



## **#AmeriCorpsWorks in Tennessee: 2016 AmeriCorps Week Profiles**

In the spring of each year, the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#) (CNCS) leads the [AmeriCorps Week](#) campaign, an opportunity to share and celebrate the nationwide impact of AmeriCorps in our local communities. Throughout the week, programs across the country shared stories of success using the hashtag #AmeriCorpsWorks. Here are a few examples of the stellar AmeriCorps members who are serving in the Volunteer State.

- **Sarah Anderson, [CAC AmeriCorps](#) member at Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee**



*What are some of the most “stand out” things you’ve done so far this year?*

As Program Coordinator at Keep Sevier Beautiful, I have organized over 20 community events including litter cleanups, fundraisers, tree plantings, and recycling projects. I have also taught over 500 Sevier County students about recycling and storm water pollution, written multiple press releases highlighting KSB’s environmental efforts, and

created promotional and educational materials in English as well as Spanish to engage with community members.

*What kind of skills have you developed or refined?*

I have taken on tremendous leadership roles by organizing and executing community outreach events. My ability to recruit and manage volunteers has been enhanced throughout my service year. By organizing events aimed to serve specific organizations, reaching out to local businesses, engaging with students, and recognizing volunteers for their accomplishments, I have helped over 600 volunteers give back to their community through Keep Sevier Beautiful projects.

*Read more about Sarah [here](#).*

- **August "Auggie" Moultry, [T.E.A.M. AmeriCorps](#) member at Emerald Youth Foundation**

*How did Emerald Youth AmeriCorps change your life?*

Eleven years ago I started attending Emerald Youth as a kid, so I grew up in the program. The AmeriCorps members back then supported me no matter what. They were always easy to talk to, and I never felt alone. I am so grateful they were in my life.

For the last couple of years as I’ve served as an AmeriCorps member, I’ve grown in patience, understanding, and especially listening. I’m a much better listener! Every kid has a different personality, and they all





have their own unique struggles in life – it’s really opened my eyes, because they’re dealing with things that I never had to go through.

*What are you accomplishing with Emerald Youth through your AmeriCorps service?*

There are times when the kids I serve have dealt with bullying or other kinds of stuff at school that brings them down, and I can be there to encourage and help them to have a better day. The Emerald Youth staff and AmeriCorps members are like a second family to me, and I’m going to be around as long as I can in different ways!

*Read more about Auggie and other T.E.A.M. AmeriCorps members/alumni [here](#).*

- **Henrietta Brazal, [Appalachia CARES AmeriCorps](#) member at Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation & Development Council**



“To transform people’s lives so they get inspired to reach their full potential.” This is my passion and life mission!

My name is Henrietta Brazal, and I bring with me two decades of corporate human resource practice. I brand myself as a “change catalyst” and “prime mover”, having been involved in the cultural transformation of various financial institutions in the Philippines.

Deciding to take a detour in my career in 2009 led me to a different path – away from the glamor of the corporate world, and into a more meaningful and enriching life. It’s called “service”.

*Read more about Henrietta [here](#).*

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