



**AmeriCorps**

**KEYS**  
Service Corps



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## Who am I?

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- Assistant director for KEYS Service Corps AmeriCorps
- 16 years with AmeriCorps
- 3 years of service with the Braddock Youth Project as the media instructor teaching kids about video production.
  - 2 years as a KEYS member at BYP
  - 1 year as a VISTA Volunteer at BYP







# • **Fun Fact:**

- Fun fact: I met my husband while serving with VISTA as he was a KEYS member
- We kept running into each other at service projects first a KABOOM! Playground and then met again at Thanksgiving Distribution.
- Bonus fun fact: We got married on the KABOOM! playground in Braddock, the BYP youth, screen printed our wedding invitations, grew our wedding flowers, and catered the whole thing. Our engagement was one of KABOOM!'s top 12 things that happened in 2012
- SUPER Bonus Fun Fact: our 8 year old son is now being mentored after school by the Braddock Youth Project

# AmeriCorps: Be the Greater Good



# So what is this thing anyway?



**Service to our Nation by  
making a difference in  
communities**



**AmeriCorps members get  
things done for citizens in  
Pennsylvania as well as  
every state in the United  
States!**



**1930**

President Roosevelt  
creates the Civilian  
Conservation Corps  
(CCC) during the  
Depression.



**1961**

President Kennedy  
creates the Peace  
Corps. Since then,  
more than 150,000  
Americans have  
served in the Peace  
Corps.



**1964**

President Johnson  
creates VISTA  
(volunteers in  
service to America)  
giving Americans  
opportunities to  
serve low-income  
communities.



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1993

- Through bipartisan support the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 is signed, creating AmeriCorps and CNCS
- The Corporation for National and Community Service has helped more than 5 million Americans improve the lives of their fellow citizens through service through the:
  - Social Innovation Fund
  - Volunteer Generation Fund
  - Senior Corps
  - AmeriCorps



# AmeriCorps Focus Areas

- Education
- Economic Opportunity
- Disaster Recovery/Relief
- Healthy Futures
- Environmental Stewardship
- Veterans and Military Families

# Pittsburgh AmeriCorps Programs

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Boys and Girls Club

Homewood Children's Village

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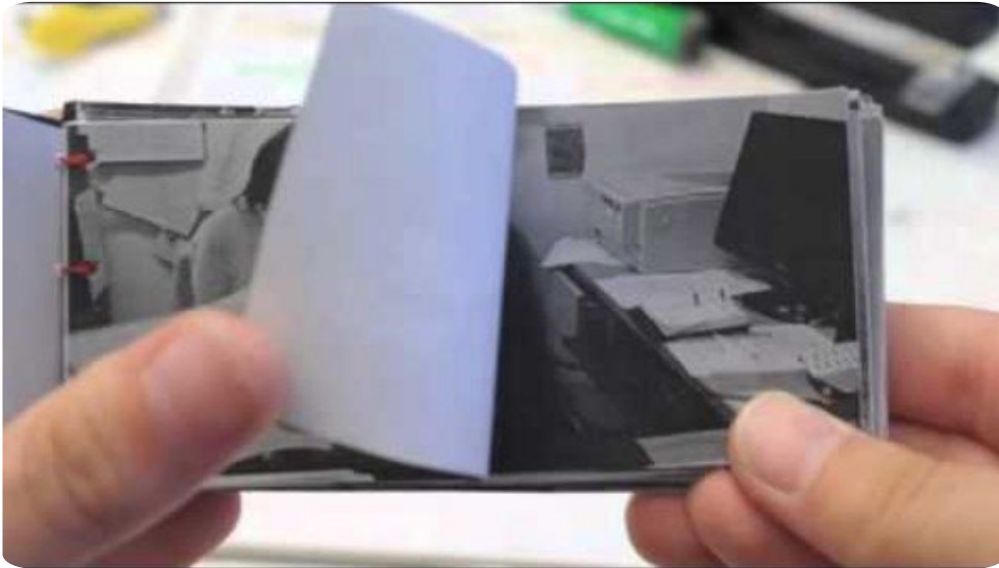
National Health Corps

Public Allies

VISTA

NCCC





- So why do a gap year?
  - Gain skills
  - Network
  - Learn who you are and what you are capable of
  - Give back
  - The Education Award and other financial benefits
  - Change your life!







KEYS is...





