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STATEWIDE AMERICORPS MEMBERS TO BE SWORN IN FOR YEAR OF SERVICE TO WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston, WV – Nearly 200 AmeriCorps members from across the state will begin a year of dedicated community service with an official swearing-in ceremony on Thursday.

- Who:** Volunteer West Virginia: The State's Commission for National and Community Service
AmeriCorps West Virginia
- What:** AmeriCorps 2009 Swearing-In Ceremony
- When:** Thursday, October 15, 11:30 a.m.
- Where:** Great Hall of the Culture Center at the State Capitol
- Why?:** AmeriCorps, the domestic Peace Corps, engages West Virginians in solving community-identified issues through service. President Obama has called all Americans to consider service as a way to improve communities and hopes to increase AmeriCorps members nationwide from 75,000 to 250,000 by the year 2012. AmeriCorps members address issues such as poverty, economic development, literacy and nutrition, just to name a few. The swearing-in ceremony is an opportunity to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism in West Virginia and the commitment that these citizens make to their communities.

Volunteer West Virginia is the state's Commission for National and Community Service, which is a division of the Office of the Governor. Volunteer West Virginia strengthens West Virginia communities through service and volunteerism. For more information, please call (304) 558-0111.

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