



AmeriCorps

Story of Service

AmeriCorps was created to “strengthen communities” and to “be a part of something bigger” than yourself. I have served 3 terms; a Grant Writer at a senior center, direct service in a Summer Feeding Program with an elementary school and my latest service as a Food Security Ambassador with the Food Bank of Wyoming. Each service enriched me on a personal and professional level by allowing me to use my core skill-set, as well as my helper-skills, to serve others. As a Grant Writer, one of my proudest accomplishments was securing funds to provide care for 3 homebound seniors. In the Summer Feeding Program, we were able to serve lunch to multiple low-income families each week day and often provided extra lunches for them to take home for the weekend. The Food Bank of Wyoming utilized my core skill-set of editing, writing and researching, as I identified new community contacts and grocery rescue participants, as well as provided direct service to food pantries, helped current partners with grant research and a better understanding of the grant process and conducted Partner Reviews on-site with in Albany, Goshen and Platte counties.

The AmeriCorps experience is a vital and valuable service to our communities and one that I encourage everyone, of all ages and skill-sets, to participate in, at some point in their lives. It is an experience that will stay with you as you move from one chapter of your life to another; an experience that will enrich you as a human being and as a professional; and an experience that will help create change in communities that are in-need of a helping-hand. Your dedication and compassion in making a difference in a community will help organizations meet their goals and complete their missions, and you will be a proud, integral part of that process.

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