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CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service to Lead Connecticut AmeriCorps Ceremony Thursday

Hartford, Nov. 5 — Wendy Spencer, chief executive officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, will be in Connecticut Thursday (Nov. 7) to swear in 350 new AmeriCorps members at the [Trumbull Marriott](#). This year celebrates the [20th anniversary](#) of the establishment of the Corporation which administers all federal service programs. [Spencer](#) has led the agency since April 2012.

The new AmeriCorps inductees will be sworn in at **noon in Salon ABCD** by Spencer following her keynote address. Joining her will be William R. Dyson, chair of the [Connecticut Commission on Community Service](#), and Jane A. Ciarleglio, executive director of the [Office of Higher Education](#) where the Commission is located. The individuals being sworn in include college students, teachers, mentors and older adults for whom the ceremony marks the start of a year of intensive community service for which they may receive an education award of up to \$5,645 that they or their family members may use, as well as benefits including health insurance and child day-care.

The latest members join 600 other AmeriCorps members already serving throughout the state. The new AmeriCorps members will serve in nine programs recently selected to receive 2013 AmeriCorps Grants:

- **Bridgeport: MYO AmeriCorps**, Regional Youth/Adult Social Action Partnership (\$308,374) - AmeriCorps members assist in preventing dating abuse in Bridgeport Public Schools.
- **Bridgeport, Hartford, Waterbury and Willimantic: CT AHEC Network AmeriCorps Program**, Northwestern Connecticut AHEC (\$234,000) - AmeriCorps members work with high school and college students in serving community health needs.
- **Bridgeport, East Hartford, Hartford, Naugatuck Valley, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Norwich, Rockville, Waterbury and Windham: FoodCorps Connecticut**, FoodCorps, Inc., (\$142,500) - AmeriCorps members deliver food and nutrition education to needy K-12 students.
- **Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven: Public Allies Connecticut**, Public Allies, Inc. (\$494,000) - AmeriCorps members focus on capacity building to strengthen the ability of nonprofits to solve community issues.
- **Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, Stamford and Windham: Teach for America – Connecticut**, Teach for America (\$168,800) - AmeriCorps members teach in urban public schools.
- **Danbury: AmeriCorps Collegiate Development Program**, Hispanic Center of Danbury, Inc. (\$79,714) – AmeriCorps members provide college mentoring to high school students in Danbury- area high schools.
- **Hamden and New Haven: Experience Corps**, Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut, Inc. (\$160,398) - AmeriCorps members aged 55 and older tutor elementary school children.
- **Hartford: Green Crew**, Knox Parks Foundation (\$118,624) - AmeriCorps members provide green jobs training and counseling to out-of-school youth.
- **Waterbury: Waterbury AmeriCorps**, Naugatuck Valley Community College (\$158,266)- AmeriCorps members tutor and mentor middle school students.

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