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**AmeriCorps NCCC Cleans Up With Serve Philadelphia.**

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania-** AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is working with Serve Philadelphia and PhillyRising Collaborative to clean alleys, abandoned lot revitalization and support urban gardening projects. "I am thrilled to have an AmeriCorps NCCC team here in Philadelphia. The corps members' hard work will yield great results for residents and make our city safer, greener and cleaner," said Mayor Michael A. Nutter. Executive Director of the Providence Center Bethany Welch stated that "The team has made a great contribution to the Fairhill neighborhood by helping us build a fence around a new community garden". Executive Director Cheryl Weiss of Diversified Community Services states that "Because our missions are so closely aligned – to build community through service... and leadership, Diversified Community Services is honored to partner [work with] with AmeriCorps on various improvement projects in Point Breeze".



Together, Serve Philadelphia and NCCC will clean vacant properties to help lower crime as well as beautify the neighborhoods they are in. They will also help build community gardens and work in conjunction with Love Your Park Week.

The AmeriCorps NCCC team, Raven 2 is based in Perry Point, MD, but the members are from all across the country. Led by David Parziale, Raven 2 is excited to make a difference to members of the community in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The mission of AmeriCorps NCCC is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through direct, team-based national and community service. AmeriCorps NCCC members have a strong desire to make positive impacts in neighborhoods and change the face of communities using hands-on team projects. Since its first members pledged to get things done for America 18 years ago, AmeriCorps NCCC has built an impressive record of accomplishments around the nation.

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AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, residential, national service program in which 1,100 young adults serve nationwide each year. During their 10-month term, Corps Members – all 18 to 24 years old – work on teams of eight to 12 on projects that address critical needs related to natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, energy conservation, and urban and rural development. Members mentor students, construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, respond to natural disasters, clean up streams, help communities develop emergency plans, and address countless other local needs. The Atlantic Region campus in Perry Point is one of five regional hubs in the United States and serves fourteen states in the northeast part of the country. The other campuses are located in Denver, Colorado, Sacramento, California, Vicksburg, Mississippi and Vinton, Iowa.



In exchange for their service, Corps Members receive \$5,550 to help pay for college, or to pay back existing student loans. Other benefits include a small living stipend, room and board, leadership development, increased self-confidence, and the knowledge that, through active citizenship, people can indeed make a difference. AmeriCorps NCCC is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency. The Corporation improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. For more information about AmeriCorps NCCC, visit the website at [www.americorps.gov/nccc](http://www.americorps.gov/nccc).

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