

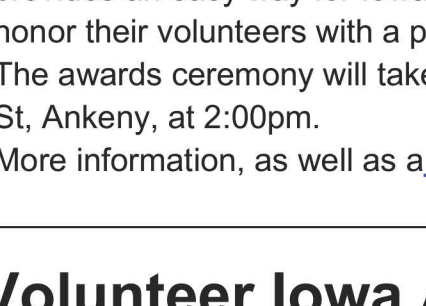
Volunteer Iowa | Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service

Volunteer Iowa's Response in Greenfield

Volunteer Iowa staff have been on the ground supporting the community of Greenfield, IA after the deadly EF-4 tornado hit on Tuesday, May 21. As part of our partnership with Homeland Security and Emergency Management and Iowa HHS, we have been tasked with the coordination of spontaneous volunteers, supporting food and donated goods distribution, and helping those affected get connected to help with debris removal and sorting, assist with removing large trees, and a variety of other activities.

Since the Volunteer Reception Center was established on May 24, we have organized nearly 1300 volunteers who showed up to get to work helping those impacted the most. During this phase, we will continue to support the community with the spontaneous volunteer management support. The Volunteer Reception Center is located at 801 NE 6th Street, Greenfield, located in the Cardinal Glass parking lot. All volunteers are required to check in. Large groups should call 515-561-3744 at least a day prior to arriving.

For regular updates on our efforts, please follow the [Volunteer Iowa Facebook page](#)



Governor's Volunteer Awards Ceremony

The 2024 Governor's Volunteer Awards will be announced during a special recognition ceremony. The ceremony will feature remarks from Governor Kim Reynolds and Lt. Governor Adam Gregg.

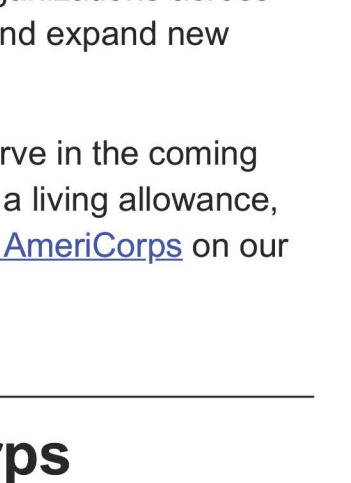
More than 600 awards are being presented during this year's ceremony. It is estimated that more than 150 communities in Iowa were served by this year's honorees.

Coordinated by Volunteer Iowa, the Governor's Volunteer Award program—now in its 40th year — provides an easy way for Iowa nonprofits, charitable organizations, and government entities to honor their volunteers with a prestigious, state-level award.

The awards ceremony will take place on Tuesday, June 25 at Ankeny High School, 1155 SW Cherry St, Ankeny, at 2:00pm.

More information, as well as a [complete list of award recipients](#), is available at [volunteeriowa.org](#).

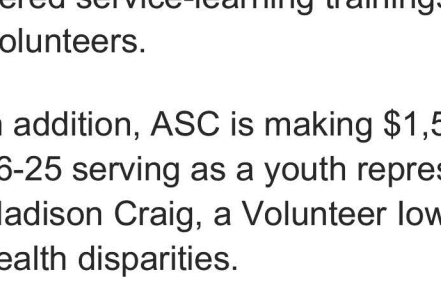
Volunteer Iowa Awards \$8.9 Million for State AmeriCorps Programs



Volunteer Iowa has awarded \$8.9 million in grant funding and an additional \$2.4 million in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards for Iowa AmeriCorps State programs and members. These grants will support 19 programs engaging more than 750 AmeriCorps members in Iowa who will serve with nonprofit, community and faith-based organizations across the state. Five additional grantees will conduct planning activities to develop and expand new AmeriCorps programming across the state.

Programs across the state are currently recruiting AmeriCorps members to serve in the coming year. Iowa AmeriCorps members may be eligible to receive benefits including a living allowance, health care, childcare, and the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award. Visit [Join AmeriCorps](#) on our website to search and apply for AmeriCorps positions in Iowa.

For the complete list of awardees, [view the announcement](#) on our website.

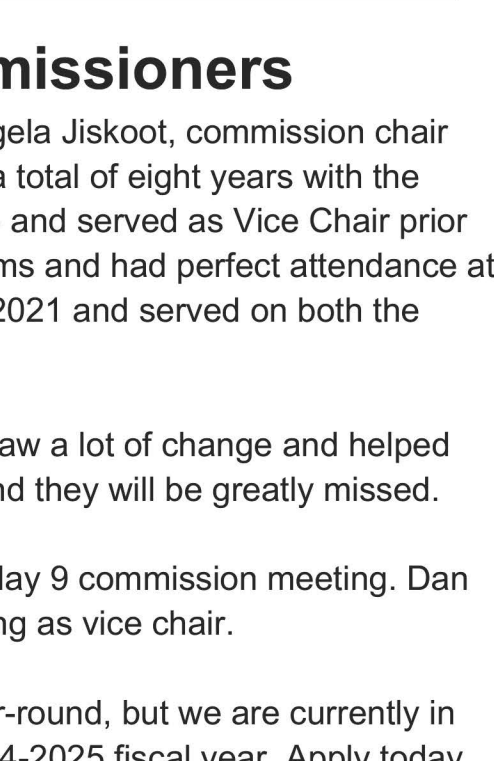


Youth Mental Health Corps

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Youth Mental Health Corps in our state! With this innovative and youth-led solution, our state will be able to address the barriers many young people face when accessing mental health care while at the same time creating pathways to careers in the behavioral health workforce. This new program was created by Pinterest and the Schultz Family Foundation in partnership with AmeriCorps, to create on-ramps to behavioral health careers for young people across the country.

We encourage you to learn more about this new initiative and how our state is showing up for young people at [www.YouthMentalHealthCorps.org](#). Questions? Contact us at [americorps@volunteeriowa.org](#).

Youth Service-Learning Funding Received



Volunteer Iowa has received funding from The Allstate Foundation and America's Service Commissions (ASC) to expand youth-led service initiatives. Iowa was one of 10 state service commissions selected to receive The Allstate Foundation Empowering Youth Service Grant. Through this opportunity, youth-serving organizations may apply for \$2,500 in funding to

support service-learning development. Interested applicants may apply via [Microsoft Forms](#) by June 14th. Volunteer Iowa was also one of 8 state service commissions to receive Charles Stewart Mott Foundation's Deepening Youth Service Grant. This grant will support the development of tiered service-learning trainings, resources to support youth service, and recognition for youth volunteers.

In addition, ASC is making \$1,500 mini-grants available to Youth Commissioners, individuals ages 16-25 serving as a youth representative on a governor designated state service commission. Madison Craig, a Volunteer Iowa commissioner, is leading a project increasing awareness of rural health disparities.

The full announcement can be found on [ASC's website](#).

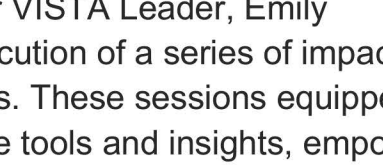
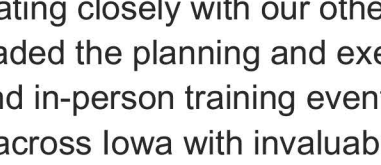
Honoring our Outgoing Commissioners

June marks the end of terms for some long-time commissioners. Angela Jiskoot, commission chair for the past two years, was first appointed in July 2016. She served a total of eight years with the commission. She also chaired the Volunteer Engagement committee and served as Vice Chair prior to taking over as chair in 2022. Barb Westercamp served two full terms and had perfect attendance at commission meetings. Bobbretta Brewton joined the commission in 2021 and served on both the Programs and Volunteer Engagement committees.

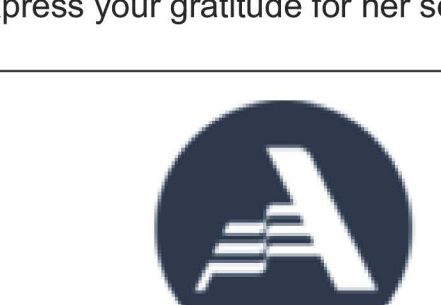
During their terms on the commission, Angela, Barb and Bobbretta saw a lot of change and helped navigate new territory. They each played a crucial role in our work and they will be greatly missed.

Leadership for the 2024-25 commission term was confirmed at the May 9 commission meeting. Dan Cataldi will take over as commission chair, with Ashley Denton serving as vice chair.

Interested in joining our commission? Applications are accepted year-round, but we are currently in the process of reviewing applications to fill slots beginning in the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Apply today at [Iowa Talent Bank](#) or contact [info@volunteeriowa.org](#).



Volunteer Iowa Executive Director Adam Lounsbury with outgoing commission chair Angela Jiskoot, Barb Westercamp and Bobbretta Brewton.



Volunteer Iowa Staff Update

Volunteer Iowa is sending another staff member on to an exciting role in the National Service world. Michael Rojas, our Disaster Program Officer, accepted a position with the Disaster Services Unit of AmeriCorps, our federal partner. Michael joined Volunteer Iowa in December 2020 after serving as an AmeriCorps member with the Habitat for Humanity Mobile Response Team. In that role, Michael assisted in recovery efforts in Marshalltown and southwest Iowa.

Since joining Volunteer Iowa, Michael was deployed to lead AmeriCorps Disaster Response Teams (A-DRTs) in Nevada, New Jersey, Florida, Missouri and Hawaii. He also played a critical role in the response and recovery following the Winterset tornado in March 2022. His last day with Volunteer Iowa was May 17. While we will miss Michael's hearty laugh, quick wit and willingness to jump in and help in any way he can, we wish him the best in his new venture.

Thank You to Departing VISTA Leader



As Emily Michaelis concludes her tenure as a VISTA Leader with Volunteer Iowa, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for her dedication and outstanding service throughout the past year. Collaborating closely with our other VISTA Leader, Emily spearheaded the planning and execution of a series of impactful virtual and in-person training events. These sessions equipped VISTAs across Iowa with invaluable tools and insights, empowering them to drive positive change within their respective communities. Additionally, Emily's commitment extended beyond group activities as she provided one-on-one mentorship, offering

guidance and support to VISTAs navigating the complexities of service within Volunteer Iowa's programs. As Emily prepares to transition from her VISTA Leader role in mid-June, she will embark on the next chapter of her journey as a graduate student at Des Moines University. If you have the opportunity to cross paths with Emily before the conclusion of her service, please take a moment to express your gratitude for her service to Iowa!

Join us! Volunteer Iowa is searching for our next VISTA Leader!

We are looking for a VISTA Leader to support VISTAs across the Iowa state have a successful term of service. The VISTA Leader, known as a Member Experience Coordinator, will arrange training for VISTA members, support them with their activities throughout the

year, and assist with recruiting new members to the program. The VISTA Leader earns a living allowance, an end of service benefit in the form of an education award or cash stipend, health benefits, and much more! To be eligible to serve as a VISTA Leader you must be 18 years old, have previously served as a VISTA member, a full-time AmeriCorps member, or a returned Peace Corps volunteer. For more information, visit the [online job description](#). Please share this opportunity with your networks, thank you!

2024 Iowa Nonprofit Summit

We invite you to join your nonprofit colleagues for a jam-packed day of learning, community building, recharging, and celebrating the work Iowa nonprofits are doing across the state. On this day, 300 nonprofit leaders, staff, funders, and fans will come together to build community, recharge, and celebrate the important work Iowa nonprofits are doing across the state.

The 2024 Iowa Nonprofit Summit will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at the Kirkwood Center, 7725 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

This flagship event is the statewide conference by and for community nonprofits—the only one of its kind in Iowa. Featuring some of the most innovative voices in the nonprofit sector, the Iowa Nonprofit Summit provides an exceptional experience for attendees and our sponsorship partners.

Hosted at The Kirkwood Center in Cedar Rapids, the Iowa Nonprofit Summit will include:

- Inspiring keynote
- Networking opportunities
- Breakout sessions with timely topics, skill-building, and action-oriented workshops
- 30+ resource vendors and prizes
- Wellness activities and resources
- Healthy food and snacks

[Registration information will be available this summer](#). INA members will receive discounts and incentives.

Interested in supporting the summit and sector?

- [Be an exhibitor](#) - secure your spot by July 1; last year the exhibit spaces sold out
- [Lead a Workshop](#) - proposals due June 14
- [Be a Sponsor](#) - support the summit and sector

If your company, business, or organization is interested in supporting Iowa's nonprofit sector and the Iowa Nonprofit Summit in another way, please contact Bethany at [bethany.snyder@iowanonprofitalliance.org](#). We will find a way to work together.

Volunteerism in the News

- [How to apply for a job in the American Climate Corps](#)
- [New Funding from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation Will Expand Youth Service Infrastructure in Eight States](#)
- [Northwest Iowa RSVP Spotlights K-12 Success](#)
- [Storm Lake health coalition chosen one of state's Volunteer Hall of Famers](#)
- [How to design a volunteering program in your workplace](#)
- [Eleven States Launch New Initiative to Address America's Youth Mental Health Crisis](#)
- [New Funding from The Allstate Foundation Will Expand Youth-Led Service in Multiple States](#)
- [Benton County Volunteer Center in Need of Volunteers](#)
- [Salvation Army, Americorps help clean up, provide meals after tornado hits Greenfield](#)
- [Clean up from the deadly Greenfield tornado continues](#)

Current Volunteer Iowa Opportunities

- Volunteer with us! Find volunteer opportunities with Volunteer Iowa here: [Volunteer Iowa | Volunteer Iowa \(galaxydigital.com\)](#)

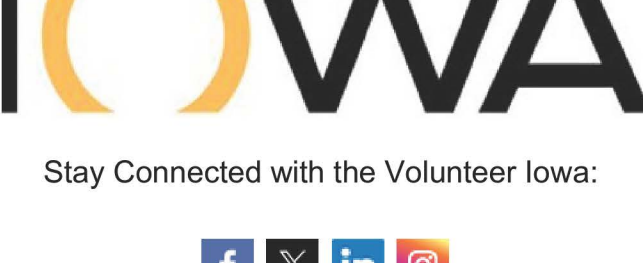
Other Iowa AmeriCorps programs supported by Volunteer Iowa are also recruiting now. Find a listing of Iowa AmeriCorps programs at [Join AmeriCorps | Volunteer Iowa](#).

Important Dates

- June 14: [Flag Day](#)
- June 16: Father's Day
- June 19: [Juneteenth](#)
- June 25: Governor's Volunteer Awards Ceremony
- July: [Anti-Boredom Month](#)
- July: [National Picnic Month](#)
- July 4: Independence Day (Volunteer Iowa office closed)

Looking for a way to give back? Visit [Get Connected](#) today to find volunteer opportunities.

Organizations can [post volunteer opportunities](#) on Get Connected as well at no cost.



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