CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service
to Lead Connecticut AmeriCorps Ceremony Thursday

Hartford, Nov. 5 — Wendy Spencer, chief executive officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, will be in Connecticut Thursday (Nov. 7) to swear in 350 new AmeriCorps members at the Trumbull Marriott. This year celebrates the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Corporation which administers all federal service programs. Spencer has led the agency since April 2012.

The new AmeriCorps inductees will be sworn in at noon in Salon ABCD by Spencer following her keynote address. Joining her will be William R. Dyson, chair of the Connecticut Commission on Community Service, and Jane A. Ciarleglio, executive director of the Office of Higher Education where the Commission is located. The individuals being sworn in include college students, teachers, mentors and older adults for whom the ceremony marks the start of a year of intensive community service for which they may receive an education award of up to $5,645 that they or their family members may use, as well as benefits including health insurance and child day-care.

The latest members join 600 other AmeriCorps members already serving throughout the state. The new AmeriCorps members will serve in nine programs recently selected to receive 2013 AmeriCorps Grants:

• Bridgeport: MYO AmeriCorps, Regional Youth/Adult Social Action Partnership ($308,374) - AmeriCorps members assist in preventing dating abuse in Bridgeport Public Schools.

• Bridgeport, Hartford, Waterbury and Willimantic: CT AHEC Network AmeriCorps Program, Northwestern Connecticut AHEC ($234,000) - AmeriCorps members work with high school and college students in serving community health needs.


• Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven: Public Allies Connecticut, Public Allies, Inc. ($494,000) - AmeriCorps members focus on capacity building to strengthen the ability of nonprofits to solve community issues.

• Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, Stamford and Windham: Teach for America – Connecticut, Teach for America ($168,800) - AmeriCorps members teach in urban public schools.

• Danbury: AmeriCorps Collegiate Development Program, Hispanic Center of Danbury, Inc. ($79,714) – AmeriCorps members provide college mentoring to high school students in Danbury- area high schools.

• Hamden and New Haven: Experience Corps, Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut, Inc. ($160,398) - AmeriCorps members aged 55 and older tutor elementary school children.

• Hartford: Green Crew, Knox Parks Foundation ($118,624) - AmeriCorps members provide green jobs training and counseling to out-of-school youth.

• Waterbury: Waterbury AmeriCorps, Naugatuck Valley Community College ($158,266)- AmeriCorps members tutor and mentor middle school students.

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