



CITY YEAR AMERICORPS MEMBER APPRECIATION MONTH

MARCH 2017 #THANKYOUCORPS

CITY YEAR AMERICORPS MEMBERS TIRELESSLY SUPPORT STUDENTS

This year, 3,000 young adults are serving as City Year AmeriCorps members, dedicating themselves to a demanding year of service in many of the highest-need urban schools in 28 U.S. cities. Each day, our City Year AmeriCorps members work to change the lives of students and help ensure that they reach graduation, ready for college and career. Their dedication to their students' success is inspirational.

NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO RECOGNIZE THEM FOR THEIR COMMITMENT

The month of March is "City Year AmeriCorps Member Appreciation Month." Throughout the month, City Year and our supporters celebrate and appreciate City Year AmeriCorps members for their service to students, schools, and communities across the country. The extra support and encouragement of corps appreciation month shows corps members how many people care about them and energizes them to finish the year strong!

HELP US APPRECIATE CITY YEAR AMERICORPS MEMBERS THIS MARCH

There are many ways that you, your organization or your company can get involved in these efforts and we hope that you will participate. It's a great opportunity to build deeper relationships with City Year AmeriCorps members serving in your community.

WHO CAN HELP APPRECIATE THE CITY YEAR CORPS?

Everyone! We welcome the participation of our corporate sponsors, donors, alumni, parents of corps members, school partners, City Year staff – anyone who wants to say #thankyoucorps.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

By sending messages of gratitude, hosting a special activity or sending a care package to a single City Year corps member, a team, an entire site, or the national corps. You can also make a donation to City Year earmarked for corps appreciation.



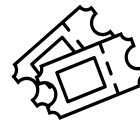
SOCIAL MEDIA

Post an appreciation video or message to City Year AmeriCorps members on social media using the #ThankYouCorps hashtag. Tell the corps why you appreciate them and why you support their service. Get creative and have fun with it!



CARE PACKAGES

Put together a care package for a City Year team. It could include notes of encouragement, baked goods, tickets, etc.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Show your appreciation by hosting an event or activity. Celebrations with food are always a hit with City Year AmeriCorps members!

You may also make a donation to your City Year site to help fund appreciations already under way.

Please see reverse side for more details on getting involved.





I WANT TO HELP APPRECIATE THE CORPS! WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

Please reach out to your site liaison or our national liaison, listed below. These liaisons are ready to help with the logistics of your appreciation, coordinating events or gift deliveries, or facilitating a financial contribution toward appreciation efforts already underway or an appreciation of your choosing.

LOOKING FOR AN IDEA FOR AN EVENT OR AN ACTIVITY TO HOST FOR OUR CORPS?

Here are a few ideas:

- Provide donuts and coffee for a training day
- Buy museum passes
- Host corps members at a sporting event
- Host corps members at a movie, concert, or theater event
- Send pizza to a school for lunch
- Host an after school ice cream social
- Rent lanes at a bowling alley

We can also distribute gifts that you purchase for the corps – movie tickets, gift cards, etc. – on your behalf.

A NOTE ABOUT TAX RECEIPTS, ACCEPTANCE OF IN-KIND GIFTS AND GIFT CARDS

If you make a monetary contribution to City Year in support of corps member appreciation month, we will provide a receipt for your gift for your tax purposes. In addition, if you provide in-kind gifts, such as food or event tickets, we will also provide you with a receipt acknowledging your in-kind gifts. Please note: the purchases of gift cards by City Year for corps members results in taxable income to corps members; therefore, City Year cannot accept a monetary gift from you to purchase gift cards. If you have gift cards that you would like to contribute in support of corps member appreciation month, we would be happy to distribute them on your behalf to our corps. We cannot, however, provide you with a tax receipt for the gift cards.



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**NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL AND EVERY GESTURE OF
#THANKYUOCORPS IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.**

THANK YOU FOR HELPING CITY YEAR SAY #THANKYUOCORPS!

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