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VOLUNTEER TENNESSEE COMMISSIONERS VISIT

{INSERT PROGRAM NAME}

 **[CITY]**, Tenn. – Volunteer Tennessee Commissioners **[Insert names]** are visiting **[Name of Program],** an AmeriCorpsprogram, on **[date of visit]**. The visit is designed to help Volunteer Tennessee gauge the program’s effectiveness and guide investment decisions.

 As Tennessee’s state service sommission, it is Volunteer Tennessee’s responsibility to invest and monitor AmeriCorps programs. Its goal is to encourage volunteerism and community service. In part, this is accomplished by fostering community service initiatives and partnerships in which people of all ages and backgrounds engage in addressing the educational, public safety, environmental and other human needs through AmeriCorps programs.

 **[Insert quote from commissioner regarding the visit]**

 **[Provide description of what service activities the AmeriCorps members perform. Also include any other notable activities AmeriCorps members may have participated in this year.]**

 Volunteer Tennessee is the 25-member, bipartisan citizen commission appointed by the governor to direct the state’s national service effort. Learn more about its work at www.tn.gov/volunteer-tennessee.

AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism, provides opportunities for Americans to serve their country domestically, address the nation’s most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities and strengthen civic engagement. Each year, the agency places more than 200,000 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in intensive service roles; and empowers millions more to serve as long-term, short-term or one-time volunteers. Learn more at AmeriCorps.gov.

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