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2012 Symposium: Celebration of Service

AmeriCorps Profiles of Service



Held May 31, 2012
The Seward Civic Center
616 Bradford Street
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9:30am-3:30pm

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2012 SYMPOSIUM: CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

PROGRAM

10:00-10:15 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

GREG DONOVAN, SERVE NEBRASKA

*CHARLES LIESKE, R.I.S.E. AMERICORPS MEMBER &
PRESIDENT ELECT, SEWARD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE*

JAMESENA MOORE, CHAIR, SERVE NEBRASKA



10:15-11:00 APRIL KELLY, GRATITUDE ACADEMY
"BUILDING YOUR PERSONAL BRAND & NETWORKING"

11:00-12:00 AMERICORPS PROJECTS CELEBRATION



12:00-1:30 LUNCH

*AMY RADDING, CHEF,
RURAL COMMUNITY FOODS AMERICORPS MEMBER
TABLE TOPIC REFLECTION*



TREVE FLOROM, EDUCATIONQUEST
"EDUCATIONQUEST, AMERICORPS & FINANCIAL AID"

1:30-2:30 AMERICORPS PROJECTS CELEBRATION



**2:30-3:15 LORINDA BROWN,
EIGHT TO GREAT TRAINER**
"JOY-FULL LIVING"

3:15-3:30 CLOSING

(*JAMESENA MOORE AND APRIL KELLY ARE GOVERNOR-APPOINTED
VOLUNTEER COMMISSIONERS FOR SERVE NEBRASKA)

**NEBRASKA AMERICORPS
FORMULA & COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS**

The programs below are provided by local Nebraska organizations benefitting their fellow Nebraskans:

BVCA AmeriCorps

– Blue Valley Community Action Partnership

Center for Rural Affairs AmeriCorps

*– Center for Rural Affairs in partnership with
Volunteers of America of Western Nebraska*

ECHO AmeriCorps – *City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation*

Hastings Literacy Program AmeriCorps – *Hastings Literacy Program*

HUB AmeriCorps – *The HUB Central Access Point for Young Adults*

LFS AmeriCorps – *Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska*

MMI AmeriCorps – *Munroe Meyer Institute,
University of Nebraska Medical Center*

MCC AmeriCorps – *Metropolitan Community College*

Nebraska Campus Compact Service Scholars AmeriCorps
– University of Nebraska Lincoln

PROH AmeriCorps – *Center for People in Need*

R.I.S.E. AmeriCorps – *Nebraska State Probation*

Rural Corps of South Central Nebraska AmeriCorps
*– Kearney Area Community Foundation in partnership with the
University of Nebraska Kearney, Office of Service Learning*

Youth Build Omaha AmeriCorps – *Goodwill Industries, Omaha*

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THE NEBRASKA VOLUNTEER SERVICE COMMISSION**

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"A HUBZONE BASED-DESIGN CENTER"

CREATIVE NONFICTION/POSTER

THEME: HOW SERVICE IS CHANGING ME

AmeriCorps Member: Linda Williams

AmeriCorps Program: MCC AmeriCorps (Elkhorn)

Service Description: Members focus on initiatives aimed at reducing energy consumption and promoting recycling and energy saving practices. Members also have the opportunity to enroll in classes that will give them valuable, marketable skills in energy auditing.

Service Highlight: I am an Architecture major as well as an Entrepreneurship major and I live in a HUBZone. I want the community to look and function in a more sustainable way.

Project Summary: Historic Preservation has been my passion for a number of years now. It's great to be able to draw old buildings in my AmeriCorps program and see how they can not only be aesthetically sustainable, but become more energy sustainable.



"COLOR YOUR COMMUNITY WITH SERVICE"

VISUAL ART

THEME: HOW MY SERVICE MADE LIFE IN NEBRASKA BETTER

AmeriCorps Program: BVCA AmeriCorps – FYI Center (Fairbury)

Participants: Angela Pratt, Samantha Rink, Jessica Schwartz, Connie Schwartz, Chandra Howard, Mike Springer, Aaron Hilligas, Angie Harroun, Collena Laschanzky

Service Description: Members provide service at the FYI Center, an after-school program for K-7.

Project Summary: The kids that attend the youth center come from all walks of life, and are all unique in their own way. We celebrated MLK Week at the FYI Center by showing these kids the importance they can have in their community by giving back and volunteering. The melted crayon artwork was designed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a fun project to get the kids attention and get them to ask questions since MLK Day is a day of service.



NEBRASKA AMERICORPS INDIAN TRIBES PROGRAMS

The following AmeriCorps programs are provided by federally recognized Nebraska tribes:

Bright Futures AmeriCorps – Omaha Tribe

Santee Sioux Nation AmeriCorps Program (SSNAP)

– Santee Sioux Nation

NEBRASKA AMERICORPS NATIONAL DIRECT PROGRAMS

Each of the programs below are part of larger national efforts with a presence benefitting Nebraskans:

CLEAR Corps – Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance

College Possible – College Possible Omaha

Community Health Corps – Health Center Association of Nebraska

Cooking Matters – Visiting Nurse Association Omaha

Habitat for Humanity – Habitat for Humanity Omaha

Student Conservation Association (SCA)

– Homestead National Monument

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2012 SYMPOSIUM: CELEBRATION OF SERVICE AUTHORS & ARTISTS

MORNING CELEBRATIONS

- MCC AMERICORPS, OMAHA
"FINDING A VOICE"
BVCA AMERICORPS, FAIRBURY
"TAKE A HIKE HUNGER"
TAEOR COTTON, MCC AMERICORPS, OMAHA
"A POEM FOR AMERICORPS"
MCC AMERICORPS, OMAHA
"THE BIM LAB"
LFS AMERICORPS – OMAHA
"ETHIC OF SERVICE"

LUNCHEON CELEBRATION

- AMY RADDING – CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS AMERICORPS, SOUTH SIOUX CITY
"SIOUX CHEF: COOKING WITH FRESH, LOCAL INGREDIENTS"

AFTERNOON CELEBRATIONS

- BVCA AMERICORPS, FAIRBURY
"BRAINS ARE KEYS-BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS"
SARAH LARSEN ASTRONES – R.I.S.E. AMERICORPS, GRAND ISLAND
"IF NOT NOW, WHEN?"
INDRA FAISON – MCC AMERICORPS, OMAHA
"CAREER SERVICES SCRAPBOOK JOURNAL"
RURAL CORPS OF SOUTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA, KEARNEY
"PIECES OF CHANGE"
NICOLE HOPE – ECHO AMERICORPS, LINCOLN
"AMERICLAUGE"
PROH AMERICORPS – LINCOLN
"FACES OF OUR PROH TEAM"
SUE TRISLER – MCC AMERICORPS, OMAHA
"CRANE STORM FOR VETERANS"
TERESA COUSINS – R.I.S.E. AMERICORPS, KEARNEY
"IN THE EYES OF R.I.S.E."
YOUTH BUILD OMAHA AMERICORPS
"SCALED DOWN MODEL HOME"
KATHY WAGONER-WIESE – R.I.S.E. AMERICORPS, KENESAW
"R.I.S.E. ABOVE YOUR SITUATION"
MUNROE MEYER INSTITUTE (MMI) AMERICORPS – OMAHA
"REACHING OUT AND READING"
LINDA WILLIAMS – MCC AMERICORPS, OMAHA
"A HUBZONE BASED-DESIGN CENTER"
BVCA AMERICORPS – FAIRBURY
"COLOR YOUR COMMUNITY WITH SERVICE"

"R.I.S.E ABOVE YOUR SITUATION"

VISUAL ART/QUILTED WALL HANGING
THEME: HOW VOLUNTEERS, STUDENTS, CLIENTS
CREATED SOMETHING SPECIAL



AmeriCorps Member: Kathy Wagoner-Wiese
AmeriCorps Program: R.I.S.E. AmeriCorps, Kenesaw
Service Description: RISE AmeriCorps members offer services to adults and juveniles to obtain education and employment, through group and one-on-one sessions assisting them to find ways to overcome their barriers.
Service Highlight: It has been a privilege to be in the RISE Specialist position, to watch people finding their way out of situations that seem unmanageable to them at the beginning, to see that sparkle in their eye and that smile on their face is an honor!



Project Summary "RISE" quilted wall hanging of the sun and sun rays rising over the green hills. The sun rays signify the positive life style that can be yours by making better choices. The green hills signify your current life with up and down unlawful issues. The black letters are the RISE programs that can change your life, and the sun signifies your actions that can make your future bright and beautiful. "R.I.S.E. above your situation."

"REACHING OUT AND READING"

VISUAL ART/POSTER
THEME" HOW VOLUNTEERS, STUDENTS, CLIENTS
CREATED SOMETHING SPECIAL



AmeriCorps Program: MMI AmeriCorps, Omaha
Participants: Catie McLey and Ryan Thorson
Service Description: MMI AmeriCorps provides services with and for people with disabilities. The program emphasizes utilizing the talents of persons with disabilities, as well as increasing access to behavioral health services across the state of Nebraska.
Service Highlight: Assisting in setting up service projects and serving in outreach clinics have been great experiences.
Project Summary: After collecting books for the Cornhusker Community Book Drive, we delivered books to early elementary students at a local private elementary. While there, we also read to a couple of classes and spent time with the students. Since one of our attending members is blind and has a seeing eye dog, the students also got to learn more about her disability and how the dog assists her through life.

“IN THE EYES OF R.I.S.E”

VISUAL ART/COLLAGES

THEME: HOW MY SERVICE MADE LIFE IN NEBRASKA BETTER

AmeriCorps Member: Teresa Cousins

AmeriCorps Program: R.I.S.E. AmeriCorps, Kearney

Service Description: The R.I.S.E. program teaches probationers' how to lower their recidivism rates and increase their overall life success rates.

Service Highlight: This year I have helped numerous probationers to start working on their GED's, get started in college and find jobs in the Kearney area.

Project Summary: My project is a collage of all the things R.I.S.E. does. I found things dealing with employment, education and all the extra things I have helped my clients accomplish through R.I.S.E. The significance is to show how important R.I.S.E. is to all the communities we serve.



“SCALED DOWN MODEL HOME”

VISUAL ART

THEME: HOW VOLUNTEERS, STUDENTS, CLIENTS CREATED SOMETHING SPECIAL

AmeriCorps Program: Youth Build Omaha AmeriCorps

Participants: Robert Flakes, Tyree Wilson, Bryan Wright, Daniel Gerber, Dareius Brown, Reginald Harrell, Zachary Thiel, Jasmine Eidenshink, Alejandro Sarabia, Jerome Green

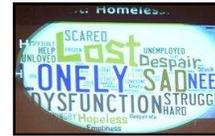
Service Description: YouthBuild Omaha AmeriCorps is a program for young adults between the ages of 16-24 years who do not have a high school diploma. Participants earn their GED while learning construction skills and building homes for low-income families working in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity.

Service Highlight: This year we have assisted in the renovation of two homes and are currently renovating classrooms for a church.

Project Summary: Our project is a scaled down model home. It's inspiration came from the various renovation projects we have worked on over the past year.



“FINDING A VOICE”



VIDEO OR PERFORMING ARTS/PRESENTATION
THEME: HOW VOLUNTEERS, STUDENTS, CLIENTS CREATED SOMETHING SPECIAL

AmeriCorps Program: MCC AmeriCorps, Omaha

Participants: Jamie Odden, Chris Leet, Shakira Davis, Kyle McAndrews

Service Description: Siena/Francis House is the largest homeless shelter in Nebraska. The area of focus is public health, improving the overall well-being of individuals.

Service Highlight: Through our service at the homeless shelter, we have found our own voice in many ways. The art exhibition we held, Artists in Recovery allowed participants to share their voice creatively with 200+ individuals to reach out to the broader community and raise awareness about homelessness and transformation.

Project Summary: *Finding a Voice*, developed in 2008, brings homeless guests and health professions students together, in partnership with the service learning academy, UNMC, College of Public Health, and Siena/Francis House to enhance awareness about homelessness among students and the broader Omaha community. Our team held weekly shelter workshops, held an art exhibition with over 200 participants and won 2nd place for a poster presentation at the 2012 Community-Campus Partnerships Conference.



“TAKE A HIKE HUNGER”



VIDEO OR PERFORMING ARTS/PRESENTATION
THEME: HOW MY SERVICE MADE LIFE IN NEBRASKA BETTER

AmeriCorps Program: BVCA AmeriCorps, FYI Center, Fairbury

Participants: Samantha Rink, Jessica Schwartz, Angela Pratt, Mike Springer, Chandra Howard, Connie Schwartz, Aaron Hillagas, Angela Harroun, Collena Laschanky

Service Description: AmeriCorps members serve at the FYI Center, an after-school program for K-7.

Service Highlight: We feel that we've helped make a difference in the youth that we serve by helping them work together.

Project Summary: Hunger is an issue around the world and in our community. At the FYI Center we encourage students to serve and recently they got a chance to do that by participating in *Take a Hike* hunger event. This was a great way to get the kids involved and to help them serve by giving back to the community through donations to our local food pantry. This event was an opportunity for local students to make a difference in their community.

“A POEM FOR AMERICORPS”

CREATIVE NONFICTION/POETRY

THEME: HOW SERVICE IS CHANGING ME

AmeriCorps Member: Taelor Cotton

AmeriCorps Program: MCC AmeriCorps – (TREC) Transition Education Center, Omaha

Service Description: TREC offers low income students and the public with job searches, GED, ESL and Rosetta Stone language programs.

Service Highlight: While in college I made a goal board and one of my goals was to help another person reach their goals. I have had the opportunity to help more than one person through my AmeriCorps service.

Project Summary: A poem that reflects how I enjoyed helping others. I never thought this would be what I did with my life. So the poem explains the joyful-ness of my service.

“THE BIM LAB”

VIDEO OR PERFORMING ARTS/PRESENTATION

THEME: HOW VOLUNTEERS, STUDENTS, CLIENTS CREATED SOMETHING SPECIAL

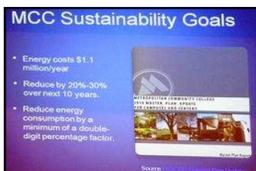
AmeriCorps Program: MCC AmeriCorps - Elkhorn Valley Campus, Omaha

Participants: Rob Heggen, Nicolette Amundson, Linda Williams

Service Description: Provide sustainability studies of campus buildings.

Service Highlight: The potential for future use of our work in the daily operation of the college.

Project Summary: MCC owns and has operated its buildings for 50+years. Approximately 90% of the total costs of operation of these buildings are incurred after construction. This project creates virtual models of existing MCC buildings using hardware and software resources available at the Elkhorn Valley Campus. Virtual models of existing buildings are used for energy analysis and to help identify buildings most in need of renovation and retrofitting in the future. Using and continuously enhancing the basic models created in our program will allow MCC to improve the quality of sustainable design and reduce costs by providing accurate and reliable information for analysis, prediction, simulation, certification and validation of existing campus buildings. Our project's significance is felt through: our exploration of new technology; using the skills MCC has provided us within a real world project; and providing MCC with a valuable resource for future use.



“FACES OF OUR PROH TEAM”

VISUAL ART

THEME: HOW SERVICE CHANGES THE WAY I/WE SEE THE WORLD

AmeriCorps Program: PROH AmeriCorps Team, Lincoln

Participants: Abid Kassim, Ashley Heckman, Crystal English, Eddy Isango, Farough Abak, Hse Eh Moo, Iyonna Clay, Karla Hobbs, Khadeiga Kitier, Moe Free, Roger Prichard, Rebecca Baily, Stacy LaCore, Zena Mechail, Ziyad Smoqi

Service Description: PROH AmeriCorps provides comprehensive services and opportunities to support low-income, high needs families and individuals as they strive to lift themselves out of poverty and achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Service Highlight: Providing resources, opportunities and hope for families in need.

Project Summary: Our project is a visual of how each of the programs link together to serve the community. The Center provides many different opportunities to help people better themselves and this visual allowed each team member to embrace their creativity and what they have learned during their service. Although many of the programs do not reach everyone, we feel that is important for the community to see how we are a team and work together to make these programs successful.



“CRANE STORM FOR VETERANS”

VISUAL ART/ORIGAMI

THEME: HOW VOLUNTEERS, STUDENTS, CLIENTS CREATED SOMETHING SPECIAL

AmeriCorps Member: Sue Trisler

AmeriCorps Program: MCC AmeriCorps – Volunteer Generation, Omaha

Service Description: Volunteer Generators talk to and work with students who have never volunteered before to engage them in their community.

Service Highlight: I had the privilege to serve in several different areas but making the Origami cranes for the Cranestorm Wishes in Flight stood out the most.

Project Summary: I learned how to make Origami cranes back in November 2011 from the Brain Injury Seminar. I enjoyed making them and decided I would make 100 for the Crane Storm campaign. After making the first 100, I decided to see how many I could make and ended up making 300. At the MCC Service Learning, we gave out about 300 May Baskets to people in nursing homes who don't get many visitors. We decided to make cranes to put in the baskets. We made 330 of which I made about 250 and taught several others how to make the cranes.



“PIECES OF CHANGE”

VISUAL ART/PUZZLE OF NEBRASKA

THEME: HOW MY SERVICE MADE LIFE IN NEBRASKA BETTER

AmeriCorps Program: Rural Corps of South Central Nebraska, Kearney

Participants: Alison Davis, Alisha Arnold, April Refior, Benjamin Emeigh, Brittany Petersen, Brooke Wuehler, Cara Ward, Darcie Blank, Emma Lockard, Geraldine Stirtz Heather Novacek, Jami Jacobitz, Jason Winchester, Laurel Rosado, Laurie Curry, Layne McConville, Matt Jones, Natalie Hanisch, Olivia Conley, Shannon Aspen, Tory Jones, Nicole Potthoff



Service Description: Rural Corp's builds a corps of engaged citizens in rural South Central Nebraska. Areas of need and community issues include the following: education; environment; disadvantaged youth; persons with disabilities; disaster preparedness; and identifying available community resources.

Service Highlight: As a team we've learned how to better serve our community! We see the issues and problems facing the Kearney area, and we've learned and are learning how to better serve others and give back to our community.

Project Summary: Our project is a team effort of a map of Nebraska cut into puzzle pieces. Each member designed a piece, to reflect their service this year. When all of the pieces are put together, it's a representation of the Rural Corps of South Central Nebraska.

“AMERICLAUGE”

VISUAL ART/COLLAGAGE

THEME: HOW MY SERVICE MADE LIFE IN NEBRASKA BETTER

AmeriCorps Member: Nichole Hope

AmeriCorps Program: ECHO AmeriCorps—Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (LCHR)

Service Description: Striving to prevent all forms of illegal discrimination and to assure and foster equal opportunity for all citizens of the City.

Service Highlight: This year of service has brought me closer to my community and given me more self-awareness.



Project Summary: My project is a collaboration of all of the service projects and organizations that I have partnered with over the last two years. I have met a lot of people at a lot of organizations and I have been able to assist with many service projects that have made the community a better place.

“ETHIC OF SERVICE”

VISUAL ART/VIDEO

THEME: HOW MY SERVICE MADE LIFE IN NEBRASKA BETTER

AmeriCorps Program: LFS AmeriCorps, Omaha

Participants: Charles Olsen, Bev Carlson, Sarah Williams, Lacey Studnicka, Porscha Howard, Liz Bailey, Jim Schmidt, Liz Pesek, Jeni Culbertson, Abbas Al-Doban, Jester Thakolo. All LFS AmeriCorps members were invited to share stories of services for the video; many other members contributed or collaborated with the development of this video project.

Service Description: LFS AmeriCorps supports 36 programs benefitting new Americans and low income families in urban and rural communities.

Service Highlight: The stories shared discuss the role of AmeriCorps participation in shaping a life-long passion for service and civic engagement.

Project Summary: The video highlights the impact of LFS AmeriCorps in our key focus areas: veterans, refugees, and needy families. The hope—along with highlighting annual program impact—is the video will be a vehicle for sharing the efforts of LFS AmeriCorps with potential applicants, host site partners, and other key stakeholders. The video highlights the stories of four members: including descriptions of their personal 'ethic of service', connecting that with how they serve beneficiaries, and ultimately how their service makes Nebraska a better place.



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*Lutheran Family Services manages
one of the largest AmeriCorps programs in Nebraska*

View the value of AmeriCorps in the Lutheran Family Services video, “Ethic of Service”

Go to <http://www.youtube.com/>

type in search box: LFS-AmeriCorpsfinal.mov

“SIOUX CHEF: COOKING WITH FRESH, LOCAL INGREDIENTS”

CREATIVE NONFICTION/PREPARING LUNCH
**THEME: HOW VOLUNTEERS, STUDENTS, CLIENTS
CREATED SOMETHING SPECIAL**

AmeriCorps Member: Amy Radding, Rural Community Foods Intern

AmeriCorps Program: Center for Rural Affairs, Lyons

Service Description: Works with rural communities to build up local food systems through community gardens and farmers markets.

Service Highlight: The Sioux Chef project has stood out for me in particular. My bosses at the Center for Rural Affairs have supported me to develop a project that complements the work we were already doing, using my cooking background to help make fresh food available in Santee.



Project Theme: When work began on the Center for Rural Affairs' project bringing fresh, locally grown food to the Santee Sioux Nation, it soon became clear that setting up community gardens and a farmers market was only going to be part of the answer. Sioux Chef is a program comprising of cooking demonstrations, recipe development, and meal sharing, all of which make sure that fresh, healthy, local food access is a sustainable future in Santee.



“BRAINS ARE KEYS-BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS”

CREATIVE NONFICTION/POETRY
**THEME: HOW MY SERVICE MADE LIFE IN
NEBRASKA BETTER**

AmeriCorps Member: Chandra Howard

AmeriCorps Program: BVCA AmeriCorps, Fairbury

Service Description: The FYI Center is an after-school program for K-7.

Service Highlight: As an AmeriCorps member I'm happy to say that I've helped to fight hunger in my community, brought awareness and information on brain injuries and assisted with recreational activities for students.

Project Summary: The FYI Center was involved with the state of Nebraska's Brain Injury Cranestorm project. We made and donated over 400 cranes to the Cranestorm art projects displayed at MONO in Kearney Nebraska. We created our own version of Crane Art inspired by a poem written by me. The Crane-storm Project has encouraged teamwork, creativity and devotion among all the BVCA, FYI staff/students and many individuals in Nebraska.



“IF NOT NOW, WHEN?”

VISUAL ART/PAINTING

THEME: HOW SERVICE CHANGES THE WAY I SEE THE WORLD

AmeriCorps Member: Sarah Larsen Astrones

AmeriCorps Program: R.I.S.E. AmeriCorps, Grand Island

Service Description: The R.I.S.E. program teaches probationers' how to lower their recidivism rates and increase their overall life success rates.

Service Highlight: This program has changed my perspective and motivated me to do more within my community.

Project Summary: My painting poses the question, "If Not Now, When?" As in, if we don't get involved in our world now, when will we do it? I am a very abstract artist, my painting is of a person holding their hand out, and their hand will be weighed down by the heaviness of their nails. This is to symbolize the weight of procrastination/lack of motivation and how it holds us back. Until that weight is gone, this person cannot do all the things that they are capable of because their hands are immobile.



“CAREER SERVICES SCRAPBOOK/JOURNAL”

VISUAL ART

THEME: HOW SERVICE IS CHANGING ME

AmeriCorps Member: Indra Faison

AmeriCorps Program: MCC AmeriCorps—Career Services, Omaha

Service Description: Provides workshops to students, faculty, and community members.

Service Highlight: The one thing that really stands out during my year of service is that I have really been able to network with people without being nervous. I have really come out of my shell and turned out to be a more confident individual.

Project Summary: My scrapbook/journal highlights my service through the experiences in career services and how it has impacted my life as a whole. It has really been an awesome year of service for me.

