



# VO<sup>UNTEER</sup> LOUISIANA

## 2022

## ANNUAL REPORT



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**BILLY NUNGESSER,  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The Volunteer Louisiana Commission continues to be a strong asset in our state. Every day I hear about the impact that volunteers and AmeriCorps members have in communities across Louisiana. We've faced many challenges these last few years, but AmeriCorps members and volunteers build resiliency and keep us Louisiana Strong. I am proud of the great work and dedication of the Volunteer Louisiana staff, AmeriCorps members, and our thousands of volunteers.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The year 2022 marked a return to some normalcy in Louisiana. Social distancing and other COVID-19 restrictions came to an end, and we experienced a welcome respite from the string of major hurricanes over the last few years. The year was not without challenges; many communities were rocked by tornadoes, winter storms, and other extreme weather events. But once again, Louisianans banded together to help their neighbors in need. The year 2022 also marked a return to normalcy for volunteerism and national service. Volunteers returned to in-person service, and AmeriCorps members returned to classrooms, food banks, community gardens, parks, and construction sites to help strengthen our communities. We look forward to continuing that momentum in the year ahead.



**JUDD JEANSONNE,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



**LEE JETER, CHAIR  
VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA  
COMMISSION**

## COMMISSION CHAIR MESSAGE

2022 can be classified as a resilient year. We began to move forward from the previous year's issues, confront new challenges and new opportunities. Throughout our past year, there has been consistency in the service performed throughout our great State. That consistency has and will continue to be our foundation. The staff, volunteers, and supporters have contributed to the success of Volunteer Louisiana. We have been able to move forward because of the foundation that has been built by our predecessors and maintained by our current team. The changing climate has created new opportunities for our organization to grow and succeed and we have embraced those opportunities. Grace Hopper states, "A ship in port is safe, but that's not what ships are built for." Our foundation has been built to weather any adversity and we are thankful for the continued support and service that we have received from each of you. "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit." - Aristotle

# OVERVIEW

## VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA

Volunteer Louisiana, the state service commission in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, was established in 1993 under the National and Community Service Trust Act.

Volunteer Louisiana's mission is to help meet the needs of Louisiana's citizens through volunteerism and national service by focusing on three main strategies identified in the **2022-2025 State Service Plan**:

- **Goal One:** Promote national service in Louisiana and develop a high-quality, diverse portfolio of AmeriCorps subgrantees
- **Goal Two:** Maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of volunteers in times of disaster
- **Goal Three:** Build a culture of service and volunteerism in Louisiana

Volunteer Louisiana is supported by grants from the federal agency, AmeriCorps, as well as State funding and in-kind contributions.

### Source of Funding

#### Federal Funds:

AmeriCorps State Operating Grants	\$5,663,756
Segal Educational Awards:	\$2,794,522
Commission Support Grant	\$400,735
Commission Investment Fund	\$168,609
Volunteer Generation Fund	\$227,283

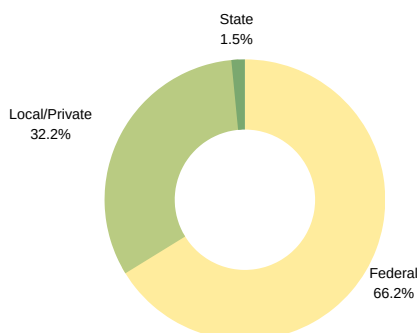
**Total Federal Funds** \$9,254,905

#### Local and Private Funds:

AmeriCorps State Program Match	\$3,982,589
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#### State Funds:

State General Funds	\$107,726
State Inter-Agency Transfer	\$206,618
<b>Total State Funds</b>	<b>\$314,344</b>



### Other National Service in Louisiana

#### Federal Funds:

AmeriCorps National Grants/NCCC	\$1,229,035
AmeriCorps VISTA	\$1,136,316
Senior Corps	\$4,550,009
Segal Education Awards	\$1,323,613

**Total Federal Funds** \$8,238,973

#### Local and Private Funds:

AmeriCorps National, VISTA, Senior Corps Program Match	\$7,449,347
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**State Funds:** \$0



# OVERVIEW

## LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

Volunteer Louisiana is proud of the bipartisan support for volunteerism and national service at every level of government in Louisiana. In an era so often defined by political conflict, service is something that brings Americans together to strengthen our communities and shows that what unites us is much stronger than what divides us.

Louisiana is at the forefront of providing critical leadership to the field of national service.

**Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser** has been a champion for national service, volunteerism, and CERT statewide and nationally through the National Lieutenant Governor's Association.

**Senator Bill Cassidy** serves as the Senate co-chair for the National Service Caucus and is a strong advocate for expanding the AmeriCorps footprint in Louisiana and throughout the country.

**Representative Garret Graves** and **Senator John Kennedy** are members of the National Service Caucus.

**Executive Director Judd Jeanson** serves as the Board Chair for America's Service Commissions (ASC), the national organization that leads and elevates the state service commission network. Judd served previously as ASC Vice-Chair and Chair of the Public Policy Committee.





# OVERVIEW

## LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

In 2022, **AmeriCorps CEO Michael Smith** made multiple visits to Louisiana to engage with AmeriCorps members, program staff, and national service stakeholders. In March, Michael Smith joined Volunteer Louisiana Executive Director Judd Jeanson and Director of Volunteer Services Lori Pilley in New Orleans to kick off **AmeriCorps Week**. They met with **Rebuilding Together New Orleans**, **NCCC** members engaged in Hurricane Ida disaster recovery, and **City Year New Orleans** AmeriCorps members leading reading and crafts tables at the **New Orleans Book Fest**.



In September, **Michael Smith** was back in the Big Easy to lead a higher education roundtable hosted by **Tulane University** and a **swearing-in ceremony** for the AmeriCorps members beginning their fall service term. Michael welcomed new members and presented the **Presidential Volunteer Service Award** to our **2022 Champion of Service, Craig Blackburn!**





# OVERVIEW NATIONAL SERVICE

The footprint of national service extends beyond our AmeriCorps State Programs. Since 1994, more than **18,000** Louisiana residents have served approximately **23 million hours** through AmeriCorps.

From January 29, 2021, to January 28, 2022, **4,455** AmeriCorps members and volunteers served **604** service locations across Louisiana.

## AmeriCorps Programs:

- **139 AmeriCorps National** members completed **15** projects at **42** service locations
  - **435 AmeriCorps NCCC** members completed **51** projects at **51** service locations
  - **154 AmeriCorps VISTA** members completed **23** projects at **44** service locations
  - **675 AmeriCorps State** members completed **19** projects at **158** service locations
- Totaling **1,403** participants, **108** completed projects, and **295** service sites

## AmeriCorps Senior Programs:

- **603 Foster Grandparents** completed **9** projects at **167** service locations
  - **2,218 RSVP volunteers** completed **7** projects at **134** service locations
  - **231 Senior Companion Programs** participants completed **4** projects at **8** service locations
- Totaling **3,052** participants, **20** completed projects, and **309** service sites





# AMERICORPS STATE

## VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA STATE SERVICE AND STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL ONE: Promote national service in Louisiana and develop a high-quality, diverse portfolio of AmeriCorps subgrantees.

For the **2021-2022 program year**, Volunteer Louisiana managed **16** AmeriCorps State programs across **47** parishes.

### AmeriCorps State members:

- Served **18,318** K-12 students throughout Louisiana
- Served **4,427** active duty military, veterans, and their families
- Recruited and managed **3,804** volunteers
- Improved **2,497** acres of Louisiana public lands
- Served **1,296** individuals affected by disasters
- Provided **14** individuals with job training or placement
- Transitioned **64** economically disadvantaged individuals into safe and affordable housing





# AMERICORPS STATE RECRUITMENT

In 2022, Volunteer Louisiana made it a priority to help AmeriCorps State Programs elevate their brand awareness, improve recruitment, and increase community engagement by developing a comprehensive, multi-phased recruitment strategy to assist in digital marketing and in-person recruitment.

During phase one, we implemented in the spring and summer of 2022, Volunteer Louisiana **created, published, and tracked a digital marketing campaign** through social media and provided all 16 programs with AmeriCorps-branded recruitment **kits**.



In the second phase, which began in the fall of 2022, Volunteer Louisiana is focusing on in-person recruitment events. To kick this off, Volunteer Louisiana partnered with **Louisiana 4-H** for their **4-H University**. Volunteer Louisiana hosted two AmeriCorps panels, engaging over **80 students** and providing a forum for students to hear from and network with **former and current AmeriCorps members**.





# AMERICORPS STATE PROGRAMS SPOTLIGHT



**American Youthworks - Louisiana Conservation Corps:** AmeriCorps members provide disaster relief, coastal restoration, and conservation of public land services across Louisiana.



**Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana:** AmeriCorps members provide programming and activities to improve academic engagement and social-emotional skills while addressing childhood obesity in youth through education-based, health-related activities and mentoring during the school year and summer months in four parishes: Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, and Vermilion.



**Boys & Girls Club of Greater Baton Rouge:** AmeriCorps members provide programming and activities to enable young people to reach their full potential as productive citizens through after school and summertime education-based and mentoring activities to at-risk children. Members are serving virtually in elementary and middle schools.



**Boys & Girls Clubs of North Louisiana:** AmeriCorps members improve educational and behavioral outcomes of students in low achieving elementary and middle schools. Members assist in preparation for success in post-secondary education institutions for economically disadvantaged students in the north central Louisiana area.



# AMERICORPS STATE PROGRAMS SPOTLIGHT



**City Year Baton Rouge:** AmeriCorps members provide one-on-one support to students in 10 Baton Rouge public schools. Members help students improve their attendance, lead school-wide events, provide after school programming, and lead individual and small group tutoring sessions for students in Math and English Language Arts.



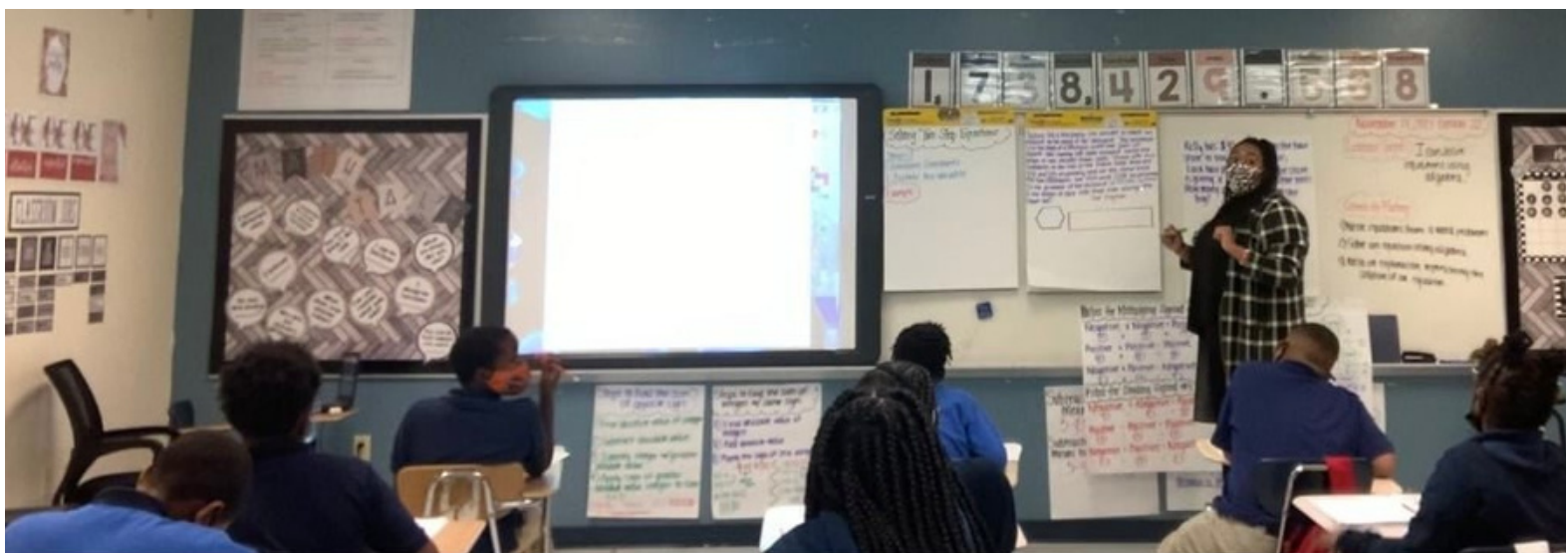
**City Year New Orleans:** AmeriCorps members provide in-class and after-school support to academically challenged students in New Orleans, giving them the extra resources they need to get back on track in school.



**Food Bank of Central Louisiana:** AmeriCorps members support the Food Bank's Mobile Pantry Program, providing food assistance and referral services to people in need in rural and underserved communities across Central Louisiana.



**Louisiana Vet Corps:** AmeriCorps members serve as peer mentors to veterans and military families in colleges and universities across Louisiana. Members connect veterans to the Louisiana Department of Veteran's Affairs veterans' assistance programs, training faculty, and LDVA staff and community members.





# AMERICORPS STATE PROGRAMS SPOTLIGHT



**Rebuilding Together New Orleans:** AmeriCorps members engage in 40 home repair projects in the New Orleans area, transitioning 60 homeowners to safer and healthier housing conditions, and processing 200 new client applications.



**Relay Graduate School of Education:** Members serve historically marginalized students in New Orleans, helping to increase academic performance for K-12 students.



**Serve Louisiana:** AmeriCorps members provide capacity building services in Southeast Louisiana to increase the effectiveness of their partner organizations that serve local children, families, and communities in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.



**ShreveCorps:** AmeriCorps members cultivate community gardens at schools and community centers in food desert neighborhoods in Shreveport. Members also participate in Naomi's Urban Farm, a hunger and poverty alleviation program.



# AMERICORPS STATE PROGRAMS SPOTLIGHT



**Synergy, Education & Environment West Monroe:** AmeriCorps members provide after-school homework assistance and enrichment activities to students in grades 1-3 during the school year and implement a summer youth program at the West Monroe Community Center.

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**Teach for America:** AmeriCorps members are full time teachers who promote academic growth for students, engage as volunteers leaders within their schools and communities, and engage parents and community members as volunteers.



**University of Lafayette AmeriCorps:** AmeriCorps members engage in environmental stewardship through native plant restoration, invasive species removal, and other green infrastructure projects that promote environmental sustainability.



**Up2Us Sports:** AmeriCorps members target the childhood obesity epidemic by serving as sports-based youth development coaches for approximately 1,190 children living in under-served New Orleans neighborhoods.





# AMERICORPS STATE NEW GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Volunteer Louisiana is proud to share the accomplishments of our newest AmeriCorps Program, the **Food Bank of Central Louisiana**.

The Food Bank of Central Louisiana joined our AmeriCorps portfolio in the 2021-2022 service year. The **new program's goal was to increase the impact of the Food Bank's Mobile Pantry Program**. AmeriCorps members provide food assistance and referral services to people in need in rural and underserved communities across Central Louisiana.

After one year of leveraging AmeriCorps members, the impact of their service is clear. In this service term, **12** members served **11** parishes, packed nearly **3.6 million pounds** of food for distribution, and served more than **40,000** households through **238** mobile pantry deliveries and **97** main warehouse distributions.

Thanks to the service of AmeriCorps members, the Food Bank added **five** new mobile pantry sites in rural, historically underserved, high-poverty communities. Residents in **Catahoula, Concordia, Winn, and Avoyelles Parish** who never had access to charitable food services are now able to access these resources in their communities.





# DISASTER SERVICES

## **VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA STATE SERVICE AND STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL TWO: Maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of volunteers in times of disaster.**

In 2022, Volunteer Louisiana:

- Supported and promoted emergency volunteer training and the development of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) statewide, including establishing two new teams in the capital city (East Baton Rouge CERT and the St. George Fire Department CERT)
- Increased participation from rural communities in CERT throughout Northeast Louisiana (the University of Louisiana at Monroe Campus CERT and West Monroe CERT)
- Piloted a partnership with the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf to teach deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind Louisianans lifesaving disaster preparedness skills
- Built and launched Louisiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (LAVOAD) new website, [www.lavoad.org](http://www.lavoad.org), to support non-profit volunteer groups across the state
- Represented the Office of the Lt. Governor at long-term recovery meetings in parishes and regions impacted by Hurricane Ida





# DISASTER SERVICES

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) is a program that educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT volunteers form local teams that can be activated to increase the capacity of first responders and emergency management officials.

In 2022, **535** volunteers completed **4,864** hours of basic Community Emergency Response Team training. These newly trained volunteers come from over **25** parishes across Louisiana. With the addition of these new volunteers, Volunteer Louisiana has now trained over **1,500** people statewide, resulting in **13,235** hours of volunteer training over the last four years.





# DISASTER SERVICES

In the 2021-2022 grant year, Volunteer Louisiana hosted a total of **22 days of training** including the following areas or groups: **Iberia Parish, Livingston Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, West Monroe, St. George Fire Department District, Louisiana Commission for the Deaf, the University of Louisiana at Monroe, Union Parish School System, Louisiana National Guard Child and Youth Program**, and a hybrid statewide shelter operations training in partnership with the **Louisiana Red Cross**.

During this year, Volunteer Louisiana grew its youth preparedness initiative through **Teen CERT trainings** and a partnership with the **Louisiana National Guard Child and Youth Program** (LANG - CYP).

Through this partnership with LANG - CYP, Volunteer Louisiana led **121 youth** in preparedness training. In addition, Volunteer Louisiana served as a sponsor of their summer camps.



Volunteer Louisiana formed a new partnership with the **Louisiana Commission for the Deaf** to serve the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind community, which is often underserved following disasters. In 2022, Volunteer Louisiana trained **40** members of this community in disaster preparedness. In 2023, our office will continue to expand this program, including through a training with **NOLA Ready** and the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf.





# DISASTER SERVICES

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVATION KITS

In the fall of 2022, **Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser** and **Volunteer Louisiana** were pleased to announce a **\$100,000** investment in Louisiana's **volunteer infrastructure** to address emergency preparedness, response, and recovery right here at home. These funds provided **Volunteer Activation Kits** for **14 volunteer organizations** across the state. The kits include equipment and supplies to support volunteer recruitment, volunteer support, and volunteer deployment throughout Louisiana in times of disaster.

The recipients of the Volunteer Activation Kits are:

- American Red Cross of Louisiana
- Angola Community CERT Team
- Ascension Parish CERT Team
- East Baton Rouge Parish CERT Team
- East Feliciana Parish CERT Team
- Iberia Parish CERT Team
- City of Denham Springs/Livingston Parish CERT Team
- NOLA Ready
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana
- St. George Fire District CERT Team
- Union Parish CERT Team
- The University of Louisiana at Monroe Campus CERT Team
- West Feliciana Parish CERT Team
- City of West Monroe CERT Team



# VOLUNTEERISM

## **VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA STATE SERVICE AND STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL THREE: Build a culture of service and volunteerism in Louisiana.**

In 2022, Volunteer Louisiana:

- Promoted and supported **VolunteerLouisiana.gov** as the statewide hub for connecting volunteers with volunteer organizations and opportunities.
- Promoted and supported Volunteer Louisiana-determined recognition and awards; Champions of Service and Louisiana Volunteer Service Award
- Promoted and supported national days of service such as MLK Day, National Volunteer Week, 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance, as well as other volunteer initiatives.





# VOLUNTEERISM

## The Champions of Service Awards

Annually, Volunteer Louisiana recognizes people, groups, or businesses that have made outstanding contributions to their community. One Champion of Service is selected from seven geographic regions throughout the state, along with an AmeriCorps champion and group champion.

After two years of virtual ceremonies, Volunteer Louisiana was happy to welcome our champions back to the capital area for a luncheon in May 2022. **Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser**, friends and family of the champions, and community organizations joined our office to recognize the champions and their service.



# VOLUNTEERISM

## *The 2022 Champions of Service Winners*



**Brianna Cooley – Northwest Champion:** Brianna dedicates her volunteer service to reducing teen suicide rates through her Kindness is Cool campaign. Two years ago, Brianna learned of military suicides taking place in her community of Barksdale Air Force Base. She began promoting kindness initiatives, which led to a network of community service opportunities and volunteer events throughout the area. She is dedicated to encouraging everyone to show kindness through small acts of giving and service.



**Craig Blackburn – Greater New Orleans Champion:** Craig volunteers with the Down Syndrome Association of New Orleans, GiGi's Playhouse, Louisiana Special Olympics, and many other organizations. Craig is a positive mentor for families in the Down syndrome and disability community. He engages with families that receive a Down syndrome diagnosis and shares his story own story and accomplishments to help them see how their child can lead a fulfilling and rewarding life. He lives by his motto and inspires others to do the same: Believe in your dreams, work hard, and anything is possible



**Bea Gyimah – Greater Capital Area Champion:** In 2017, Bea formed America My Oyster Association, a non-profit dedicated to promoting multicultural awareness and understanding the diversity of individuals, communities, and cultures throughout America. Her volunteer service through the East Baton Rouge Parish Library led to the creation of an interactive program called "Building a Better America Today." The program is designed for middle and high school students, college students, and lifelong learners who want to enrich their understanding of the fundamentals of diversity, cultural competency, and empathy.



# VOLUNTEERISM

## *The 2022 Champions of Service Winners*



**Kelli Stawecki – Southwest Champion:** Kelli volunteers and inspires others to help the homeless and food-insecure community in Lake Charles through Waters Edge Church. Kelli coordinates feedings, helps with documentation, supports those with medical needs, and lends support in life transitions. She has worked diligently to encourage others to see the homeless in a different light. Kelli has helped hundreds in her community through her service at the Waters Edge Food Pantry and her personal support for the homeless in Lake Charles.



**David J. Mancina - Southeast Champion:** David has been a volunteer with the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) St. Tammany since 1999. He serves on the Board of Directors as Treasurer of the organization. David has twin brothers living with schizophrenia, and he took it upon himself to care for them throughout their entire adult lives. David knows the difficulty of finding appropriate services and support during a time when there were fewer advancements in the mental health field. He has been integral in helping NAMI St. Tammany grow from a small volunteer operation to one with over 25 employees and a \$1.5 million budget.



**Shelia Revell – AmeriCorps Champion:** Sheila is a U.S. military veteran and a dedicated volunteer team leader for LaVetCorps in Shreveport working tirelessly to serve her community on her assigned college campus and in her larger community. Sheila helped establish and grow the Veteran Student Center at Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College, led fundraising and volunteer clean-up efforts following Hurricane Ida, and served as the liaison to south Louisiana college campuses to get supplies to those in need following the storm. She started working with the Vaccine Equity Project in April 2021 to inform others about the benefits of vaccination against COVID-19. Sheila felt compelled to remove barriers to healthcare access and promote understanding throughout her community after suffering the loss of many friends and family members.

# VOLUNTEERISM

## *The 2022 Champions of Service Winners*



**Prentiss Powell – Central Louisiana Champion:** Prentiss is a retired teacher with a passion for inspiring young minds. He is a year-round volunteer at the Centennial Cultural Center in Olla, Louisiana, where he plans and conducts STEM education camps for children ages 5 to 15. The annual camps, called Rocket Camps, are free for children to attend, and are focused on exposing young people to science and new technology in a fun and relaxed setting. Prentiss has volunteered his expertise at the Centennial Cultural Center for the last five years and uses his service to create a unique educational opportunity for children living in this rural community.



**GBR Food Bank Volunteer Leaders– Volunteer Group Champion:** The GBR Food Bank Volunteer Leaders is a vital volunteer support team helping manage over 10,500 food bank volunteers annually. The 18 Volunteer Leaders average over 1,000 hours a year each in the warehouse sorting and repacking food distributed throughout an 11-parish service area. This dedicated volunteer group not only works 4-hour shifts almost daily but also assists the staff who oversee food bank operations. They have served tirelessly during both the pandemic and Hurricane Ida and are an integral part of the success of the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. The individual volunteers who make up this dedicated group are Bus Culotta, Paul Foretich, Mannie Henderson, Donna Patterson, Dawn Escott, Terry Cormier, Daniel Martin, Julius Mullins, Bill Gros, Michelle Louis, Darryl Louis, Wendy Parish, Jenny Ferrell, Helene Tucker, Richard Tucker, Jerry Normand, John Langlois, and Charlotte Langlois.



**Aundi Brown & Ouachita Green Team of Volunteers – Northeast Champion:** Aundi Brown serves as Executive Director of Ouachita Green and leads a team of dedicated volunteers supporting beautification efforts throughout the community. In 2021, Aundi and the Ouachita Green Team of Volunteers engaged 2,636 volunteers, held 41 clean-up and beautification events, and picked up 106,830 pounds of litter from Ouachita Parish communities and roadways. Aundi and the Ouachita Green Team of Volunteers are dedicated to making their community the best it can be and inspiring others to serve.



# VOLUNTEERISM

The Louisiana Volunteer Service Award recognizes groups and individuals who serve with distinction and demonstrate excellence.

In 2022, Volunteer Louisiana distributed **823** Louisiana Volunteer Service Awards across the state.





# VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION

The Volunteer Louisiana Commission consists of leaders from across the state who share an interest in volunteering and national service. They are the funding and decision-making body for AmeriCorps and other national service and volunteer initiatives in Louisiana.



***Lee Arthur Jeter, Chair: Shreveport***  
Fuller Center for Housing NWLA  
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***Dr. Suzanne Harris: Gonzales***  
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Louisiana Appleseed  
Community Engagement  
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Cristo Rey Franciscan High School  
VP of Community Engagement  
AmeriCorps Alumnus



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Principal



***DeRon Talley: Monroe***  
Louisiana Small Business  
Development Center, Marketing  
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# VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION



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Youth Run NOLA  
Executive Director



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Lieutenant Governor





# VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION

In 2022, after two years of virtual meetings, the **Volunteer Louisiana Commission** resumed in-person quarterly commission meetings.



Our March meeting welcomed our **AmeriCorps Louisiana program staff** and heard proposals for the 2022-2023 service year.

Our May commission meeting was all about strategic planning! Commissioners mapped out the Volunteer Louisiana priorities for the next three years and **welcomed new commissioners** into the fold!



In September, commissioners **visited AmeriCorps members** serving throughout Louisiana. Commission members conducted site visits at the **Boys and Girls Club of North Louisiana, Food Bank of Central Louisiana, Rebuilding Together New Orleans, Louisiana Tech, Southern University, and Xavier University.**

# VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA



**Judd Jeansonne**  
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Disaster Services Specialist



**Jawonna Mason**  
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**Lori Pilley**  
Director of Volunteer Services



**Amanda Smith**  
Disaster Services Specialist



**Stephanie Trahan**  
Senior AmeriCorps Program  
Officer



# VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA

In 2022, Volunteer Louisiana resumed participation in days of service, community site visits, and in-person professional development and networking.



In February, Judd participated in and provided a public policy update at **America's Service Commission's** annual Leadership Convening.



In March, staff joined the **Louisiana National Guard, Child and Youth Program** for a service day. We helped pack bags for their Military Child Drive-In Camps.



In May, **Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser** and our disaster services team attended the **Louisiana Emergency Management Conference**.



In June, Heather and Judd hosted a table at the **Red Stick Ready Day**. They shared information on disaster preparedness and CERT.



# VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA

## MLK DAY OF SERVICE

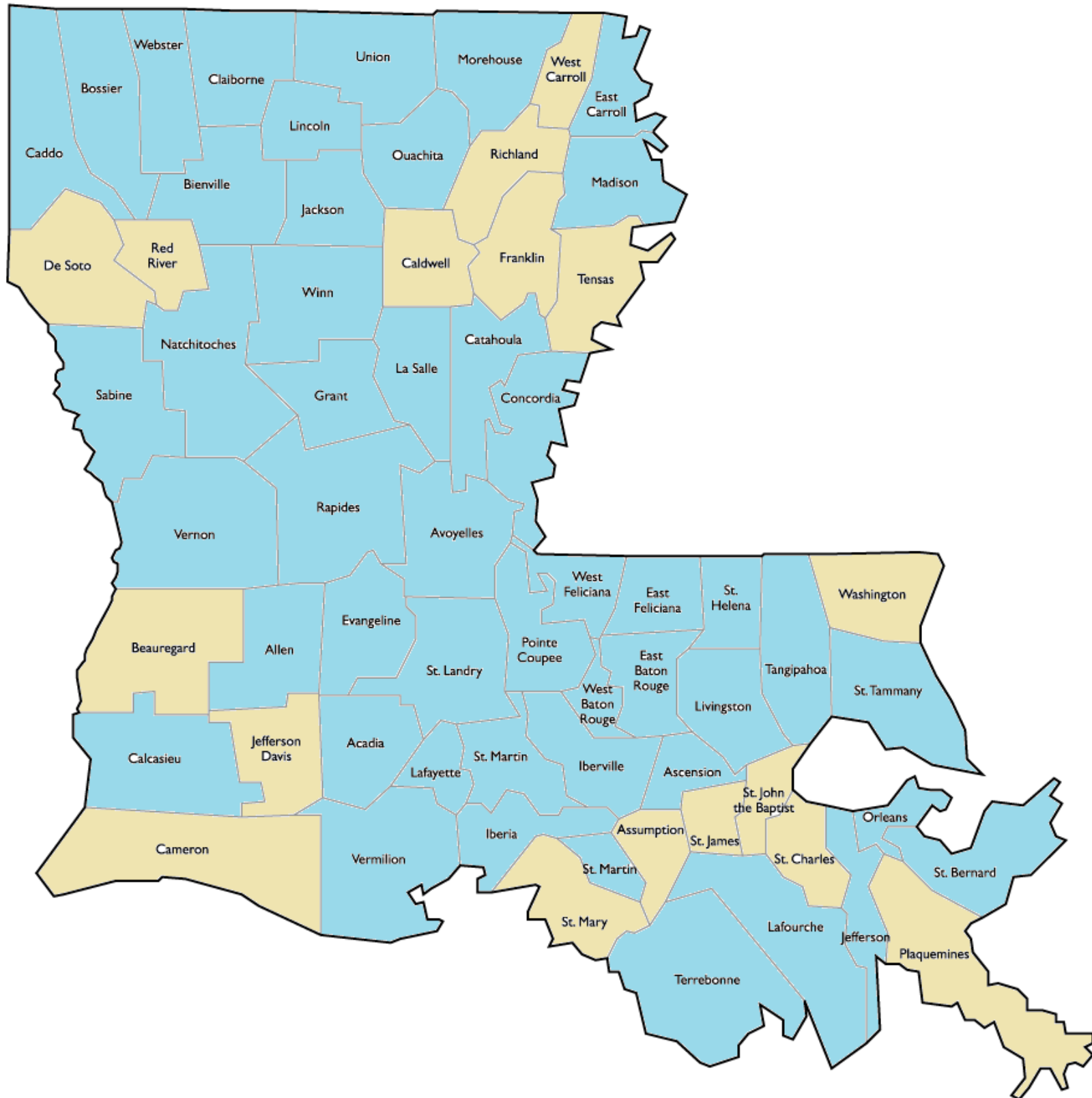
Every year, our **AmeriCorps State Programs** gather together and invite their communities to serve on MLK Day. In 2022, Volunteer Louisiana staff joined in on the day of service! Through site visits with **SBP** and **Catholic Charities of Houma-Thibodaux**, staff met AmeriCorps members and volunteers rebuilding homes following Hurricane Ida.





# VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA

The blue parishes represent where AmeriCorps State Programs served during the 2021-2022 service year.







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