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## **California Volunteers Recognizes Twenty AmeriCorps Trailblazers for Supporting Service in California**

**Sacramento, CA** - CaliforniaVolunteers celebrated the AmeriCorps 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this past Friday, September 12, 2014, at the Presidio Institute in San Francisco. Over the last 20 years, AmeriCorps has made a large impact throughout California by engaging members in service locations such as nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and communities.

In recognition of this milestone, CaliforniaVolunteers honored 20 AmeriCorps Alums, acknowledging them as Service Trailblazers. These 20 visionary people have been at the forefront of the service moment since the inception of AmeriCorps, and have created, shaped, and supported AmeriCorps service in California.

The Service Trailblazers are listed below, along with a phrase that best captures his or her legacy:

- **Eddie Aguero:** Encouraging and equipping AmeriCorps programs for success.
- **Donna Bojarsky:** Inspiring community action through policy and communications.
- **Nick Bollman:** Visionary grantmaker who rallied California and national foundations to support service.
- **Sheila Boxley:** Expanding services, capacity, and diversity in community organizations.
- **Karla Crawford:** Ensuring service opportunities for all – no matter their age or circumstance.
- **Angela De Los Santos:** Demonstrating that service is a transformational experience – California AmeriCorps Alums Local Leadership Award Winner.
- **Kaira Esgate:** Catalyst for expanding service opportunities through policy, programming, and communications.
- **U.S. Congresswoman Doris Matsui:** Ensuring the growth of national service as co-chair of the National Service Caucus.
- **Julie McClure:** Pursuing educational opportunity through service in the North Bay and statewide.

- **Nancy McFadden:** Assuring that service is not forgotten at all levels of government.
- **David Muraki:** Strategist for creating opportunities for real people to do real service every day.
- **Circe Olander:** Motivator and mentor for building impactful AmeriCorps programs statewide.
- **Nancy Peterson:** Convener of national and community service leaders across California.
- **Dr. Robert K. Ross:** Fostering innovation in service programs through strategic Grantmaking and direct engagement.
- **Maria Shriver:** Believes everyone can serve and be architects of change, so that we will better understand our fellow citizens and what their lives are like.
- **Lisa Spinali:** Behind the scenes 360 degree AmeriCorps advocate since 1993.
- **Chuck Supple:** Believer in the power of service to unite people to collectively solve problems.
- **Megan Swezey Fogarty:** Spark for regional and statewide conversations to launch AmeriCorps.
- **Dr. Linda Forsyth Weidenhamer:** Established “service as a strategy” in California.
- **Marty Weinstein:** Twenty years of state and national advocacy for AmeriCorps.

For more information on the AmeriCorps 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event please visit:  
[http://www.californiavolunteers.org/index.php/Media/media\\_kit/](http://www.californiavolunteers.org/index.php/Media/media_kit/).

*CaliforniaVolunteers is the state office that manages programs and initiatives to increase the number of Californians involved with service and volunteering, including the state AmeriCorps program and the California Disaster Corps. Through the CaliforniaVolunteers website, individuals and families can find more than 50,000 volunteer opportunities throughout the state, involving education, the environment, youth, and disaster preparedness. For more information, please visit [www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org](http://www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org).*

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