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# Volunteer Maryland Announces 25 Service Sites Selected for 2021-2022

AmeriCorps Members Will Serve as Volunteer Coordinators

ANNAPOLIS, MD - Volunteer Maryland today kicked off the 2021-2022 Service Year by announcing the 25 Service Sites where AmeriCorps members will deploy as Volunteer Coordinators across Maryland.

"This year, we saw an increase in the number of organizations submitting applications - likely due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic," said Volunteer Maryland Director Sharon Lewis. "In turn, we were able to increase our total partnerships by 44 percent and place more AmeriCorps members throughout the state to serve, and some members are even moving from out of state to serve specifically within the Volunteer Maryland AmeriCorps program."

The 11-month service commitment begins with an intensive two-week training for members to learn about volunteer program best practices and developing strong skills out in the field. Volunteer Maryland partners with nonprofits, government agencies, and schools that address critical community needs, including but not limited to education, economic opportunities, and environmental stewardship.

This year's Volunteer Maryland partner sites include:

- Anne Arundel County Public Schools Arlington Echo
- Baltimore City Recreation and Parks
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore
- Court Appointed Special Advocates of Harford County
- Court Appointed Special Advocates of Prince George's County
- Central Baltimore Partnership
- Community Support Systems
- Do Good Institute
- Franciscan Center of Baltimore
- Housing Authority of Baltimore City
- Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake
- Junior Achievement of Central Maryland
- Justice Jobs of Maryland
- Literacy Council of Montgomery County
- Maryland Environmental Trust
- Paul's Place
- Project PLASE (People Lacking Ample Shelter and Employment)
- Pure Play Every Day
- Seeds 4 Success
- So What Else?
- Stella Girls
- The Community Ecology Institute
- There Goes My Hero
- Turn Around, Inc.
- University of Maryland Baltimore CURE Scholars Program

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## **About Volunteer Maryland**

Established in 1992, Volunteer Maryland places Volunteer Coordinators in partner organizations to increase volunteer program efficiencies, recruit volunteers, and develop volunteer programs. In 1993, Volunteer Maryland began utilizing funding from the Corporation for National Community Service to recruit AmeriCorps members to serve as Volunteer Coordinators. Learn more by visiting our website at volunteer.maryland.gov and connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

#### **About the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives**

The Governor's Office of Community Initiatives mission is to serve as an executive branch coordinating office for the governor that connects Marylanders to economic, volunteer, and human service opportunities by meeting with Marylanders at over 700 engagements every year.

This office also houses the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism, Volunteer Maryland, Banneker-Douglass Museum, as well as faith-based outreach, and the governor's ethnic, cultural, and WWI commissions. Learn more by visiting our website at goci.maryland.gov and connect with us on Facebook and Twitter.