OUR HOUSE IN FOCUS

National Service
What does National Service do for Our House?

As of March 2017, 22 of Our House’s 57 full-time team members are National Service Members (NSMs). In addition, we have 20 team members including the President of our Board of Directors who previously served as an NSM.

National Service at Our House is provided through AmeriCorps, a federal service program with 80,000 participants nationwide. NSMs at Our House serve full-time in both capacity-building and direct service roles.

National Service Members have been instrumental to the successes of all of our programs and clients at Our House. In 2016 alone, we served 1,065 adults and 637 children.
How do National Service Members Serve?

**AmeriCorps**

- Are primarily engaged in direct service.
- Serve 900 hours in either six-month or twelve-month terms.
- Currently serve in Little Learners, Our Club, and the Career Center's Employment Coach program.

**VISTA**

- Engage in capacity building through indirect service.
- Serve full-time during business hours and are on call 24/7 for a 12-month term.
- Currently serve in every program at Our House from Administration to Facilities.
What have our NSMs Accomplished?

Here are a few statistics from our Fiscal Year 2016 that highlight the importance and impact of our NSMs.

98% Of our toddlers and preschoolers in Little Learners improved on or mastered benchmark assessments.

82% Of youth enrolled in Our Club for one semester improved or maintained their math and literacy grades.

519 Adults found employment through our programs, including 59% of our Housing clients.
What has National Service done for its Members?

"Faced with challenging projects and yet surrounded by a supportive culture, I have become more confident, more assertive, and more straightforward. At the same time, witnessing the stories and struggles of our clients, I have become more open, more patient, and more compassionate."

-Blake Tierney, VISTA Leader

National Service has given me an experience I will never forget. It has taught me so much about the world around me and even more about myself.

-Nick Harrington, Communications VISTA

National service has been an incredible experience and has help me continue to develop my skills as a nonprofit professional. These past months at Our House have provided unmatched opportunity unlike any I have had at previous employment. Spending a year in service to the underserved in the Little Rock community has been a humbling introduction to the city and to the state of Arkansas.

-Miranda Deaton, Career Center VISTA