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Annual Report & Stories of Service

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Building Solutions for Minnesota’s Future

At ServeMinnesota, we work every day to strengthen communities through service, partnership, and evidence-based solutions that help people thrive. This year, we expanded that work across Minnesota by investing in education, youth mental health initiatives, and helping communities respond to local needs with proven practices that deliver the highest impact.

The stories in this report reflect what happens when people come together around a shared purpose. Students gain confidence. Communities build stronger systems of support. AmeriCorps members discover new paths for their own futures while making a difference for others.

We are especially proud of the partnerships that make this work possible. Schools, nonprofits, community leaders, funders, policy makers, and AmeriCorps members all play an important role in creating a lasting impact.

As communities continue to face complex challenges, ServeMinnesota remains committed to building solutions that are grounded in research, shaped by local voices, and focused on long-term, demonstrable impact.

Thank you for being part of our vision to ignite hope in our state and inspire everyday Minnesotans to take action for a better future. Together we are building a stronger Minnesota.

Julia Quanrud
Chief Executive Officer



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About ServeMinnesota

ServeMinnesota is a hub for innovation creating high-impact, evidence-based programs that meet communities where they are, improving lives in Minnesota and beyond. As the state's Commission on National and Community Service, ServeMinnesota combines national service with research in education, housing, health, environmental conservation, and more. Annually more than 2,000 adults serve their communities through these programs in 78 of the state's 87 counties. Two of ServeMinnesota's signature programs, Reading Corps and Math Corps, have received national recognition for their effective and scalable tutoring model. Combining public and private dollars, strong community partnerships, and proven research, ServeMinnesota makes meaningful contributions to the state.

Vision

We ignite hope and inspire action for a better future.

Mission

To strengthen Minnesota through high-impact service.

Values

Community, Partnership, Innovation, Accountability

AmeriCorps Pledge

I will get things done for America — to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.

I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities.

Faced with apathy, I will take action.

Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground.

Faced with adversity, I will persevere.

I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond.

I am an AmeriCorps member, and I will get things done.



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From Stay-at-Home Dad to Future Teacher

When Tom decided to return to the workforce after spending several years as a stay-at-home dad to two daughters, he joined Reading Corps as a literacy tutor. That grew into something even bigger: a calling to teach.

He's pursuing that goal through the innovative Minnesota Grow Your Own Teacher program, a partnership with the University of Minnesota that enables Reading Corps and Math Corps tutors to earn both a teaching license and a master's degree in education while they serve.

Tom's journey to the classroom started when he was briefly an education major in college and later worked part-time tutoring students for the SATs and ACTs. Once both of his daughters were in school full-time, he returned to his love of education while looking for a way to give back to his community.

Watching his daughters' school — Mississippi Heights Elementary in Sauk Rapids — pivot quickly to remote instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic impressed Tom so much that he joined AmeriCorps to serve as a Reading Corps tutor at the school. He was trained in the instructional methods of Reading Corps, which offers individualized, evidence-based tutoring to students who need an extra boost. One-on-one and in small groups, tutors deliver interventions that have been proven to drive real results.

"It was the perfect transition back to working life while still being able to be on the girls' schedule," he says. And in his second year of tutoring, his Reading Corps coaching specialist told him

about Minnesota Grow Your Own Teacher. "I thought it sounded too good to be true," he says, "but it wasn't!"

Student teaching has been a joy for Tom, who's teaching at Mississippi Heights alongside a "fantastic" teacher and students who were kindergarteners when he started with Reading Corps. "They're third graders now, and that continuity is incredible — watching them grow, having them remember me," he says.

He also says that being paid to student teach through Reading Corps and their partnership with the Minnesota Grow Your Own Teacher program is "an amazing deal" along with earning the AmeriCorps Segal Education Award at the end of his service. "Most teachers have to do student teaching unpaid while still taking classes and trying to make ends meet," he explains. "With this program, you're paid while earning your degree. You get real experience, real support, and you can finish without student debt. It's a ton of work, but it's meaningful work. If this is the path you want, there's no better way to get there."



Tom

About the AmeriCorps Segal Education Award

One of the perks of serving in AmeriCorps is the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award — a post-service benefit members can use to pay for college, graduate school, eligible training programs, or qualified student loans.

Investing in What Works for Early Literacy

The Ciresi Walburn Foundation's investment is helping to turn proven literacy research into classroom practice, expanding access to strategies that boost student success.



A shared commitment to evidence-based solutions is helping advance early literacy in Robbinsdale Area Schools — and demonstrating what's possible when partners align around what works.

Supported by a three-year, \$450,000 investment from the Ciresi Walburn Foundation, the district partnered with ServeMinnesota to implement two evidence-based approaches grounded in the science of reading.

First, Bridge2Read equips K–3 teachers with intensive training, ongoing coaching, and proven instructional materials to deliver daily, 30-minute lessons that build students' skills in phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Second, Reading Corps, the proven, high-impact tutoring program, complements this approach by adding a trained literacy tutor who provides targeted support for individual students. Building on two decades of Reading Corps data about effective ways to teach reading, Bridge2Read accelerates learning for all students in the classroom

Reading Corps and Bridge2Read have been shown to have an even bigger impact when used together.

This independent evaluation showed meaningful gains, particularly for the youngest learners. Kindergarten students in Bridge2Read classrooms improved their letter sound fluency, while first graders increased their oral reading fluency. Each additional month of instruction was associated with significant reading growth, including gains that were equivalent to nearly three extra months of learning in Kindergarten.

Bridge2Read's partnership with Robbinsdale Area Schools began in the 2023–24 school year with nine teachers in two schools. Based on early success, districts like Robbinsdale and Anoka-Hennepin have expanded Bridge2Read to all K–3 classrooms, reaching thousands more students.

Students and teachers alike are inspired by the impact. "We're seeing incredible growth in our students' reading skills, and that progress is rippling across every grade level," says Mary Jane Adams, principal of Sonnesyn Elementary School in New Hope. "Teachers are seeing the results of their efforts, students are more engaged, and together we're building a stronger foundation for lifelong literacy."



Coming Home to Help Others Heal

Returning to her hometown of Hastings meant that Alysha had to confront some difficult memories. It's the town where she was born and raised, and it's also where her own struggles with substance use began. But after finding recovery, she saw the community through a different lens — and found a new purpose there.



Alysha joined Minnesota Recovery Corps in 2022, where she provides peer support for people affected by substance use disorders and connects them with recovery resources and community services. Recovery Corps Navigators like Alysha work alongside recovery organizations, treatment providers, and community partners to expand access to recovery support and strengthen long-term recovery outcomes.

Now in her fourth term of service as a navigator at Rise Up Recovery, Alysha continues to show up for others because she understands the power of peer support.

"I get the privilege to walk alongside people I may have used substances with in the past," she says. "By having some rapport built with them, I have the honor of being a beacon of light to show them a redeemed life is possible."

No two days in the life of a navigator look the same. Alysha works one-on-one with participants,

facilitates recovery meetings in the Dakota County Jail, and helps people connect with resources for everything from substance use treatment to stable housing to employment. She explains that for most participants, recovery is only one piece of a larger story; nearly everyone is also navigating mental health challenges, family responsibilities, financial stress, involvement with the justice system, or some combination of these issues. Rather than rushing people toward solutions, she focuses on letting them set the pace.

Today, Alysha is working toward becoming a licensed alcohol and drug counselor and hopes to one day launch a nonprofit serving justice-involved individuals and families in western Wisconsin. For now, she's rooted in Hastings, living every day according to the same belief that brought her back home: When people are met with compassion, connection, and hope, a brighter future becomes possible.

Did you know AmeriCorps service can launch your career?

Service is a paid, hands-on learning experience that allows you to test or jump-start a career. Some programs even offer certifications to help you take the next step. More than 90% of employers agree that AmeriCorps prepares people for the workforce.



Financials

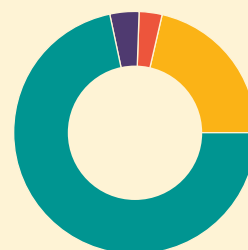
Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2025 & 2024

	2025	2024
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 6,294,043	\$ 5,108,148
Grants Receivable	4,358,738	5,683,924
Pledges Receivable	713,831	1,246,251
Other Receivable	393,104	481,040
Prepaid Expense	51,044	74,289
Total Current Assets	\$ 11,810,760	\$ 12,593,652
Non-Current Assets		
Contributions Receivable	\$	\$ 200,000
Furniture, Equipment, & Leasehold Improvements – Net		1,179
Right-of-Use Asset	927,983	1,020,985
Security Deposit	9,092	9,092
Total Assets	\$ 12,747,835	\$ 13,824,908
Liabilities & Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 668,541	\$ 164,867
Grants Payable	3,048,519	4,755,014
Operating Lease Liability – Current	92,920	86,287
Accrued Expenses	15,628	15,628
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 3,825,608	\$ 5,021,796
Operating Lease Liability – Long Term	864,989	957,910
Total Liabilities	\$ 4,690,597	\$ 5,979,706
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions		
Designated	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Undesignated	1,027,710	877,957
Total Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 1,177,710	\$ 1,027,957
With Donor Restrictions	6,879,528	6,817,245
Total Net Assets	\$ 8,057,238	\$ 7,231,018
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 12,747,835	\$ 13,824,908



Revenue



Interest	0.1%	\$45,582
Private	4.5%	\$3,172,185
Fees	3.4%	\$2,443,372
State	21.3%	\$15,110,391
Federal	70.7%	\$50,181,839
Total		\$70,953,369

Expenses



Support Services	3%	\$2,042,455
Program Support	6%	\$4,002,550
Grants	91%	\$64,696,328
Total		\$70,741,333

Major Program Expenses

Minnesota Reading Corps
\$33,793,312

Minnesota Math Corps
\$7,717,024

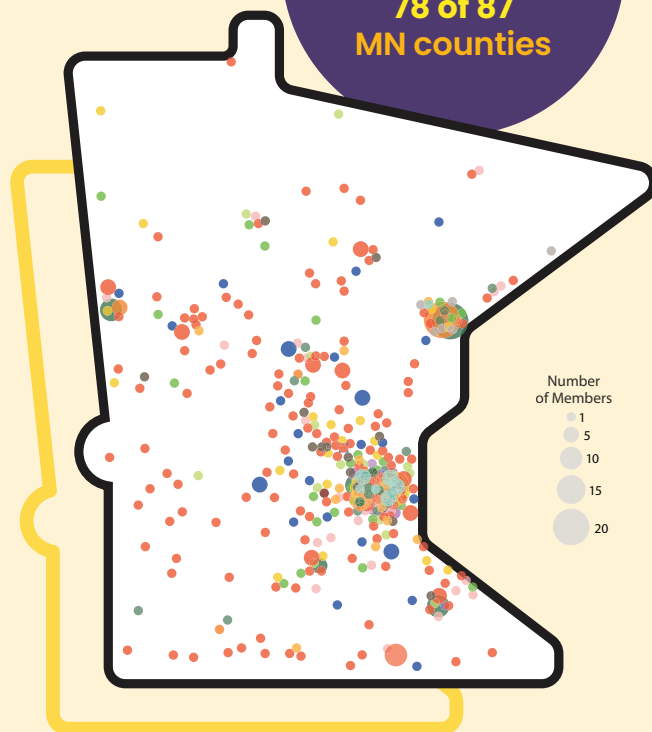
Other AmeriCorps Programs
\$26,455,236

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2024-2025 Program Grants

	Members Awarded	Grant Amount
Breakthrough Twin Cities	14	\$357,067
Climate Impact Corps	100	\$3,340,000
College Possible	75	\$1,949,863
Community Technology Empowerment Project (CTEP)	28	\$724,380
Conservation Corps Energy Corps	60	\$1,870,000
Conservation Corps Minnesota	54	\$1,404,000
Ecolibrium3 Energy Training Corps	18	\$454,995
Improve Your Tomorrow	20	\$560,000
Minnesota Alliance With Youth – Promise Fellows	100	\$2,765,093
Minnesota Early Learning Corps	138	\$4,414,785
Minnesota GreenCorps	58	\$1,056,859
Minnesota Heading Home Corps	100	\$3,290,038
Minnesota Math Corps	338	\$10,836,291
Minnesota Public Health Corps	150	\$4,348,530
Minnesota Reading Corps	777	\$40,134,411
Minnesota Recovery Corps	125	\$3,185,000
Opportunity Corps	35	\$1,165,000
Teach for America	21	\$21,000
Total Learning Classroom	73	\$2,485,115
True North AmeriCorps	35	\$612,110
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity	25	\$637,000
Total	2,344	\$70,360,461

AmeriCorps members served in **78 of 87** MN counties



44,873

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AmeriCorps

10,824

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997

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