

PLEASE HELP US SAVE SeniorCorps!

On Friday, February 17, 2017 the [New York Times](#) reported that the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency that supports RSVP, the Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion Program, known collectively as Senior Corps, and AmeriCorps has been included on a list of federal agencies to be eliminated in the FY 2018 federal budget. This elimination would be devastating to our community and to communities across our country.

The Senior Source has been a proud sponsor of RSVP, the Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion Program since 1978, 1981 and 1990, respectively. Through these many years, we have mobilized thousands of older adult volunteers to improve the lives of tens of thousands of children, frail elderly and others in need, as well as supporting hundreds of area non-profits with desperately needed volunteer support. In just the last year alone, 1,482 older adult volunteers in these three programs provided 298,937 hours of service to our community and supported nearly 200 area non-profit organizations, including yours. We cannot begin to imagine our community without this support and passion for service. Volunteerism has also clinically shown to improve the quality of life and increase life expectancy in our older adults!

*We can stop these programs from being eliminated in the budget, but we must act now!*

#### **What You Can Do to Support Senior Corps and CNCS**

Please join The Senior Source and so many other organizations that support National Service, Senior Corps and AmeriCorps for a special Congressional Call Day, and ask Congress to protect and fully fund CNCS and its programs. Please visit this helpful link for call instructions and a call script:

<http://voicesforservice.org/call-congress-save-national-service/>

In addition to calling your congressional delegation, please e-mail your members of Congress expressing your concern and opposition to any cuts or efforts to eliminate CNCS. A template message is attached for your convenience.

You can access your state's congressional delegation by clicking on this link: <https://www.congress.gov/contact-us>.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THESE INCREDIBLE PROGRAMS!**

Best,  
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The mission of The Senior Source is to improve the quality of life of older adults in the greater Dallas area through protection, eldercare, financial security, advocacy, volunteerism and employment services.