

M3C Fellows Program

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Leigh Smalley—September 2011 M3C Program Inspirational Leader

St. Norbert College AmeriCorps M3C Member Leigh Smalley is recognized as the September 2011 M3C Program Inspirational Leader. Leigh was nominated by M3C Coordinator and Director of the Center for Community and Service at St. Norbert College, Nancy Mathias who highlighted Leigh's strong mentoring, role model, and leadership skills ensuring 100% program completion of all 10 members of the St. Norbert College M3C Program.

Leigh served in multiple capacities during her AmeriCorps M3C service assisting multiple community partners in identifying and meeting community needs including: St. Vincent de Paul, Boys & Girls Club, Freedom House, and Nicolet Elementary School in Green Bay, WI.

Leigh served as an M3C Program Mentor bringing together fellow M3C's in her dorm room hosting movie night, celebrating birthdays, hosting discussion gatherings and study sessions. Leigh was also involved in the recruitment of many college students to serve in the programs she was working on. "She was constantly seeking ways to involve herself and the fellows in meaningful service and was first to offer help on many service projects organized by others.

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to the St. Norbert College M3C Team and coordinator Nancy Mathias. All 10 fellows successfully completed their national service. The M3C members at St. Norbert served 3740 hours with 26 community partners leaving a lasting impact and legacy in their community.



M3C Program Totals

<u>Total Hours Served:</u>	708044
<u>Total Volunteers Recruited:</u>	22045
<u>Community Partners Served:</u>	3037

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Leigh also chaired the kids to campus day at St. Norbert College—a program which brought over 50 youth matched with tutors or other college students to campus for a half day of “college” experiences.

According to Mathias, Leigh displayed her leadership and problem-solving skills at the program site when the site coordinator was unable to resolve site issues. “She worked closely with the fellows to define issues and suggest solutions that ultimately led to a solid program for the children being tutored.”



Leigh recently completed her AmeriCorps service and is now studying abroad. She has intentions to once again coordinate the “Kids to Campus” program when she returns next semester. Leigh is also trying to recruit her younger brother, a freshmen at St. Norbert College, to get involved .

M3C Member Impact:

A Pre-Service and Post-Service Reflection

Below are two excerpts from a pre-service and post-reflection that an M3C Member wrote. The M3C Program and programs like it change lives and not just those of the people and organizations that members are serving.

Pre-Service reflection:

“I hope that M3C will influence me to step outside my comfort zone and do the things that need to be done in the community. I know that I have already been asked to do some volunteer work that I may not have chosen if I was... on my own, and it has given me new and different experiences. Therefore, I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to take a small step out of my box! I really enjoyed volunteering before but now that I am challenged to go out of my comfort level a bit, I have realized how much more I enjoy it! This will greatly impact my [college] experience because instead of not taking on a new challenge because I felt as though it was outside my comfort level, I will rise to new challenges and approach them with an open mind.”

Post-Service Reflection:

“I feel as though the line of the AmeriCorps pledge that I connect with the most is “Faced with apathy, I will take action.” This line stands especially true for me since I have friends would ask me why I would do something like volunteering when there are so many other things I could be doing with my life. They don't seem to understand the feelings I get when working with people to change others lives, because it is not only their life that changes but also yours does too. There is so much you can learn from people who come from different backgrounds than you. One of the best things I ever learned when volunteering was advice that a homeless man had about giving money to the poor. He said “Don't let their character determine yours.” This means that if some one asks you for money on the streets and they are clearly homeless don't just pass them by because you feel like they will just spend it on drugs, alcohol, or gambling. If you feel like you should give, then give, don't let doubts hold you back.”



The 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 on action.

Faced with conflict,
I will seek common ground.

Faced with adversity,
I will persevere.

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

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



Coordinators!

Please review the updated list of prohibited activities and ensure that your members are continuing to sign MOA's with each organization they are serving with. You can find an updated list of the prohibited activities here: <http://m3cfellows.org/prohibited.php>

Congratulations, AmeriCorps M3C Alumni!

48 M3C Fellows successfully completed their
National service during the month of August

Samantha Hamilton	Ball State University
Courtney Woods	Capital University
Samuel Radcliffe	Cardinal Stritch University
Michelle Boness	Cardinal Stritch University
Savanna Kraemer	Cardinal Stritch University
Sarah Meleski	Cardinal Stritch University
Shanea Harrington	Columbus State Community College
Ciara Barnett	Columbus State Community College
Joy Otabor	DePaul University
Laddan Abbasi	Indiana Univ/Purdue Univ-Ft. Wayne
Richard Jones Jr.	Indiana Univ/Purdue Univ-Ft. Wayne
Krystal Kinley	Loraine County Community College
Sabrina Burgmeier	Normandale Community College
Alexandra Clark	Normandale Community College
Sarena Gillen-Fuller	Normandale Community College
Shandy Potes-Mangra	Normandale Community College
Elizabeth Schecter	Normandale Community College
Brett Henslin	Rochester Community and Technical College
Abbey Boehm	St. Norbert College
Devan Lenz	St. Norbert College
Shirley Boland	St. Norbert College
Nicholas Plank	St. Norbert College
Abdiwahab Ali	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Dahir Abdi	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Abdimalik Ahmed	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Abdulsalam Abda	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Kadir Hussein	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Saida Hassan	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Samantha Lee	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Alyssa King	University of Mount Union
Kera Lemasters	University of Mount Union
Kaylee Meyer	University of Toledo
Andrea Harris	University of Toledo
Felicia Kreinbrink	University of Toledo
Paige Ross	University of Toledo
Alisha Patton	University of Toledo
Alicia Sanders	University of Toledo
Sara Brewer	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Pahlee Sayaovong	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Fonte Grant	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Nicole Frederickson	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Holly Wasechek	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Noelle Thomas	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Joseph Evica	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Jeanelle Palmer	University of Wisconsin-Parkside
Nene Eze	University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Mao Lee	University of Wisconsin-River Falls
April Finke	University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Now that your members are AmeriCorps Alumni encourage them to join the AmeriCorps Alum group at <http://www.americorpsalums.org/>. Perks include: free tax returns, staying connected to the alumni community by joining a local chapter, and job opportunities through the career center.



"Service is the rent we pay for living." —Marian Wright Edelman

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Great Read!

"The American Way to Change: How National Service and Volunteers are Transforming America" by Shirley Sagawa

The American Way to Change offers a compelling vision of national service that clearly illustrates what this means for our country. Throughout the book, Shirley Sagawa (a leading expert on the topic) profiles real people who have performed national service, examines the organizations they have worked with, and reveals the often profound impact these local heroes have made through their efforts. Using powerful stories of transformation, the book shows how anyone can change their community through service.

TED
Ideas worth spreading

New at TED.com: Sasha Dichter:
The Generosity Experiment

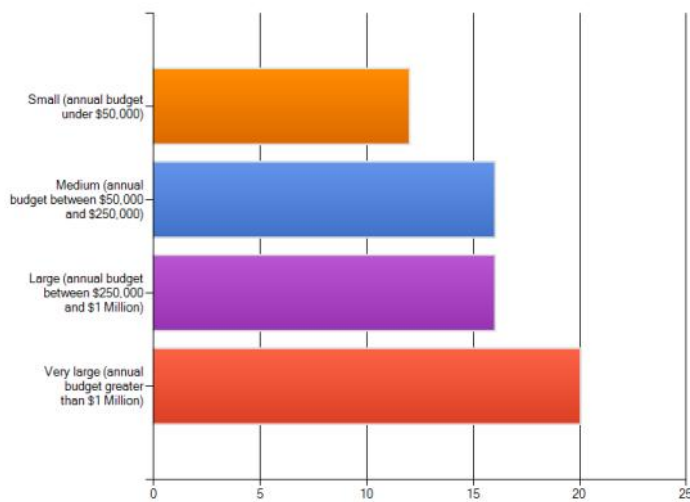
In this inspiring talk at the NextGen:Charity conference, Sasha Dichter of the Acumen Fund shares the results of his month-long "Generosity Experiment" where he said "yes" to every request for help.

http://www.ted.com/talks/sasha_dichter.html

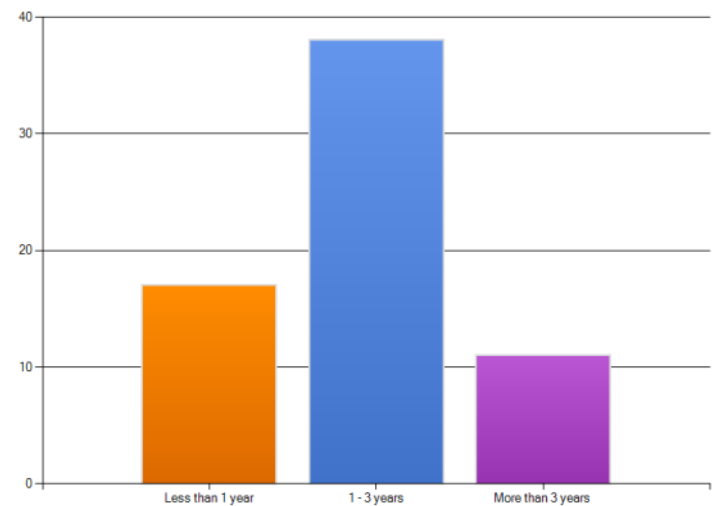
2011 AmeriCorps M3C Community Partner Survey

The 2011 M3C Program Community Partner Survey was conducted from July-August of 2011. 66/296 prime partners (those with an MOA with the M3C Program) took the time to respond to the survey. If your institution would like to see the results from the partners in your community please email the M3C Office—we are also able to provide you with comparative results from last year's survey. Overall our partners are very happy with the contributions and impact that M3C Members are making in their organization and community. Congratulations on another very successful program year.

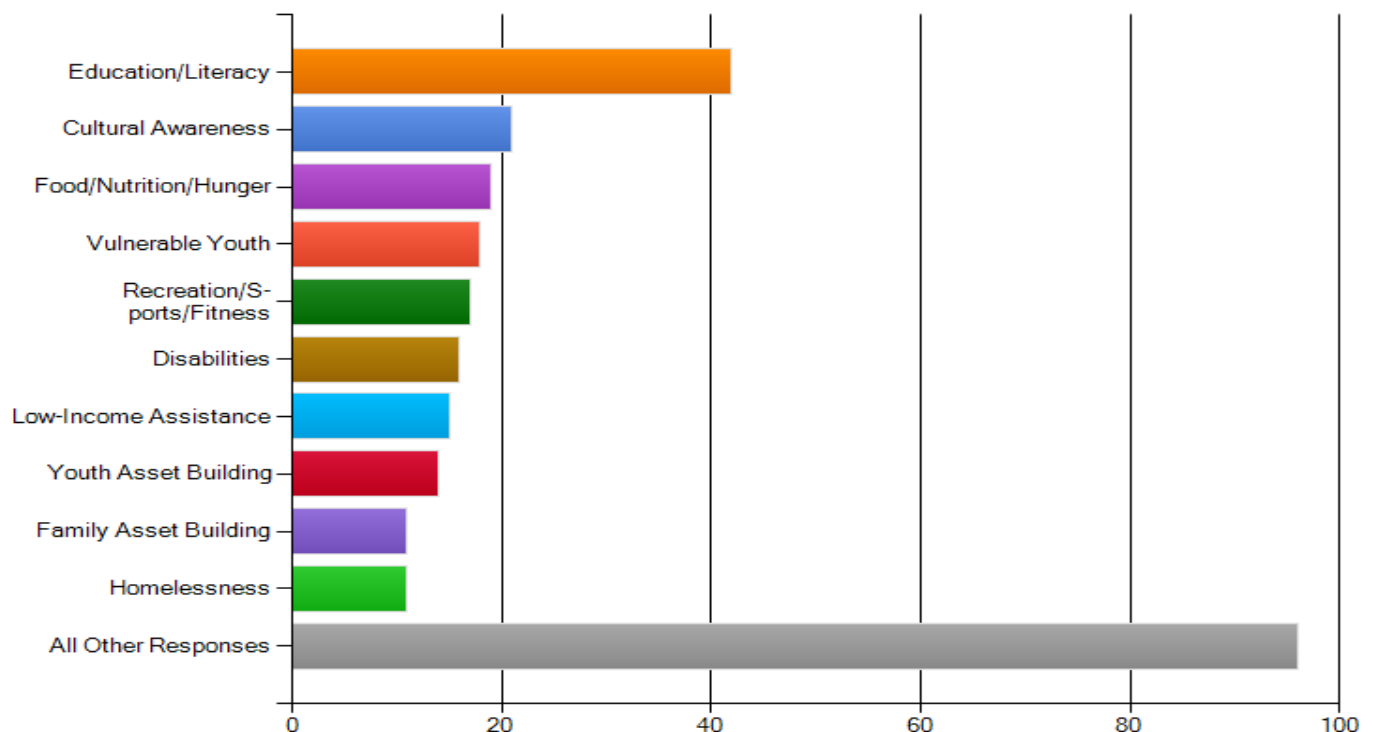
Your organization size is:



How long have you been working with the M3C Program?

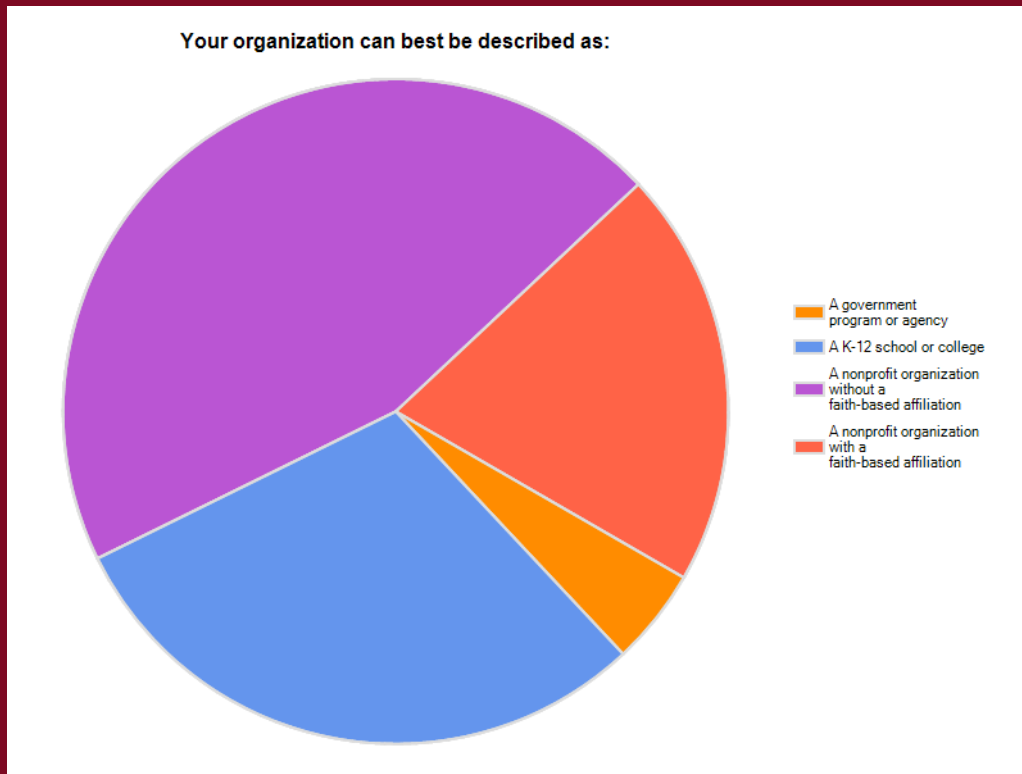


Which issues do college students who serve/volunteer at your organization address? (Please check all that apply.)

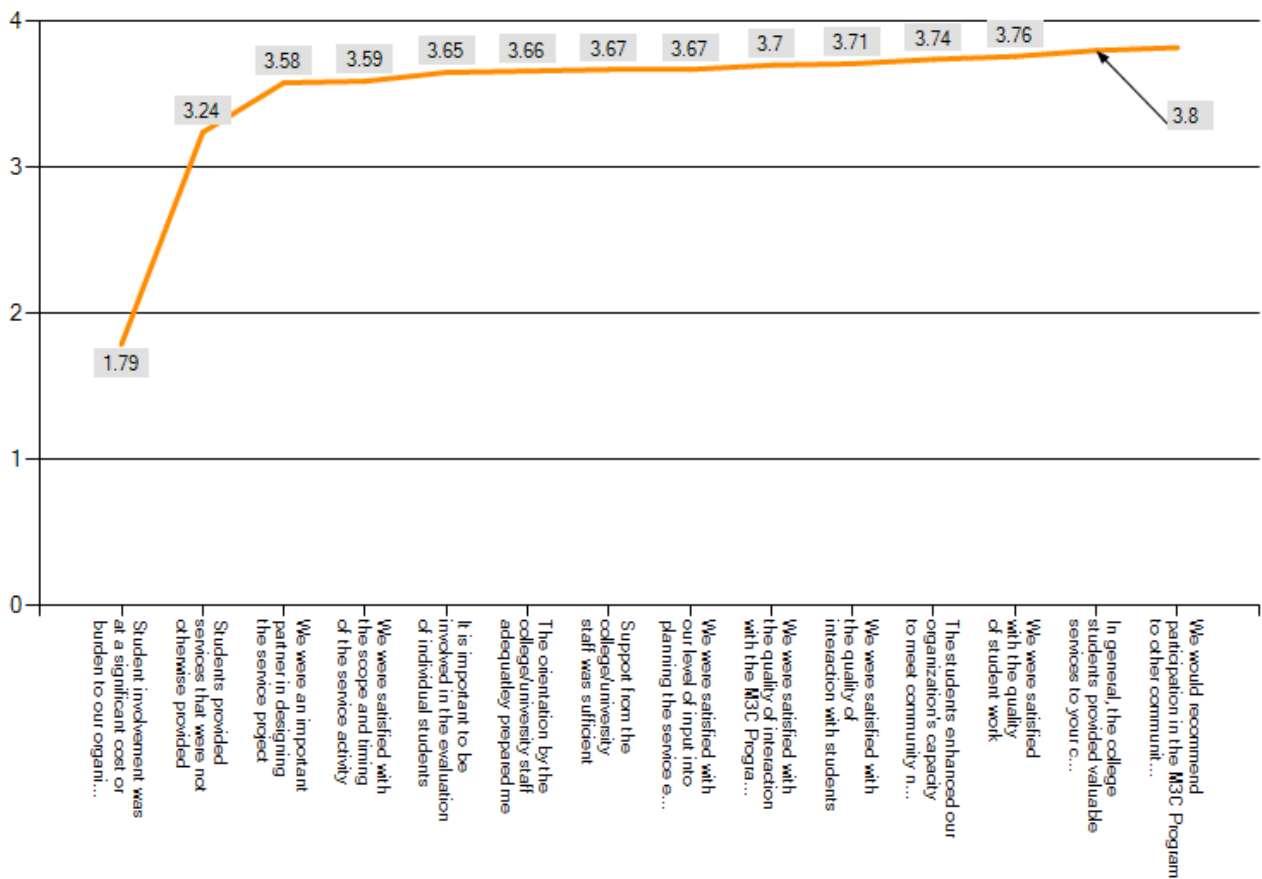


2011 AmeriCorps M3C Community Partner Survey

66/295 (22%) of M3C Primary Community Partners Responded to the Survey



Please edit your level of agreement with the following statements



"FACED WITH APATHY,
I WILL TAKE ACTION."

"I WILL BRING AMERICANS TOGETHER
TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES."

"I WILL CARRY THIS COMMITMENT
WITH ME THIS YEAR AND BEYOND."



Networking and Events

- # Using the Community Capitals Framework to Understand and Measure Community Impact. September 27, 2011. <http://servicelearninginquiry.eventbrite.com/>
- # Civic Reflection Facilitation training. October 20-21, 2011—Chicago, IL. (<http://civicreflection.org/training/>)
- # Youth Service Institute. October 24-26, 2011 in Philadelphia, PA. (<http://www.ysa.org/institute>)
- # Supporting Rural Economic Vitality through Campus-Community Partnerships. October 27, 2011. <http://servicelearninginquiry.eventbrite.com/>
- # 2011 IARSLCE Annual Conference—November 2-4, Chicago, IL (<http://www.researchslce.org/conferences-awards/>)
- # Inquiry into Service Learning: From learning Outcomes to Dissemination. November 4, 2011. More information here: <http://servicelearninginquiry.eventbrite.com/>

Small Grant Opportunities & Awards

UnitedHealth HEROES Service-Learning Grants

The UnitedHealth HEROES program is a service-learning, health literacy initiative developed by UnitedHealthcare and YSA. The program awards grants to help youth, ages 5-25, create and implement local, hands-on programs to fight childhood obesity. <http://www.ysa.org/HEROES> (Deadline: October 17, 2011)

Make a Difference Day

Join HandsOn Network and USA WEEKEND by taking action on Make A Difference Day. On October 22 millions of volunteers around the world will serve their neighbors through food drives, green space expansions and community building renovations among many other projects.

Visit the Make A Difference Day [DAYtaBANK](http://www.daytabank.com) to join a project in your community or start one of your own! After Make A Difference Day, you can turn your registration into an entry for a \$10,000 award from Newman's Own!

Do Something Seed Grants

Are you working to start a community action project or program? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? If you answered, "YES!", you are eligible to apply for a Do Something Seed Grant. <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/seedgrants> (Deadline: Weekly)

Daily Point of Light Award

The Daily Point of Light Award honors individuals and groups creating meaningful change in communities across America. Each weekday, one volunteer or volunteer effort is recognized with the Daily Point of Light Award. <http://www.pointsoflight.org/recognition/dpol> (Deadline: Daily)

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