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### **MAYOR TO RECOGNIZE AMERICORPS and AMERICORPS VISTA MEMBERS**

Jonesboro, AR—Mayor Harold Perrin, along with 1,700 other mayors across the nation, will participate in the third-annual Mayors' Day of Recognition for National Service – a day when volunteers in federal programs that include AmeriCorps/VISTA are thanked for their service to American communities. The event will occur on April 7, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the Municipal Center located at 300 N. Church Street in Jonesboro.

Members of Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps – men and women working on projects for the City of Jonesboro, Hispanic Community Services, Inc., and East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging, will be honored by Mayor Perrin at this event. In the 30 minute ceremony, Mayor Perrin will discuss how volunteers help make Jonesboro a better place to live. The public is invited to attend.

Over the years, AmeriCorps volunteers in Jonesboro have served with the North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative, Legal Aid of Arkansas, American Red Cross, Arkansas GardenCorps, Arkansas Literacy Council, City Youth Ministries, the Arkansas State University Social Work Department, the Foster Grandparent Program, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and others.

The April 7 initiative is sponsored by the National League of Cities, Cities of Service, as well as the Corporation for National and Community Service, which works to expand economic opportunity to create sustainable and resilient communities, a key focus of the nation's mayors.

Last year, the second annual Mayors' Day of Recognition for National Service saw 1,760 mayors from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico officially recognize the work of AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers.

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