

Wendy Spencer
Chief Executive Officer
Corporation for National and Community Service



Wendy Spencer was nominated by President Obama and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) in 2012.

CNCS is a federal agency that annually engages 75,000 AmeriCorps members, 270,000 Senior Corps volunteers, and millions of citizens in results-driven service to solve local problems at more than 50,000 locations across the country. CNCS also strengthens the nation's volunteer sector through the Volunteer Generation Fund and Governor-appointed State Service Commissions, and invests in evidence-based community solutions that expand opportunity for low-income individuals through the Social Innovation Fund.

Under Spencer's leadership, CNCS has launched new partnerships, including FEMA Corps, School Turnaround AmeriCorps, STEM AmeriCorps, and Financial Opportunity Corps; increased the agency's focus on veterans and military families; expanded support for Native American communities, and overseen the national service response for many severe disasters.

Her efforts to engage elected officials include creating the annual Mayor, County, and Tribal Recognition Day for National Service, where last year 2,786 bipartisan mayors and county officials representing more than 150 million Americans expressed their appreciation for Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and volunteerism.

Spencer's management career spans 32 years and includes leadership roles in the government, nonprofit, and private sectors. She has served in both Republican and Democratic administrations. Prior to coming to Washington, D.C., she served as the CEO of the Florida Governor's Commission on Volunteerism under Governors Jeb Bush, Charlie Crist, and Rick Scott. In this capacity, she connected national service and volunteer strategies to meet state prioritized needs and coordinated volunteer efforts in response to disasters, including eight record-breaking storms in 2004-2005. She also served as the Director of the Florida Park Service, where she oversaw natural resource and recreational management for 158 state parks spanning 600,000 acres.

Other organizations Spencer has served professional roles in include United Way, Chamber of Commerce, banking, insurance, industry, and legislative. Among other honors, Spencer has been named as a NonProfit Times Top 50 Leader and received the prestigious Governor's Award for her disaster work.

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