



TEAM AMERICORPS SERVING UTAH

FACT SHEET

Members of AmeriCorps, the federal national service program, will provide assistance with human services in the Salt Lake area during the upcoming Winter Olympic Games. From January 15 through March 1, up to 250 members will serve at homeless shelters and food programs, providing shelter, meals, and basic health care services to those in need.

The effort grew out of discussions between elected officials and human services agencies in Salt Lake City and the Corporation for National and Community Service in the summer of 2001. The project is designed to meet the increase in local demand for social services that may arise as a result of the influx in visitors during the Games and to provide a stable volunteer force for service agencies. Members will perform a variety of services at area agencies, including:

- ★ The Road Home Homeless Shelter: Providing support to regular shelter staff
- ★ Catholic Community Services: Preparing and serving a noon meal to the homeless population
- ★ Utah Food Bank: Coordinating the receipt, packaging, and distribution of extra food from the Olympic Games. The Utah Food Bank estimates that it will receive and distribute 500,000 to 700,000 pounds of food from the Games, over and above normal food donations.
- ★ Salvation Army: Preparing and serving evening meal to homeless population
- ★ Fourth Street Clinic: Medical case management support for low-income patients, including transportation

- ★ Volunteers of America: Homeless outreach and detoxification services
- ★ YWCA of Salt Lake City: Assist with transportation, information and referral, and security and accessibility to the Y's facilities.
- ★ Salt Lake Community Action Program: Unload excess food, stock shelves, pack items into family food boxes, and distribute the food directly to low income individuals and families who come to the neighborhood centers.
- ★ Salt Lake County Youth Services: Intake, monitoring, and supervision of youth held by County Youth Services.

The members serving in this special project come from existing AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps*VISTA projects in Utah, as well as teams from four of the five AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps campuses (Sacramento, Denver, Charleston, Washington, D.C.).

AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Since 1994, more than 200,000 AmeriCorps members have served their country, meeting community needs in education, public safety, disaster relief, housing efforts, and a host of other areas. In return for a year of service, AmeriCorps members receive a living allowance and a \$4,725 education award, which can be used to pay off student loans or to cover future education costs.

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