

Hello, Team AmeriCorps!

CHP extends a big welcome to its newest AmeriCorps members, a group of 13 individuals working to meet critical needs and improve resident life at CHP properties across Virginia.

AmeriCorps is a network of local, state, and national service programs that enroll over 75,000 citizens per year in various organizations to meet the country's needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. With CHP's Project RISE!, AmeriCorps members work directly with residents to increase literacy, teach conflict resolution skills, and provide service-learning projects which address community needs and issues.

After successful completion of their term of service, AmeriCorps members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award that can be used to pay for college or graduate school at Title IV schools, or to repay qualified student loans. Full-time AmeriCorps members also receive a modest living allowance, health care benefits, and child care assistance.

Jasmin Cotman, CHP's AmeriCorps Director, says that the AmeriCorps program is important because, "it gives people an opportunity to make a big difference in their own life and in the lives of those around them. It's a chance for them to apply their skills and ideals toward helping others and truly making CHP's communities better places to live."

Above, top right: At a recent workshop, new AmeriCorps members Katie Bennet, Dan Emmanuel, Christine Foust, Sandra Timmons, Genivie Habib, and Teresa Green show their good nature during a training activity.



Above: AmeriCorps member Suzanne Burns (purple shirt) and Resident Services Coordinator Korey Willis (far right) take part in a team-building exercise during an AmeriCorps training session.

Meet CHP's 2009 - 2010 AmeriCorps Members:

- Kali Williams - Meadowview
- Kathryn Bennett - Meadowview
- Leslie Channel - Blue Ridge Commons
- Mondo Mulemaza - Blue Ridge Commons
- Dan Emmanuel - Lafayette Apartments
- Sandra Timmons - Lafayette Apartments
- Corinthian Gillis Kelly - Lafayette Apartments
- Christine Foust - Yorktown Square/Woods at Yorktown
- Suzanne Burns - Yorktown Square/Woods at Yorktown
- Shadai Jones - Yorktown Square/Woods at Yorktown
- Juanita Smith - Yorktown Square/Woods at Yorktown
- Teresa Green - Warwick SRO
- Shanise Williams - Cross Creek
- Brittney Humphrey - Cross Creek
- Genivie Habib - Ansell Gardens
- Jade Nguyen - Ansell Gardens
- Leslie Weck - Friendship Village
- Lamyra Hale - Virginia Beach area properties