



# Changing Lives Together



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I was SO proud of the students as they completed MAP testing, accomplished growth, and achieved their growth goals. One of our first-grade students, who can have a hard time sitting quietly, completed all of his testing with no issues. This was due to all of the encouragement and cheering on he received throughout the process. He had TREMENDOUS growth in his reading score. He was beaming with pride when he saw his score. I was so proud of him.

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PORTER – LEATH

Better Children. Better Families.

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As an AmeriCorps member working with children at Porter-Leath, I have found the experience to be incredibly rewarding and impactful. Interacting with these kids on a daily basis has shown me the resilience and joy that can be found in the face of adversity. It has taught me patience, empathy, and the importance of providing a safe and nurturing environment for these young individuals. Witnessing their growth and development has been inspiring, and I feel privileged to be a part of their journey. This experience has solidified my commitment to serving others and has shown me the true power of making a difference in a child's life.

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# Mobilizing Resources in Disaster Situations

Volunteer Tennessee is the state's lead agency for volunteers and donations during disasters. Following Hurricane Helene, we utilized the Tennessee Serves Network to connect volunteers with opportunities and helped secure an AmeriCorps NCCC team to meet local needs.

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When Hurricane Helene struck Northeast Tennessee, we witnessed the incredible impact of AmeriCorps NCCC members firsthand. Volunteer Tennessee provided guidance and support in making the crucial connections that brought our AmeriCorps NCCC Crew to the region. They showed up when it mattered most - clearing debris, organizing supplies, and supporting families in need - proving that many hands truly make light work.

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**Abraham McIntyre**  
*United Way of East Tennessee Highlands*



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Since the disaster, we have had thousands of volunteers come through the region to offer support in cleanup, rebuilding, and supply distribution efforts. The Tennessee Serves Network has been a gamechanger in our ability to recruit, track, and support the mass influx of volunteers into Northeast Tennessee.

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**Nathan Farnor**  
*Volunteer Tennessee Commissioner  
& Unicoi County Resident*

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