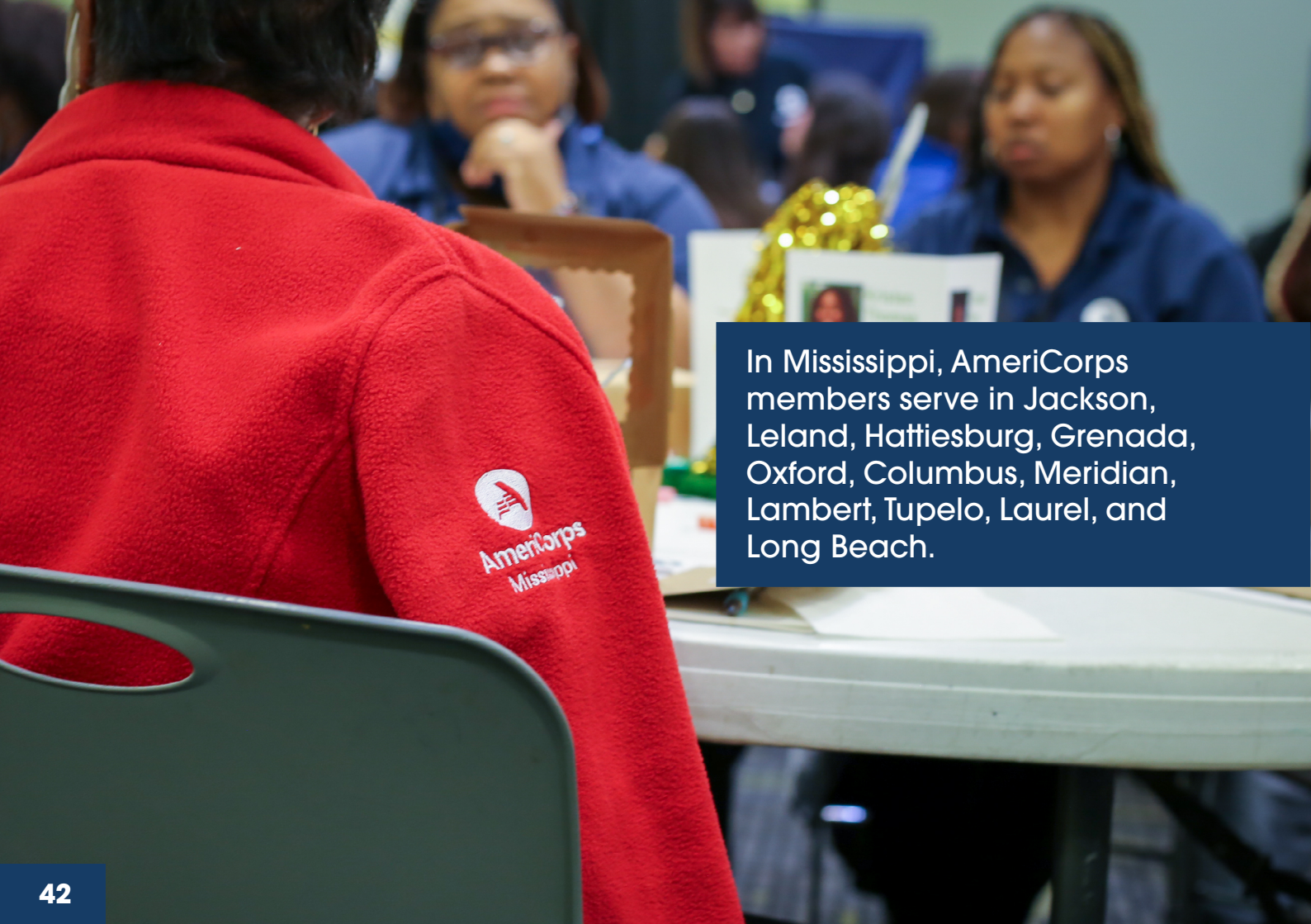
Program Director Training

Held once in the fall and once in the spring, Program Director Training invites program staff from AmeriCorps Mississippi programs to hear from consultants from around the country. This allows program staff to learn more about the nuts & bolts of AmeriCorps, set expectations for their upcoming year, network with other AmeriCorps programs, and much more.



Celebration of Service

Held in the spring, Celebration of Service is an opportunity to celebrate the incredible program staff, members, and service during the previous program year. Programs are invited to share successes and celebrate the work that AmeriCorps programs accomplished throughout the state of Mississippi. Celebration of Service finishes off the program year with joy.



In Mississippi, AmeriCorps members serve in Jackson, Leland, Hattiesburg, Grenada, Oxford, Columbus, Meridian, Lambert, Tupelo, Laurel, and Long Beach.

AMERICORPS MISSISSIPPI

by the numbers

6

Operating programs

2

Planning grants

Over

650

Opportunities to serve

Over

4,700

students tutored

Over

260 acres

of public land treated

Over

\$3.1m

AmeriCorps federal fund

Over

1,000

youth received health education

Over

260

pre-K students prepared for school

Over

440

individuals prepared to enter the workforce

GIVE AWARDS

At Volunteer Mississippi, we seek to celebrate the service of Mississippians devoted to improving their community.

MCVG Presents: **GIVE AWARDS**

Each year, Volunteer Mississippi makes a point to celebrate the outstanding service of Mississippians through the Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence Awards (GIVE Awards). In April, which is Volunteer Appreciation Month, governmental officials, MCVS Commissioners, community leaders, and more gather to learn about volunteer work happening in Mississippi.

Recipients are chosen by a panel of judges based on nominations. Anyone can be nominated for a GIVE Award, and anyone can nominate for a GIVE Award. Nominations open in January of each year. The 2023 GIVE Awards received a record 130 nominations, and we are aiming even higher in 2024.

Award categories include First Lady's Youth Volunteer Rising Star, The Marsha Meeks Kelly Award for Lifetime Achievement in Volunteer Service, Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer Family of the Year, Corporate Volunteering Champion, Service-Learning Champion, Innovation in Volunteerism, Excellence in Disaster Volunteerism, National Service "Make a Difference," and Veteran "Hero in Service."



GIVE attendees participate in a meet and greet for GIVE winners.

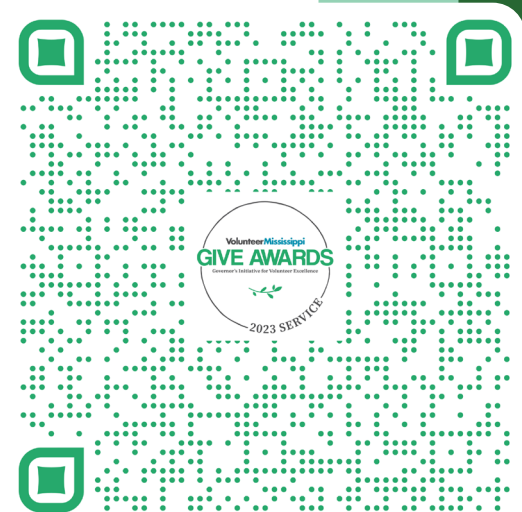


Hosted April 18, 2023 at the Old Capitol Inn in Jackson, the GIVE Awards featured Mississippi's official Music and Culture Ambassador Steve Azar as emcee and musical guest. First Lady Elee Reeves was also in attendance, presenting awards to recipients.

Attendees enjoyed a meal while hearing from Azar and MCVS staff about volunteerism and the service of recipients who volunteer in areas spanning from education to food insecurity to animal rescue.

Honorable mentions for Volunteer of the Year include Ashton Hotard, Deborah Clay, Monica Bradshaw, and Aisha Erma Lenora Saffold. Cole Smith was named an honorable mention for the Marsha Meeks Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award. Other honorable mentions include: the Lloyd W. Massey family for Volunteer Family of the Year, Stronger Together Oxford for Innovation in Volunteerism, and New Horizon International Church Ministries for Excellence in Disaster Volunteerism.

To learn more about our GIVE Award recipients and their service, continue reading and scan the QR code to the right to watch videos detailing each recipient's volunteer efforts.



GIVE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Rosie Lee Harris

Marsha Meeks Kelly Award for Lifetime Achievement in Volunteer Service

Having served Lowndes County for over 100 years, Rosie Lee Harris is a pillar in her community. Mrs. Harris has devoted her time to many places, from the American Cancer Society to her church to leading 4H.



Krisi Boren

Volunteer of the Year

Monroe native Krisi Boren was recognized for her organization Full Tummy Project which provides food over weekends and school breaks for children. Full Tummy Project has served over 40,000 meals to Amory and surrounding communities.



Isabelle Karns

First Lady's Youth Volunteer Rising Star Award

A native of Ellisville, Isabelle Karns began her own organization, Choose Rescue, which exists to advocate for shelter pets and adoption from animal shelters. She has raised over \$15,000 for animal shelters across Mississippi.





The Maybell Family

Volunteer Family of the Year

Pastor Michael and Arlelia Maybell selflessly serve Hollandale, serving as mentors for children, providing gifts for the elderly, and even building a half-mile Christmas light display to bring joy to their community.



The Caulder Family

Volunteer Family of the Year with Children

Haley, Jeremy, Tynslee and McKinley Caulder serve Ripley and surrounding areas in many ways, from coordinating toy drives for local families to hosting free movie nights in the park to filling blessing boxes around town.



We Will Go Ministries

Innovation in Volunteerism

Founded in Jackson in 2003, We Will Go Ministries focuses its efforts on education, essential food, and engagement. We Will Go continually expands its areas of service to better meet the city of Jackson's needs.



Horne, LLP

Corporate Volunteer Champion

Volunteerism is at the heart of Horne's corporate culture, encouraging service amongst employees, providing time off for good works, and giving equally of time, talents, and resources.



Ken Wetzel

Excellence in Disaster Response

A Biloxi native and survivor of Hurricane Katrina, Ken Wetzel began New Life Disaster Relief to support victims of disasters by providing relief through rebuilding, repairing, organizing donation drives, serving meals, and more.



Amber Willis-Hayes

National Service "Make a Difference" Award

Amber Willis-Hayes is a two-time National Service member devoted to making a difference in Lauderdale County, truly living out the AmeriCorps member pledge. She represents AmeriCorps and national service remarkably well.



Mannsdale Upper Elementary School Leadership Academy

Service-Learning Champion

Madison County School District's Mannsdale Upper Elementary School Leadership Academy teaches students that service takes many forms. The group completes many projects throughout the year, both small and large.



Fifth Squad

Veteran "Hero in Service" Award

Based in Brandon, Fifth Squad works to do more than duty demands to help veterans "get off the street and back on their feet." Fifth Squad has aided more than 500 service veterans and raised over \$200,000 for veterans.

WHO WILL YOU NOMINATE?

GIVE Award nominations open January 1, 2024. Visit volunteermississippi.org/give for more information.



Volunteer Mississippi would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who helped make GIVE Awards a success.



COMING SOON



At Volunteer Mississippi,
we are excited about the
future of volunteerism in
our state.



Introducing
**SUZANNE
RUTHERFORD**
New Executive Director

Volunteer Mississippi welcomed Suzanne Scales Rutherford as Executive Director on September 1, 2023. As we continue into fiscal year 2024, we are excited about her vision for the direction of Volunteer

Mississippi as we continue to serve this beautiful state. To hear from Suzanne, read the letter from her below. In the upcoming fiscal year, we are excited about her vision for the agency.

"I am delighted to share with you the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service (MCVS) Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023. Our incredible organization is committed to serving communities throughout our great state. We are so proud that AmeriCorps programs and volunteer efforts alike continue their work with grit and determination. What they are able to achieve in such a short period of time and with little resources is simply astounding. The MCVS Staff, Board of Commissioners, and Honorary Chair, First Lady Elee Reeves proved their worth time and time again in how they developed solutions for some of our greatest

challenges. I am exceedingly grateful for their counsel and their commitment to making Mississippi stronger, wiser, and healthier.

The Commission has consistently lent its time, talents, and resources to the state and nation for almost thirty years. In the next thirty years and beyond, we will continue to stand together, learn from the voices of our betters, and persevere in our efforts to get things done. Our successes and challenges this year were truly opportunities to gain perspective and fuel our desire to make the lives of Mississippians better. Thank you for joining us on this journey to do just that. What a time to be alive!"

In service, I remain yours sincerely,

Suzanne Rutherford



Thank you to our **PARTNERS IN SERVICE**



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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