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County Administrator Steve Howard Joins Nationwide Effort to Recognize Impact of National Service

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – April 1, 2015 – County Administrator Steve Howard will join more than 1,760 county leaders and mayors across the country in a nationwide bipartisan initiative to highlight the impact of national service on local communities. Every day in counties such as Camden, national service is tackling tough problems and strengthening communities. The first annual County Day of Recognition for National Service will be celebrated on April 7, 2015. Our local leaders will recognize the impact of AmeriCorps and Senior Corps and thank those who serve.



“National service is a vital resource for our county,” said County Administrator Steve Howard. “AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers make our counties better places to live. As County Administrator, I am grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of these citizens who are helping to make our great county stronger, safer, and healthier.”



Given the many social needs facing communities, county and city leaders are increasingly turning to national service as a cost-effective strategy to meet local needs. Camden County has one AmeriCorps member who has been a great asset to the County's 4-H and Agriculture programs. Sarah Newby, AmeriCorps VISTA, arrived in May 2014 for a one year stay. She has provided vital support to our county program.

All volunteers are paid a monthly stipend and receive benefits and an Segal AmeriCorps educational award at the end of the year of service through the AmeriCorps VISTA program. This volunteer position requires no financial commitment from the County as it is fully funded through a grant.

The Day of Recognition for National Service is a nationwide bipartisan effort to recognize the positive impact of national service in counties, to thank those who serve, and to encourage citizens to give back to their communities. The day is sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the National Association of Counties, the National League of Cities, and Cities of Service.

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“I am proud to be working with Camden County as we continue to strengthen communities through national service,” said Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. “County executives and mayors are leaders who get things done. They know first-hand the value of national service in tackling local problems. I commend County Administrator Steve Howard for working with us to improve lives and strengthen communities through national service.”

As the federal agency for service and volunteering, CNCS annually engages more than five million citizens in service at more than 60,000 locations through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and other programs. National service participants address the most pressing challenges facing our counties and nation, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to preserving the environment and helping communities recover from natural disasters.

Across the nation, county administrators and mayors are participating in a variety of activities, including visiting national service programs, hosting roundtables, issuing proclamations, and communicating about national service through social media. By shining the spotlight on the impact of service and thanking those who serve, local officials hope to inspire more residents to get involved in their communities.

“National service shows the best of the American spirit – people turning toward problems instead of away, working together to find community solutions,” said Howard. “Today, as we thank national service members for their commitment, let us all pledge to do our part to strengthen our county through service and volunteering.”

For more information, including background information and a list of participating county leaders and mayors, please visit www.nationalservice.gov/countiesforservice.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is “Georgia’s Coastal Community of Choice.” Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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