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SERVE ALASKA 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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I
“won’t ever
stop **volunteering!**” “I
love the rewarding feeling
of making a difference in my
community.” - “My service year has
helped me to be true **to** myself and stay
away from unhealthy substances.” - “My role
as a service member will never end. My role will
always be to **support and serve my community.**” - “I
love volunteering to better our community!” - “I
realize now how many volunteers there are in
small communities. **No matter the size** there is
always someone who is willing to volunteer
and serve to make their community a
better place.” - “I feel great knowing
that I’ve helped our community
come together as one **to get
projects done.**”

*- Member comments on
their overall year of service*

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

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Governor Bill Walker STATE OF ALASKA

November 19, 2015

Dear Fellow Alaskans,

Alaskans have always made it a priority to serve others in our communities. Alaska's State service commission, Serve Alaska, is committed to the continued promotion of service and volunteerism through the facilitation, guidance, and leadership of the Serve Alaska commissioners.

With each community-based service project, Serve Alaska brings tangible positive changes to our state. Since 1994, Alaskans have provided more than 5.1 million hours of service. Through the AmeriCorps program, Serve Alaska has recruited, trained, and deployed over 2,500 volunteers to address locally identified needs related to education, homeland security, the environment, public safety, and other human needs of Alaska residents.



Joining AmeriCorps is a way to put idealism into action. AmeriCorps members use their energy, ideals, and talents to help their fellow Alaskans. Together with local nonprofit groups, AmeriCorps members respond to local needs; they help children learn, assist in recovery after natural disasters, increase economic opportunity, and support veterans and military families. This year, more than 230 AmeriCorps members will provide intensive, results-driven service to meet pressing needs in communities across Alaska.

Volunteer service is a win-win for all Alaskans. Beyond the benefits to the communities, there are also intangible benefits for those who serve, such as pride, satisfaction, and sense of accomplishment. I want to thank everyone involved with Serve Alaska – from the commissioners to the staff and AmeriCorps members – for their service, and I urge all Alaskans to help us strengthen our communities by volunteering either through Serve Alaska or other opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".
Bill Walker
Governor



Governor Bill Walker and First Lady Donna Walker hosted a luncheon and award ceremony at the Governor's House for the volunteers who received the 2015 Alaska First Lady's Volunteer Awards on Thursday, May 14, 2015.

The First Lady's Volunteer of the Year Awards are awarded to those who engage in unpaid volunteer activities, show remarkable personal commitment to long-term volunteer service, or have made a substantial impact on their community or the state.

For more information visit the award web page at:
gov.alaska.gov/Walker/governors-office/volunteer-awards.html



AWARDEES:

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: LANI HOTCH, ANNA FRANK, DIANE PETERSON, PAMELA ORME, JULIE ROBINSON
BACK ROW: SCOTT FERGUSSON, LT. GOVERNOR BYRON MALLOT, TONI MALLOT, FIRST LADY DONNA WALKER, GOVERNOR BILL WALKER, DAVID NIELSON

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

SERVE ALASKA STATE COMMISSION

The AmeriCorps motto is '*Getting Things Done*'- that would be a great way to summarize what has gone on at Serve Alaska in 2015.



This year we elected new officers, but were fortunate to have the steady hand of our amazing staff to guide us as we undertook our new duties. In addition, we welcomed two new commissioners to our Serve Alaska team. They have been diligently attending meetings and learning the programs we support and the role we play in the state.

Our focus this year has been to increase awareness of AmeriCorps and national service as a tool to solve community problems. To that end, we have helped facilitate two important initiatives in our state.

In Anchorage, our new mayor sought and was awarded one of 100 'Resilient Cities' awards (Rockerfeller Foundation) that will help Anchorage increase capacity in low-income communities improving environmental and social resiliency with two VISTA members.

Additionally, the US Department of the interior has selected Anchorage as one of the first 50 cities to participate in its nationwide youth initiative to engage the next generation to play, learn, serve, and work in the great outdoors. The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Get Outdoors Anchorage! coalition secured an AmeriCorps direct position to coordinate the Schools on Trail program with the Anchorage School District.

This year we had two major grantee programs: Rural CAP and Sitka School District. These established programs continue to do amazing work generating thousands of volunteer hours, supporting rural communities, and improving the lives of everyone they reach. We are proud to support these successful programs and the important work they do in our state. We are also happy to welcome the Juneau Economic Development Council. They are well on their way and we look forward to 2016 and all the wonderful things our grantees will accomplish!

Building on the success of our existing program, our commission's goals for this year will continue to be outreach, marketing and recruitment for AmeriCorps programs and to encourage participants to use National Service as a career pathway.

Creating a supportive environment for National Service is an important mission for our commission. With continued support from the State of Alaska, we have a bright future as agents of meaningful change in the Last Frontier.

Sincerely,

Joelle Hall
Commission Chair

SERVE ALASKA: VISION, MISSION, CORE PURPOSE AND VALUES

Vision

Our vision for Alaska is a vibrant and caring community, strengthened through service and volunteerism, to problem solve and improve the lives of all Alaskans using "Service as a Solution."

Mission

To foster, support and promote the ethics of service and volunteerism to all Alaskans.

Core Purpose

Strengthen Alaskan Communities through national service and local volunteerism.

Core Values

Integrity
Collaboration
Excellence
Ethic of Volunteerism & Service
Statewide Community Engagement

OUR COMMISSIONERS



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Anchorage



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COMMISSION HISTORY

On September 21, 1993 President Clinton signed the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 (PL 103-82). This law merged two federal agencies, ACTION and the Commission on National and Community Service, creating the new Corporation for National and Community Service. The Act also established AmeriCorps, a service program for Americans ages seventeen years and older.

The Alaska State Community Service Commission (ASCSC) was created in 1994 by Governor Walter J. Hickel to establish the state's eligibility to receive AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America funding. The commissioners voted in October 2007 to request the commission be reestablished as Serve Alaska. Governor Sarah Palin issued Administrative Order 245 to rename the Alaska State Community Service Commission to Serve Alaska.

The state commission is overseen by no fewer than 15 and no more than 25 voting commission members appointed by the governor. The composition of the commission is legally constrained to ensure non-partisanship and political neutrality. The National and Community Service Trust Act and accompanying administrative regulations specify requirements for balance in the commission.

Based on population and funding availability, the commission recommends formula and competitive applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service. Applications are selected based on their ability to address community needs in education, public safety, environment or other human needs.

SERVE ALASKA STATE COMMISSION STAFF



Paula Pawlowski
Director,
Serve Alaska
Commission



Margy Hughes
Program coordinator,
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Commission

NOT PICTURED:

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Denise Morris
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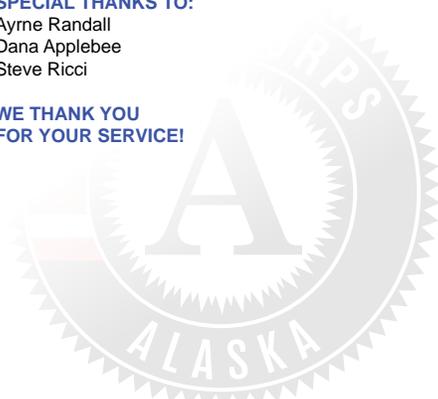
Kathryn M. Abbott
Community Network and Data Manager, United Way Anchorage

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Ayrne Randall
Dana Applebee
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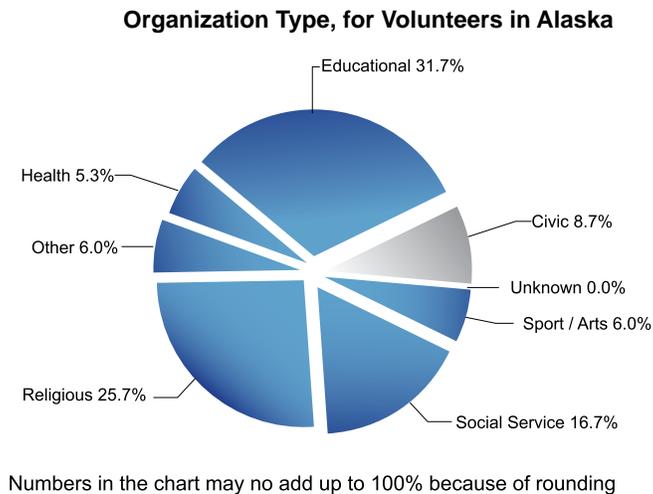
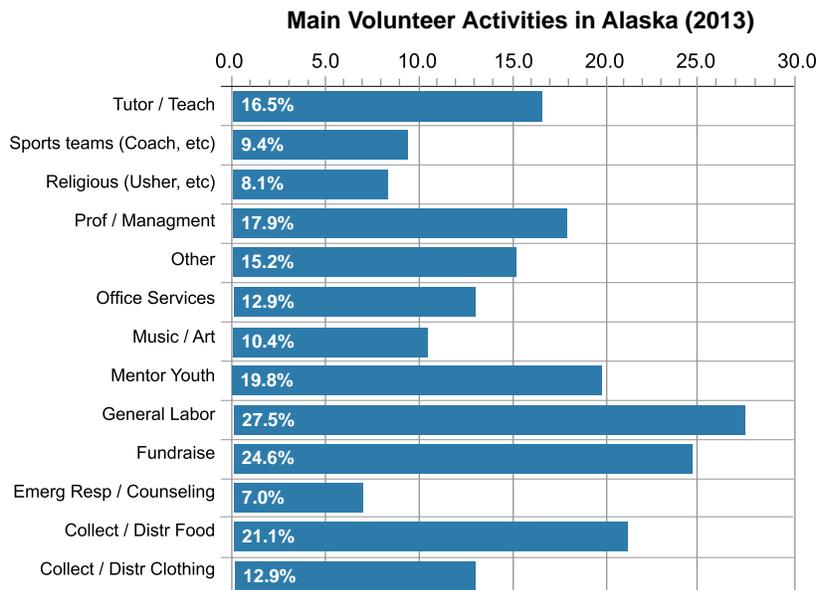
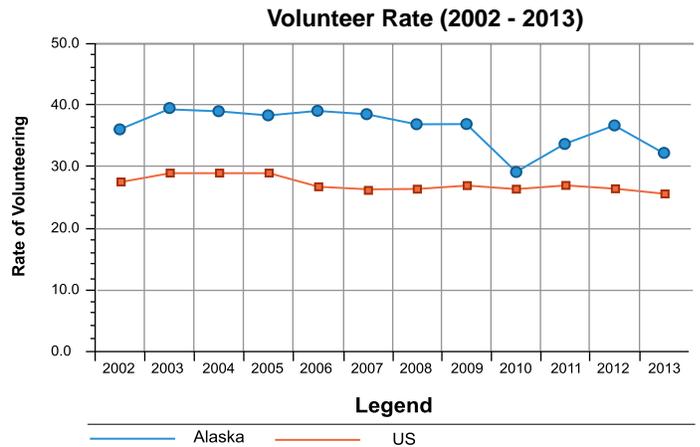
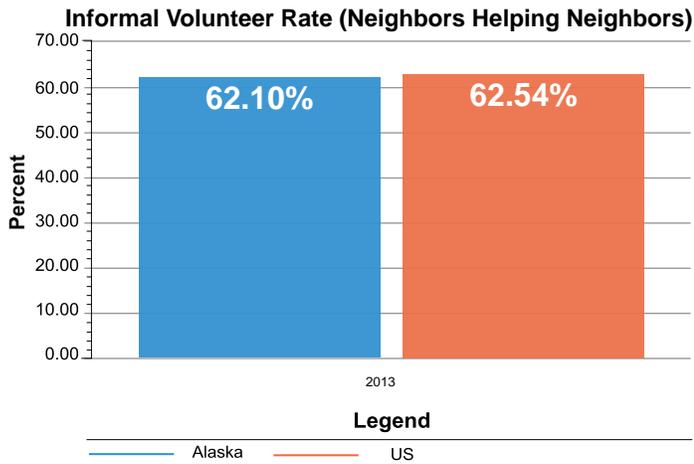


NUMBER OF ALASKA MEMBERS & EDUCATION AWARDS TO DATE

Pgm Yr.	Grant Number	Site Number	Program name	Type	Number Enrollments	Number Awards earned	Number awards used	Awards worth	Payments
2014	06VSPAK003		Domestic Violence Prevent	*Education	4	4	1	\$22,665	\$5,730
	06VSPAK003		Domestic Violence Prevent		2	0	0		
	06VSPAK006		Rural Alaska Community Action Prog		3	0	0		
	06VSPAK011		Univ of Alaska - Anchorage		8	0	0		
	12ESHAK001	0001	BIRCH Fixed Award		17	0	0		
	12FXHAK002	0005	SAGA Connections		3	0	0		
	12FXHAK002	0006	Sitka AmeriCorps	Education	19	19	3	\$107,255	\$16,275
	12FXHAK002	0006	Sitka AmeriCorps		1	0	0		
	12FXHAK002	0007	Sitka Connections AmeriCo	Education	18	18	7	\$99,465	\$29,611
	12VSPAK001		Assets Building & Job Tra	Education	1	1	0	\$5,645	\$0
	12VSPAK001		Assets Building & Job Tra		1	0	0		
	12VSPAK004		Development Assistant	Education	2	2	0	\$2,425	\$0
	12VSPAK004		Development Assistant		1	0	0		
	12VSPAK006		Anchorage Public Library	Education	4	4	2	\$4,851	\$2,425
	12VSPAK006		Anchorage Public Library		2	0	0		
	12VSPAK008		Alaska Food Policy Council		1	0	0		
	13ACHAK001	0001	Rural Alaska Village Envi		22	0	0		
	13VSPAK001		Sheldon Jackson Campus Re		5	0	0		
	14VSPAK001		University of Alaska Fair	Education	3	3	2	\$15,729	\$10,005
	14VSPAK001		University of Alaska Fair		7	0	0		
	14VSPAK002		Growth Through Internet M		1	0	0		
				TOTAL	125	51	15	\$258,035	\$64,046
2015	06VSPAK003		Domestic Violence Prevent		2	0	0		
	14VSPAK001		University of Alaska Fair		1	0	0		
	15AFHAK001	0001	JEDC STAR AmeriCorps Prog		3	0	0		
	15FXHAK001	0001	Sitka AmeriCorps		14	0	0		
	15VSPAK001		Alaska State Library: Lib		4	0	0		
				TOTAL	24	0	0		

* THE EDUCATION AWARD VARIES FROM YEAR TO YEAR DEPENDING ON THE PELL GRANT AMOUNT. MEMBERS HAVE UP TO 7 YEARS UPON RECEIPT TO USE THE AWARD.

Alaska



Volunteering and Civic Life in America in 2015

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#GoVolunteer

VolunteeringInAmerica.gov

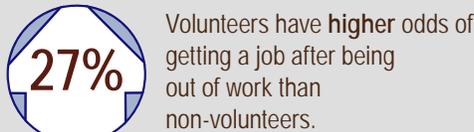
FACT #1: Volunteering remains strong.



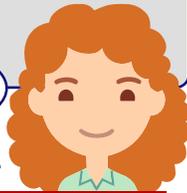
The value of all that volunteering is almost 20 times more than the amount shoppers spent on Black Friday this year!

*based on Independent Sector estimate of average value of a volunteer hour (423.07)

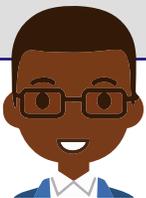
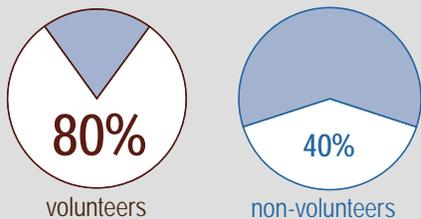
FACT #2: Volunteering benefits those served *and* the volunteers themselves.



National service has great benefits for those who serve, too. Find out more at nationalservice.gov.



FACT #3: Volunteers are *twice as likely* to donate to charity as non-volunteers.



Also, half of all Americans donated at least \$25 to charity. Did you?

The highest:

volunteer rate

30%

Generation X
(33-49)

average
volunteer hours

100

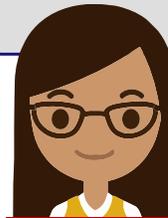
Older Generations
(75+)

and,
1 in 5
millenials
(16-32)
volunteered
last year

The oldest folks volunteer the most hours?
Booyah! So much for calling us the "oldest".
More like the "greatest"...



FACT #5: Over the past 13 years, volunteers have made a *huge* impact.



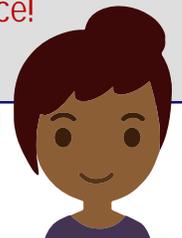
OMG. That's enough money to provide electricity to the entire United States for more than a year!

*based on Independent Sector estimate of average value of a volunteer hour, adjusted

FACT #6: It's easy to volunteer!

- 1 Visit Serve.gov.
- 2 Find volunteer opportunities.
- 3 Go make a difference!

Spend some time volunteering with your family and friends this holiday season. Then "Volunteer in the New Year!"



The Corporation for National and Community Service: *Volunteering and Civic Life in America, 2015*; The Corporation for National and Community Service: *Volunteering as a pathway to employment, 2014*; and additional statistics from nationalservice.gov, eia.gov, and shoppertrak.com. The data for this report were collected by the U.S. Census Bureau on behalf of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Volunteer rates are from 2014 data. For more information, visit volunteeringinamerica.gov.

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AMERICORPS SERVICE REFLECTIONS

FORMER MEMBER SCALES NEW HEIGHTS

BY MARGY HUGHES

One weekend I drove to McCarthy to spend time with an AmeriCorps alum, my niece Mary Gianotti.

Mary graduated from Boston University in May with a degree in Earth Sciences. She has spent the last two summers on the Juneau Icefield helping with research and leading traverses of the ice field. This summer she had the opportunity to help with research on the Root Glacier near McCarthy, Alaska. They were studying the effects of climate change by examining the changes in ogives (bands of light and dark ice on glaciers signifying seasonal glacier movement). She also recently became a National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) instructor.

Mary is an alum of Southeast Alaska Guidance Association (SAGA) Alaska Service Corps. She spent a summer in the field in 2009 as part of a trails team. Although most of the teams were comprised of at-risk youth, Mary was recruited because of her mentorship ability for the other members. Mary will start another term of service next month in Wyoming.

On our hike, Mary mentioned that it was during her time with SAGA that she found her passion for remote living and ecology. Her time as an AmeriCorps member was instrumental in her decision to pursue her Earth Sciences degree.



MARY GIANOTTI

ROOT GLACIER, PHOTO: MARGY HUGHES

FOR ONE FORMER MEMBER, FAMILY MATTERS

BY JOSEPH ROLFZEN

As I look back at my year term as an AmeriCorps member with the Northwest Service Academy (Vancouver, WA Parks and Recreation Department), I can see two very important examples of life changing skills that have molded me into the person I am today.

The first and probably most important thing I learned as an AmeriCorps member was that, 'you get out of work what you put in.' I chose to get as much as I could from the experience and used my creative abilities and GIS experience to integrate GPS courses into the parks program. I also worked with a fellow creative member to install hand drawn interpretive bird signs with a fellow creative member. I take this same skill with me into my work today. I am always striving to do more than what is asked of me. This I think, is a skill that AmeriCorps taught me and is something I hope will follow me in my pursuits through the rest of my life. *continued on pg.12*

National Service in

(Number of members indicated by National Service Type. Number of members funded through a National



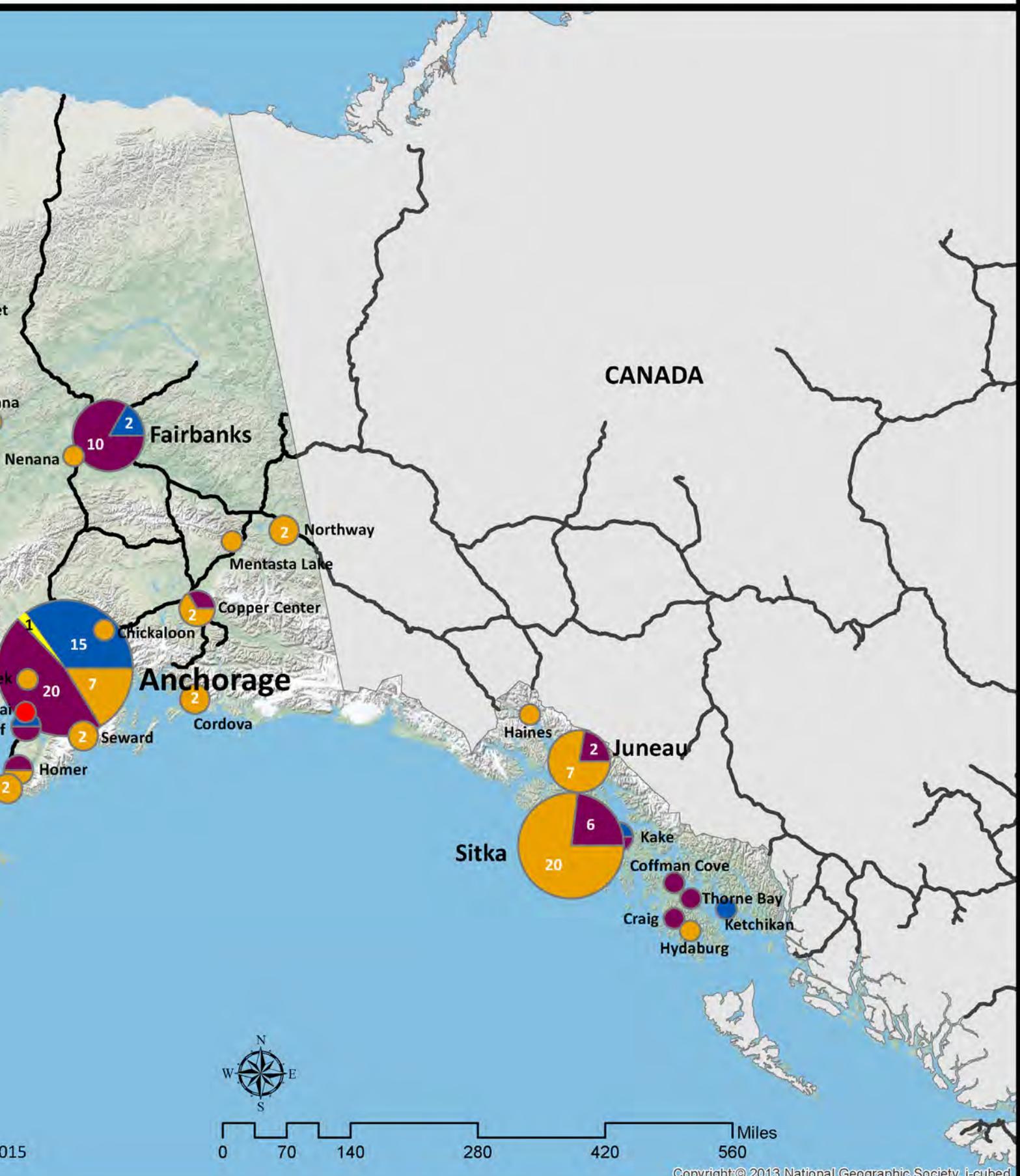
Legend

- AmeriCorps * State - 69 members
- AmeriCorps VISTA - 47 members
- Foster Grandparent Program (Elder Mentors) - 35 members
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) - 1 member
- Senior Companion Program - 1 member
- Highways

Note - AmeriCorps * State member data are from 2014 and other service type member data are a snapshot as of October 8, 2015

Alaska - 153 members

Service Type are indicated when there is more than one member tied to a specific service in the community.)





ALASKA

184,480 thousand volunteers	20.5 million hours of service	\$473.1 million estimated value of service
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Find a volunteer opportunity NOW!

#Go Volunteer VolunteeringAmerica.gov

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AMERICORPS SERVICE REFLECTIONS

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The second example of how AmeriCorps shaped me into the individual I am today has to do with working within a team. I have played on sports teams and been a part of a team-type atmosphere throughout school, but neither of those things I believe really showed the true meaning of teamwork the way AmeriCorps did. As I reflect back to my time as an AmeriCorps member I see the importance it had in my life and know of its importance in other people's lives as well. After going through the AmeriCorps program I encouraged my little sister to go through the program to help her in getting a start in a career in social work. After a year working with the AmeriCorps program Caritas in Austin, Texas she completed her term and was able to use what she learned and her on the job experience to transition into a position with the Housing Authority in Austin.

Without AmeriCorps I know both me and my sister wouldn't have had the wherewithal and background knowledge within our fields of interest to so easily move into finding fulltime positions. For that I will always be grateful for what AmeriCorps has done for not only my family but undoubtedly thousands of other individuals who have used the program to transition from student to member to fulltime employee.

AMERICORPS SERVICE IN THE NEWS

GIVING LIFE THROUGH TRADITIONS

Source: Demer, Lisa. "Dance, Sewing and Hunting Provide a Path to Health for Hooper Bay." Alaska Dispatch News. Web. 27 Nov. 2015. <http://www.adn.com/article/20150221/dance-sewing-and-hunting-provide-path-health-hooper-bay>

Through AmeriCorps and the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RuralCAP), middle and high school students are making change in Hooper Bay. They call themselves the Native Survivors and the group's focus is stopping suicide amongst their peers through traditional Native dancing and crafts.

The group is coordinated by 35-year-old Hooper Bay resident Wilma Bell-Joe, According to Bell-Joe, eight people have committed suicide since 2010, including her husband's daughter. Deciding to take a stand against the growing number of young lives being lost to suicide, she found her calling amongst the youth.

Native Survivors started with two kids and is now up to 53. Classes on hand sewing, beading and even harpoon making are done with hand tools. Bell-Joe believes traditional ways teach children patience, and how to work through their frustrations. She knows the importance these traditions play in young people's lives. "Because of us" she said, "these kids are inspired and encouraged and even if they make a mistake, they are not discouraged."



GUY MANN AND WILMA BELL-JOE (FRONT ROW) DANCE DURING TRADITIONAL DANCE PRACTICE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015 - PHOTO: BOB HALLINEN/ADN

RAVEN/BIRCH MAKING CHANGE TOGETHER

Source: Heimbuch, Hannah. "AmeriCorps Seeks Rural Recruits." http://www.thebristolbaytimes.com/article/1446americorps_seeks_rural_recruits, 14 Nov. 2014. Web.

Twenty-five year old Leilani Luhrs served two years as an AmeriCorps member as Togiak's RAVEN. The Rural Alaska Village Environmental Network (RAVEN) Youth Development AmeriCorps program serves rural Alaskan communities by locally recruiting and training members to promote environmental education, implementing energy conservation, encouraging recycling and waste reduction, and fostering community involvement in area-wide clean-up efforts. The program which has been in effect since 1994, has had hundreds of rural Alaskan residents participate.



LEILANI LUHRS, CENTER, JOINS LOCAL VOLUNTEERS IN PAINTING A TOGIAK DUMPSTER. LUHRS WAS A PARTICIPANT IN THE AMERICORPS RAVEN PROGRAM FOR TWO YEARS, FROM 2012 TO 2013. - COURTESY PHOTO, PROVIDED BRISTOL BAY TIMES

During her service, Leilani has been a huge asset to her community by hosting events such as beach clean-ups, youth tournaments and waste management programs. Leilani came to the understanding that her service created a broader impact than she expected. "It opened my eyes so much," she said. "I didn't realize what you could do in your community to change it for the better. It just takes one person to put the idea out there."

Another program, Building Initiatives in Rural Community Health (BIRCH) has members serve to reduce the incidence of youth substance abuse and suicide by engaging youth in culturally-rich, skill-building activities while promoting wellness, positive identity and healthy relationships. In turn, BIRCH members receive professional in-service training, \$1,200 monthly allowance for the term of service, health insurance, and even an education award of \$5,550 upon successful completion.

Both programs are coordinated by the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RuralCAP) based in Anchorage. "They empower community members, they build self-esteem," said Charlie Ess, AmeriCorps Program Coordinator with RurALCAP RAVEN. The Rural Alaska Community Action Program has trained RAVEN and BIRCH (Building Initiatives in Rural Community Health) leaders for 20 years. "I think nobody knows better than local residents about their own community needs," Ess said, "So recruiting locally, they have the housing figured out, they know the people, they're natural with that."



RURALCAP OATH OF SERVICE, 2015



Faith Lee, Sitka program director

AmeriCorps members chose Old Sitka Boat Launch area to complete their September 11th Day of Service. 15 members and four community members completed 36 total hours of service clearing weeds and alder shoots that were invading the launch area. From using weed whackers to hand pulling the group cleared the parking area and surrounding paths and drive. This facility lost state funding for maintenance this year and the AmeriCorps group chose this area to clear as it is widely used by the community of Sitka.

Eric Milliken, program director for RAVEN

RAVEN members Kristine Route and Bethany Nichols gathered volunteers to ensure recyclable materials were diverted from the solid waste stream at the Alaska State Fair.

9/11 National Service Day Kluti-Kaah

AmeriCorps Member Lucy Pete in Kluti-Kaah (Copper Center) and the youth went house to-house to deliver the important message of fire safety especially with the cold winter months and use of wood stoves fast approaching.

RAVEN AmeriCorps

Members planned events in their communities to commemorate 9/11. Members Kristine Route (Cooper Landing) and Bethany Nichols (Chickaloon) put on a recycling fashion show and participated with volunteers in a large-scale recycling event. Adele Kvasnikoff (Nanwalek) had school kids write thank-you cards for EMT's, ETT's, VPSO's, health aides and the volunteer fire department. The youth baked cookies and other treats to accompany the cards, which were distributed to the households of the emergency workers. Geraldine Tinker, of Kasigluk, conducted a similar activity as did Tyler Douglas of Huslia. Sharon Emry, of Northway, planned a potluck to honor emergency workers in her community, and all members were busy recruiting volunteers as the calendar rolled around to September.

9/11 National Service Day Activity Toksook

Alaska AmeriCorps Member Susie Carl planned 9/11 service day of berry picking. She and the youth used the berries in Eskimo ice cream (akutaq) which will then be distributed to the elders in Toksook as a token of their appreciation. She states that she will be doing this as a lesson for the youth to learn the virtues of generosity and gratitude.

9/11 National Service Day Nanwalek

Alaska AmeriCorps Member Mandy Wood planned a Walk of Hope. The walk was approximately a mile long around the village. Because 9/11 was the second Friday in September, which is also Stand up to Cancer Day, she invited the other partners in the community to be a part of the Walk of Hope.

MAYORS DAY

of Recognition for **2015**
National Service



FAIRBANKS MAYOR,
JOHN EBERHART



FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR
BOROUGH MAYOR,
LUKE HOPKINS



HOMER MAYOR,
MARY (BETH) WYTHE



KODIAK MAYOR,
PAT BRANSON



MUNICIPALITY OF
ANCHORAGE MAYOR,
DAN SULLIVAN



SEWARD MAYOR,
JEAN BARDARSON



SITKA MAYOR,
MIM MCCONNELL

Please thank these Mayors for participating in recognizing the power of service!

Earth Day celebrations were a huge success this year, and we couldn't pass up the opportunity to speak to the great work that Sitka Connections did in getting kids around Alaska outside, engaged in their community, and learning to work together. In Cordova, our Sitka Connections member organized an environmental education outing, combining a lesson in pond and invertebrate ecology with trash clean up – no better way to teach kids to take care of their environment than by educating them about the life and ecosystem that they're caring for.

In Sitka, SCS and AmeriCorps teamed up to sponsor a morning of fun at Mosquito Cove. Participating youth worked in teams of 4 to complete challenges and tasks that challenged them physically, mentally, and taught life and survival skills. From the nature scavenger hunt to fire building to biking and paddling, these kids learned that success comes from supporting each other and working together to accomplish their goals. A huge thank you to the dedicated volunteers who made this creative event a success.

These two events give a flavor of the creative, innovative work we see spreading across Alaska as volunteers bring their expertise and interests to their service. It is truly an inspiration.



JUNEAU CONNECTIONS MEMBERS EARTH DAY PROJECT

STAND DOWN 2015

October 23, 2015 – Anchorage Stand Down was held at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport North Terminal from. A variety of information from various federal, state, municipal, and non-profit agencies was available, as well as medical screening, clothing distribution, a continental breakfast and noon meal. The event targets homeless veterans and veterans in need to offer a “hand up.”

Veterans able to show a VA ID card were provided free People Mover bus transportation to the airport as well as to the two “rally points” where Princess Cruise Shuttle Buses shuttled participants to the airport.



DISASTER TRAINING

Commissioners learn what a Volunteer Reception Center would like and how it would help with volunteer and donations management during a disaster event.



Through AmeriCorps and Senior Corps, the Corporation for National and Community Service helps communities across the nation prepare, respond, and recover from natural and man-made disasters.

To learn more, please go to: www.nationalservice.gov/focus-areas/disaster-services

OH, THE PLACES WE HAVE BEEN IN 2015!



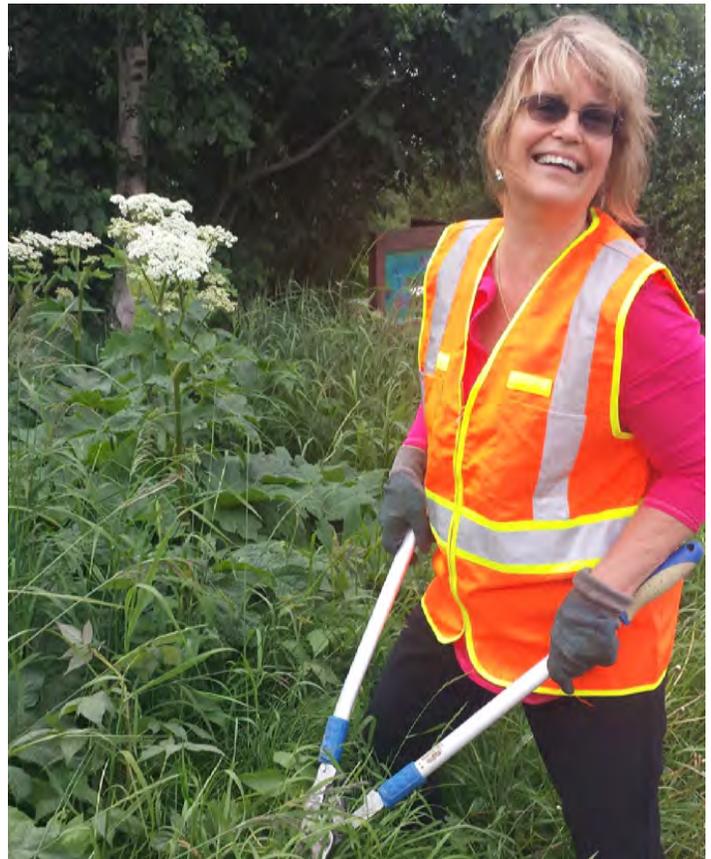
Kawerak Regional/32nd Annual Rural Providers' Conference, Nome, Alaska



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Service Project for Covenant House SleepOut Fundraiser. To spend the night outside, commissioners set up housing opportunities for social & business leaders spending the night outside as many young people in Anchorage do every night.



Commission service project for the Anchorage Parks Foundation, *Cleaning the Trails*.

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Volunteer Summit 2015 at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage.



Kathryn Abbott, commissioner



First Lady Donna Walker



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Alaska School Counselor Association, Inc., Anchorage, Alaska

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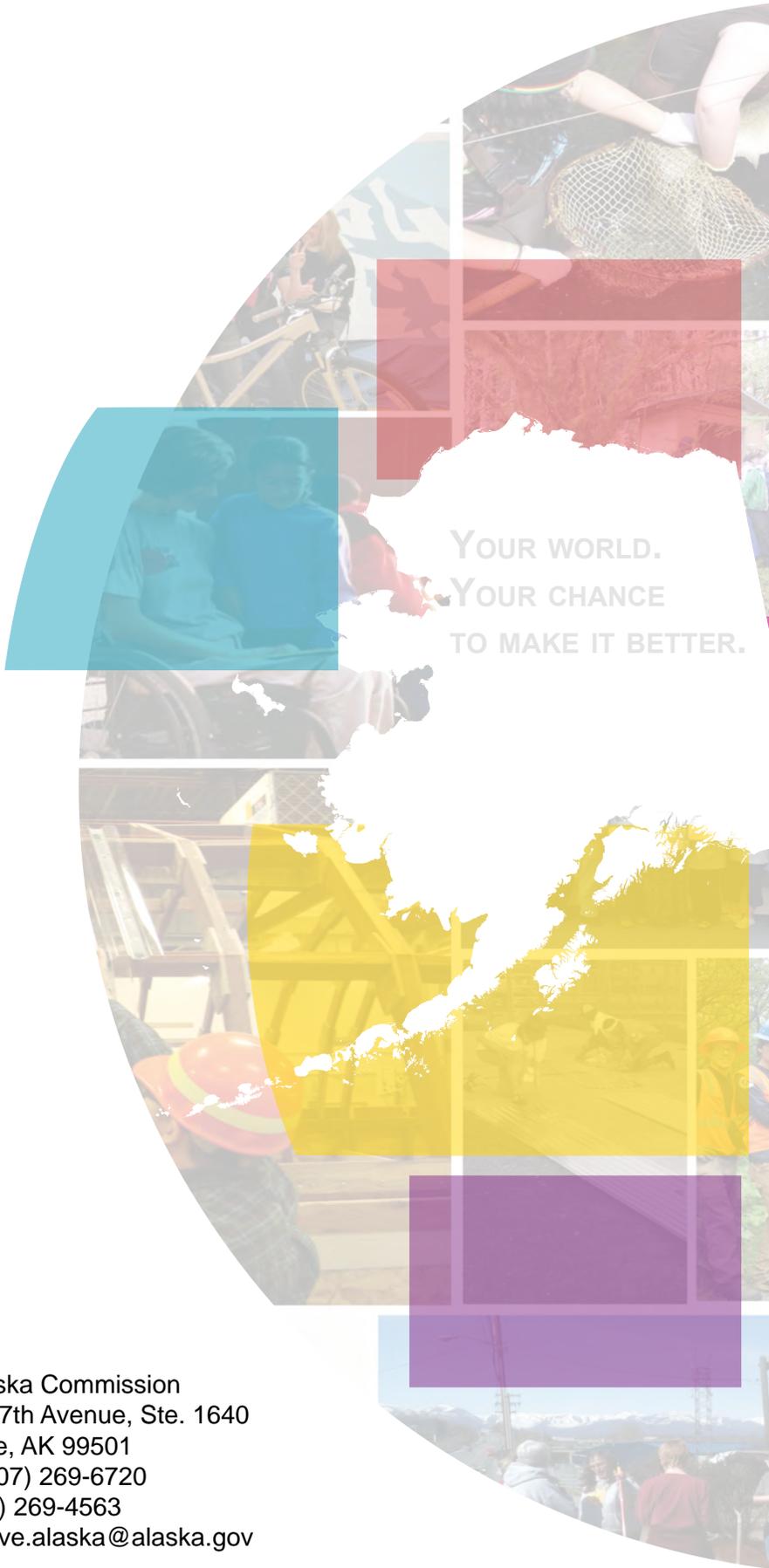


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