To honor and remember those who exhibited extreme courage and bravery on September 11, 2001, some of whom gave the ultimate sacrifice, AmeriCorps members from greater Flint came together on September 11, 2018 to provide service to our community. In partnership with the American Red Cross East Central Bay Chapter, we installed smoke alarms as part of the Home Fire Campaign, which helps residents prepare for and protect themselves against home fires, as well as be more resilient should a fire occur.

Members also put together home fire safety materials to give to residents, inputted data for the Home Fire Campaign, assembled brochures and door knockers, and made stuffed animal toys. The stuffed animals will be given to children in a variety of circumstances, including to children who have experienced a home fire.

Thank you for your contribution to helping make Flint and Genesee County a safer and more resilient community.

70 unique volunteers participated
490 volunteer service hours contributed
$11,828.60 impact of service hours

Participating AmeriCorps Groups:
- AdviseMI
- Boys and Girls Club VISTA
- City of Flint VISTA
- Flint Community School Corps
- Flint Recovery Corps
- Flint Urban Safety Corps
- FoodCorps
- Reading Corps
- Together We Prepare AmeriCorps
- United Way VISTA

Special thanks to the Burton Fire Department for hosting us and supporting the campaign.

We also thank the Michigan Community Service Commission for their financial support of the project and their ongoing commitment to AmeriCorps and volunteerism in the state of Michigan.
“What I loved about the project is that we were making a difference in the community. The residents were so appreciative.” - AmeriCorps Member

“I really enjoyed the opportunity to educate residents about smoke detector maintenance. It made me think more about my family and friends and how something as small as a smoke detector can save their lives…” - AmeriCorps Member

Though a lot of folks seemed skeptical and suspicious of us—and that was initially kind of disheartening—we got a chance to install smoke detectors for some people and they were overjoyed to have them in their homes” - AmeriCorps Member

By The Numbers

80 homes were entered and assessed for the effectiveness of their smoke alarms

162 smoke alarms installed

66 stuffed animals completed to give to children after a fire

200 home fire safety bags assembled

Your Impact at Work

“We are very thankful for all of you, your commitment to service and for your commitment to helping this community. Every day, on average, 7 people are killed in a home fire. Installing fire alarms and educating on fire prevention helps us prevent these tragedies.”

- Amy Meister Executive Director American Red Cross, East Central Bay