



## **Past Host Organizations**

NYC Civic Corps members work at nonprofit organizations or City agencies for their term of service. Host organizations are located throughout the five boroughs of New York City and serve diverse populations. The following organizations have hosted NYC Civic Corps members in the past. (Note: the list of host organizations for the 2011-2012 service year has not yet been determined.)

### **Amigos del Museo del Barrio**

El Museo works to present and celebrate the cultural heritage of all Latin Americans in the United States. Since its grand reopening in October 2009 El Museo del Barrio has launched an aggressive new plan to expand their programs and educational activities. As part of the expanded mission, El Museo has needed to increase the number of volunteers that help with its festivals, special events and educational programs. Civic Corps members at El Museo have created volunteer positions, managed volunteers during El Museo's cultural events, and created outreach material.

### **Computers for Youth Foundation, Inc**

Computers for Youth empowers low income children to perform better in school by improving their learning environment. CFY provides home learning centers which are refurbished PC computers enabled with high quality educational software. After students and parents complete an educational workshop they are allowed to take a refurbished computer. Civic Corps members have been instrumental in ensuring CFY's growing program continues to receive enough volunteers.

### **CUNY Citizenship Now!**

CUNY Citizenship Now! provides free, high quality, and confidential citizenship and immigration law services to immigrants on their path to U.S. citizenship. This year, the NYC Civic Corps team at CUNY Citizenship Now! jumped into action in response to the tragic earthquake in Haiti. Since New York City has more people of Haitian descent than any other American city, when the federal government offered Haitians living illegally in the United States the opportunity to apply for Temporary Protected Status during the recovery, the NYC Civic Corps team at CUNY Citizenship Now! was there to help Haitians navigate the application process.

### **Fire Department of New York Foundation**

As the official not-for-profit of New York City's Fire Department, the FDNY Foundation works to support the Department by educating hundreds of thousands of NYC residents about fire safety. The Civic Corps team works to further that aim by promoting CPR as a life-saving technique, and tracking volunteer pledges to train additional people.

### **Girls Incorporated**

Girls Inc. seeks to inspire girls ages 6 to 18 to be strong, smart and bold. Working in neighborhoods with high rates of poverty and teen pregnancy Girls Inc. provides mentor opportunities related to college preparation, college funding, and educational assistance. Civic Corps members have recruited professional volunteers with experience in leadership, career development, health, etc.

### **Office of Financial Empowerment**

The Office of Financial Empowerment (OFE), an initiative of the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs, is the first local government initiative in the nation aimed expressly at educating, empowering, and protecting those with low incomes so they can build assets and make the most of their financial resources. Civic Corps members are recruiting volunteers to expand OFE's services in two areas: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) during the tax season (January - April), and year-round counseling at Financial Empowerment Centers.

### **New York Cares**

New York Cares is one of the leading service oriented non profits. Volunteers are dispatched in teams to provide services in the areas of youth development, culture and recreation, services for those with special needs, adult education, social services, animal care and disaster preparedness. New York Cares also organizes several large scale yearly events: New York Cares Day, Hands on New York Day, Winter Wishes, and the winter Coat Drive

### **New York City Housing Authority**

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) provides affordable housing in a safe and secure living environment for low and moderate- income residents throughout the five boroughs. NYCHA's Civic Corps team is working to organize resident Green Committees at 34 NYCHA developments across the city as part of the Greening of NYCHA program. The Corps members hold regular meetings with NYCHA residents where they disseminate information on the Greening of NYCHA program and empower committee members to work with their fellow residents to promote water conservation, energy conservation, and sustainability.

### **United Way of New York City**

The United Way of New York City has worked to better New York City communities for over 70 years. The BoardServeNYC initiative connects non profits throughout New York City with talented professionals interested in joining a board. Interested volunteers are trained in non profit governance to enable them to be effective board members. United Way's Civic Corps members have implemented BoardServeNYC, from designing intake and training systems to recruiting throughout the five boroughs.

### **Visiting Nurse Service of New York**

The Visiting Nurse Services of New York provides innovative service delivery that allows people to function independently in their own community for as long as possible. One of these programs is the Community Connections Time Banks. These time banks serve to educate and broker service exchanges for new and current members. Interested people willing to committee to the time bank earn one time credit for each hour contributed to serving another member of the time bank; this service hour can then be redeemed for an hour of service for them.