

AmeriCorps VISTA Program

2013-2014 Impact Report

Statewide Literacy VISTA Cohort ➔ **33 VISTA members** serving at **27 host sites** in Minnesota

Beginning their service term in August 2013, the Literacy VISTAs are fighting poverty by developing and enhancing literacy programs that address the needs of low-income communities in **Austin, Faribault, Morris, Mankato, Northfield,** and **the Twin Cities metro**. The VISTA projects tackle **variety of literacy needs** for **diverse groups** of people including ...

- ➔ Children **preparing for kindergarten**
- ➔ Youth who are **behind academically**
- ➔ Young people **preparing for college**
- ➔ Adults in need of **basic education**

VISTA Impact

- Supported **2,259 volunteers** who collectively gave over **57,623 hours**
- Helped site provide quality literacy services **4,521 youth** and **5,649 adults**
- Leveraged **\$105,505 in cash donations**, and **in-kind donations worth \$154,168**
- Established and fostered **hundreds of community partnerships**
- Created **sustainable systems and materials**, including...
 - ➔ Curriculum and lesson plans
 - ➔ Databases and tracking systems
 - ➔ Surveys and assessments
 - ➔ Volunteer handbooks
 - ➔ Online resources
 - ➔ Outreach tools

➔ School Readiness

614 children were supported by programming focused to enhance pre-literacy and social skills necessary to for school success.

➔ Out of School Time

1,021 children and adolescents participated in after-school enrichment programming, increasing their academic engagement

➔ College Access

753 underserved teens received guidance associated with the skills needs for college preparation and success.

➔ Tutoring

2,133 students received tutoring and support, helping them build skills and achieve academic success.

➔ Adult Literacy

5,649 adults accessed adult basic education services, including English language instruction, GED classes, and citizenship courses.

THANK YOU! Your service continues to **increase organizations' capacity to serve people in poverty** in ways that will continue to have a long-term impact.