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CATHOLIC NETWORK OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDED 2010 AMERICORPS GRANT

Washington, D.C. – Catholic Network of Volunteer Service (CNVS) was among the over 300 programs awarded over \$200 million in federal AmeriCorps grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service to address needs in education, health, poverty and other social issues.

CNVS is a membership organization of nearly 200 faith-based service programs, which publishes a print directory of service opportunities, RESPONSE, as well as hosts an online directory of full-time service opportunities. About 80 percent of CNVS' current members are affiliated with Catholic institutions while the other 20 percent are affiliated with other Christian denominations.

“Through these challenging times, we are pleased to continue our relationship working with the Corporation for National and Community Service to help meet the needs of the poor and marginalized,” said CNVS Executive Director Jim Lindsay. “With the continuation of this grant, we will enable over 100 of our member programs to support more than a thousand volunteers across the country.”

As part of the Serve America Act, the Corporation will support more than 85,000 AmeriCorps members in various programs this year. This is the first step towards the Serve America Act's goal of 250,000 annual AmeriCorps members by 2017.

Similar to AmeriCorps, CNVS has seen an expanded interest in full-time service. In the last year, CNVS has seen a 13 percent increase in website visitors and many member programs have reported higher volumes of applications for the programs.

Established in 1963, CNVS is the leading non-profit association for domestic and international volunteer and lay mission programs. Currently, more than 12,000 volunteers and lay missionaries serve in its member programs throughout the U.S. and in over 100 other countries worldwide.

Each year, CNVS publishes a directory of full-time, faith-based volunteer opportunities – RESPONSE. Last year nearly 30,000 copies of this resource were distributed to schools, churches and individuals interested in service. In addition to its annual directory of volunteer opportunities, CNVS also hosts a website (www.cnvs.org) promoting service opportunities for potential volunteers and volunteer program staff, administers AmeriCorps Education Awards to members, and hosts an annual conference.

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