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AmeriCorps Program Arrives in Richland County

The National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), an AmeriCorps program, arrived in Richland County on Sunday and is scheduled to assist Richland County residents until August 26th. The NCCC is a full-time, team-based, residential program for men and women ages 18 to 24. NCCC members travel the country responding to disasters and aiding individual communities and the nation as a whole.

Darin Gudgeon, Emergency Management Director, is pleased to announce that Richland County will have a team of 8 NCCC members assisting flood victim homes by mitigating mold clean-up efforts and sandbag removal. "This is a great thing for our community."

The NCCC team will be working 6 days a week for the next 3 weeks and is coordinating their work schedule through the Emergency Management Case Workers. The NCCC team is scheduled to first assist flood victims in the Lone Rock area. If you would like to receive assistance from this crew, contact the Richland County Emergency Management Office at (608) 647-8187.

NCCC members are enthusiastic and diverse youth leaders who want to help others and are committed to serving community needs with creativity, leadership, and lots of hard work. Members receive training in CPR, first aid, disaster response, team building, leadership, fire fighting, and citizenship. NCCC service projects, which typically last from six to eight weeks, engage teams of NCCC members in short term, direct service activities that have measurable impacts on the community. Together with the USA Freedom Corps, the corporation is working to build a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in America.

NCCC members commit to 10 months of service and receive a living allowance, health plan, housing, food, uniforms, and an education award of \$4,725. Their service areas focus on disaster response, education, environment, public safety, and unmet needs. Visit their website at www.americorps.gov/nccc or call (800) 942-2677 for more information regarding their program.

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