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***Celebrate with us as we salute the service of 40-plus AmeriCorps members in Orange County***

SANTA ANA, Calif., March 4, 2016 – Join more than 100 AmeriCorps members, supervisors from partner sites and other supporters at the Delhi Center to recognize AmeriCorps partners and volunteers who inspire hope, change lives and make a powerful and permanent impact on members of our Orange County community.

A special awards ceremony combines with live music to honor the 41 AmeriCorps members who serve at 36 nonprofit partner sites and schools throughout Orange County. Of these members, 18 CalPREP members promote college readiness at schools and nonprofits, 17 VIP members increase volunteer capacity at nonprofits and six DRVP members build non-profit disaster-preparedness programs.

The luncheon serves as a focal point for National AmeriCorps Recognition Week, March 5-12. In affiliation with more than 2,000 nonprofits, public agencies and community organizations, more than 75,000 AmeriCorps volunteers annually donate an effective and

intensive year of community service in the areas of education, the environment, public safety, health and homeland security.

Nationally, AmeriCorps members gain valuable professional, educational and life skills as they mobilize an astounding four million volunteers for the organizations they serve.

AmeriCorps includes three distinct programs. Members of AmeriCorps State and Nation serve with national and local nonprofit and community groups. AmeriCorps VISTA members fight poverty and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) provides a team-based approach for young adults 18-24 to work on public safety, environmental, youth development and disaster relief and preparedness projects.

OneOC President and CEO Daniel J. McQuaid said, "Our AmeriCorps members provide priceless services that build the volunteer infrastructure of Orange County's most prominent nonprofits, mentor underserved public school children, help veterans and lay critical groundwork for disaster preparedness. Author David Thomas once said that 'Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls.' Surely making time to thank these noble souls is a worthy investment in light of their service to us."

OneOC recruits and trains full-time AmeriCorps members in Orange County. Fellowships extend a variety of benefits to members, including a stipend. The AmeriCorps National/Direct Corps members recruited by OneOC have grown from nine in 2009 to 34 in 2015 and will expand by even more in 2016. Full-time programs for AmeriCorps VIP members help build volunteer capacity at local nonprofits and educational organizations that serve high-need children, families and youth. AmeriCorps CalPREP members initiate college-readiness mentoring relationships in educational organizations serving high-need students.

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### ***About OneOC***

OneOC is a nonprofit 501c3 organization committed to accelerating nonprofit success through volunteer, training, consulting and business services. Serving Orange County, California, OneOC provides support and solutions to more than 670 nonprofit organizations and community initiatives each year. Building on a 56-year history of mobilizing volunteer action, the organization offers integrated services to help nonprofits become as effective and efficient as they are passionate about their mission. OneOC is affiliated with the Points of Lights and HandsOn Network, enabling participation in national community service

initiatives and connection to a larger movement of change. For more information, visit [www.OneOC.org](http://www.OneOC.org).

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