

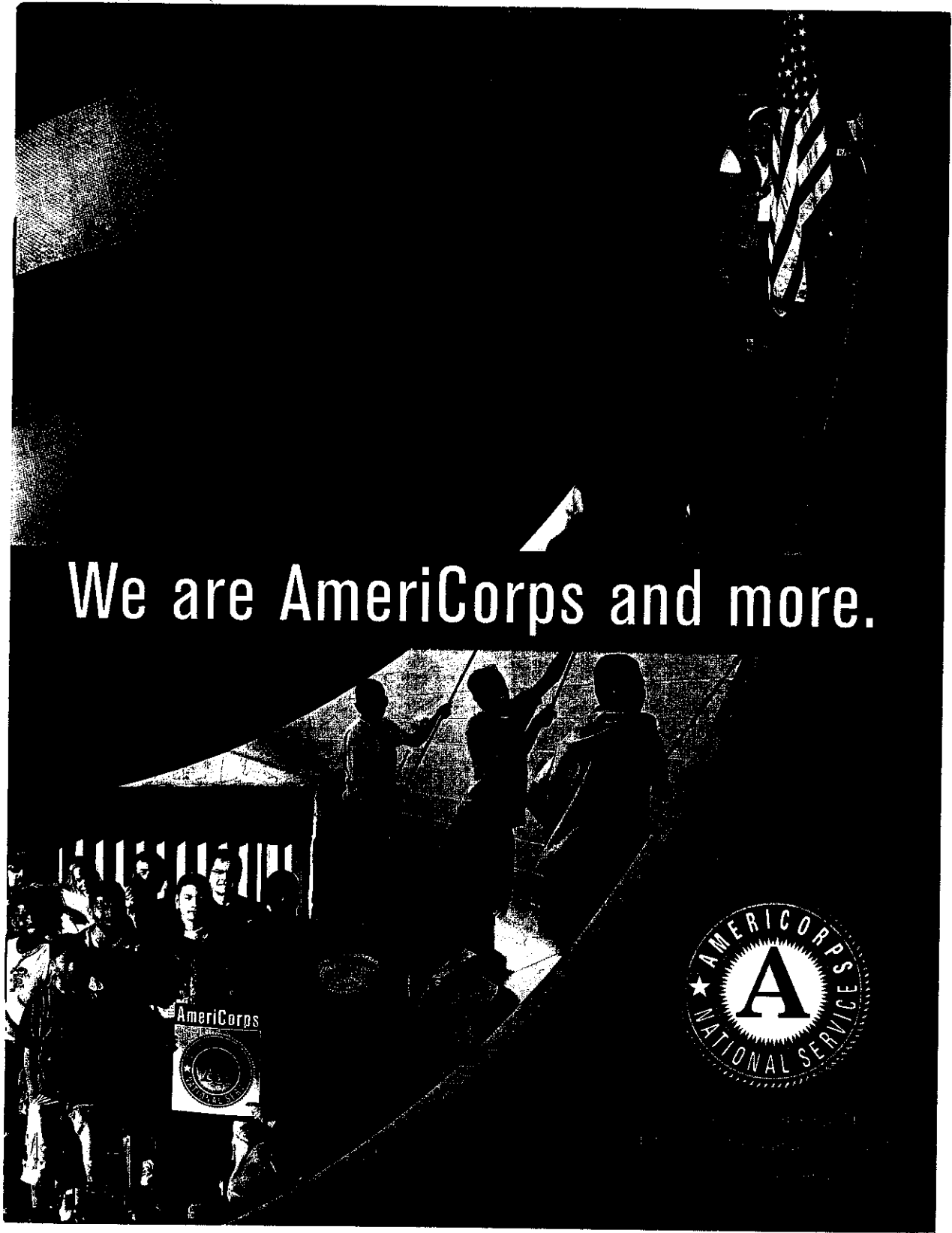
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Dear friends in service,

I am pleased to report that in 2002, the Nevada Commission for National and Community Service Inc. (NCNCS) secured \$908,231 in competitive funding and allocated \$520,800 in formula funding for community service programs within our state. Combined, this represents a 35 percent increase in funding for AmeriCorps members and programs.



This is significant for several reasons. Nevada received close to \$1.5 million (\$1.9 million overall) in federal funding that would not otherwise be available to meet critical needs in communities throughout our state. Nevada earned \$11.80 for every dollar invested, one of the highest returns on investment delivered by any nonprofit organization in the state. And Nevada, for the first time in its history, became the only state in the Pacific region to secure the full amount requested from the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees AmeriCorps funding.

As a result, we have also increased the total number of part- and full-time AmeriCorps members to more than 200 individuals who are engaged in providing critical service needs in almost every rural and urban area in Nevada. By the end of this cycle, this also means Nevadans will have earned more than \$720,000 in educational scholarships, with most of these funds being returned to state universities in Nevada.

By any measure, such results clearly demonstrate that AmeriCorps not only works, but it works wonders in Nevada. In fact, thanks to the hard work of AmeriCorps members and program directors, governor-appointed volunteer commissioners and staff, nonprofit community partners and corporate benefactors, the NCNCS has leveraged every dollar to maximize community service beyond AmeriCorps.

Through the generosity and support of countless individuals, organizations, and companies, the NCNCS has grown the Celebrate Service Conference into the largest collaborative professional development symposium for community partners and volunteers in the state; and realized tremendous gains in promoting volunteerism by recognizing outstanding volunteers in Nevada through the Points of Light Foundation. Such programs are vital to our state because much like AmeriCorps, they promote and nurture a legacy of giving and community service that will span generations.

For those who have helped us accomplish so much in such a short period of time through their support, cooperation, and confidence, I cannot thank you enough. I sincerely look forward to continuing our work together in an effort to make our state a better place.

Thank you,

Shawn Lecker-Pomaville
Executive Director

