

# Massachusetts Service Alliance

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## Massachusetts 2015-2016 Statewide Service and Volunteer Sector Needs Survey Results

On behalf of the Massachusetts Service Alliance, we would like to **thank you** for taking the time to fill out this brief survey.

The feedback you provided will help us understand the challenges and opportunities in the realm of service and volunteerism in the Commonwealth. For instance, survey respondents suggested that *"51% of organizations anticipate an increase in Direct Service Volunteers in the next 12 months."* We will use this information to develop a comprehensive service plan for the state in an effort to better train, support, and advocate for organizations using volunteers to address the needs of our communities.

We encourage you to take a look at the survey results document found [here](#).

## MSA Welcomes New Staff Members!



Amy Mulvena joined the MSA team in mid-November as the Commonwealth Corps Program Assistant.

Directly after graduating from Villanova University, she served in AmeriCorps from 2013-2014 at Tenacity Inc. and remained at the organization after her service year as a full-time Family Engagement Coordinator. Amy brings a passion for service and volunteerism to her

## Commonwealth Corps Update

Having passed the halfway point of the program year, MSA is excited to celebrate all that our Commonwealth Corps Members and Host Site Partners have accomplished so far and the many ways that our members have grown and developed new skills.

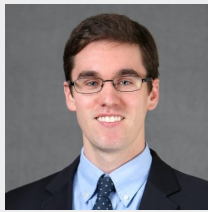
**COMMONWEALTH  
CORPS  
INSPIRE. UNITE. ACT.**

As of mid-February, our members have given 25,000 hours of service, impacting over 5,300 individuals around education, health, workforce development, and youth development.

### Mid-Year Impact:

- Over 1,300 community volunteers have been recruited or managed by our members.
- Over 26,800 additional volunteer hours have been provided by those volunteers.
- Over 5,300 unique individuals have been directly impacted by our members' service.
- Over \$551,000 of cash or in-kind support have been leveraged by our members.

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Colin McLaughlin joined MSA in December as the Administrative Coordinator. Before coming to MSA, Colin was a Program Assistant at the National Endowment for Democracy and a fellow and intern at the World Affairs Council of CT. Colin graduated from Colby College, where he majored in Global Studies and French Studies.

We look forward to continued community and organizational impact, as well as member growth and development, over the remainder of this service year.



## MSA Welcomes New Board Member, Rev. Edwin Johnson!

**Rev. Edwin Johnson** is the Priest in Charge of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Previously, he was assistant rector at St. James's Episcopal Church, Cambridge for three years. Rev. Johnson is a graduate of Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, CA where he received his Masters of Divinity, and was awarded the Fran Toy prize for Multicultural Ministry. He also received his B.A. in Anthropology and Comparative Religion from Tufts University, Boston, MA.



At St. James, Rev. Johnson actively participated in evangelism, social justice, preaching and pastoral counsel. He also oversaw Christian Education, Outreach, Young Adult and Fellowship programming. During his career, he was also involved or worked with several other programs and institutes, such as, working with Barbara Harris Camp, CDSP Godly Play Program, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Oakland and Nuestra Senora De Guadalupe in San Jose, CA.

### Job Opportunity at MSA: Program Officer

MSA is currently hiring a Program Officer to manage a portfolio of grantees; monitor grantee progress through site visits, progress reports, and other means; and identify opportunities to develop new initiatives and collaborations to support the field of service and volunteerism in the Commonwealth.

Click [here](#) to view the full job description

## SAVE THE DATE! Massachusetts Service & Volunteerism Day

**Thursday, April 14, 2016 / 10:00am-12:00pm  
State House, Grand Staircase**

Did you know that over 1.3 million people of all ages and backgrounds across Massachusetts are answering the call to serve their community? For some it's one day, and for others it's a yearlong commitment. Either way, they are providing vital support to our schools, food banks, homeless shelters, youth centers and other nonprofit organizations at a time of growing demand for services.

Join MSA at the State House on April 14th to hear from some of these remarkable community heroes as they share their story on how they are meeting local needs, inspiring others to serve, and making a difference in Massachusetts.

Stay tuned for more info and the RSVP link!

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## National Volunteer Week Grantee Announcement

National Volunteer Week (April 10-16, 2016) provides the perfect opportunity to reflect upon the power of service and volunteerism across the country. This year, MSA will celebrate National Volunteer Week and our 25th Anniversary by partnering with 10 nonprofits to provide opportunities for community members to volunteer side by side for the good of the Commonwealth. We are excited to announce our 10 grantees for National Volunteer Week:



- Barnstable County AmeriCorps Cape Cod**
- Boston Cares**
- Commonwealth Zoological Corporation d/b/a Zoo New England**
- Community United Way of Pioneer Valley**
- Growing Places**
- Mill City Grows Inc**
- Rebuilding Together Worcester**
- SeniorCare Inc.**
- Sharing the Harvest Community Farm**
- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth**

*Check back in mid-March for more details!*