

## Executive Director's Report 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024

### Building Strong Infrastructure

- ServeNebraska staff adopted a non-profit for the year, Project Pink'd and volunteered in August with them to help them to prepare and set up for their annual fundraiser event. We will do one more event with them in the last quarter of the year and will be to help prepare Chemo kit bags again.
- Staff are working to achieve goals outlined on the SN Road map. Progress was made in several areas, including.
  - Celebrating AmeriCorps 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Celebrating ServeNebraska's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Expanding relationships, staff have been across Nebraska several times and have attended several career fairs this quarter.
  - Re-establishing Leadership Council
  - Establishing the Alumni group

### Connecting People to Solutions

- Staff have been reaching out to organizations about AmeriCorps planning grants and VISTA opportunities.

### Growing Supportive Influence

- Meetings with Public Officials continue. Coordinating efforts with CNCS and Voices for National Service to build relationships and encourage federal representatives to co-sponsor bills such as the AmeriCorps Education Awards federal tax-exempt bill S.3487 and the Promote Service through AmeriCorps Act, the bill would improve AmeriCorps, making sure the program continues to focus on locally determined needs, while opening more doors for AmeriCorps members to education and career opportunities. Senator Ricketts and his staff have found both bills interesting and possible bills to be part of.
- Meetings this year have occurred with Rep. Smith, Senator Ricketts and an upcoming one with Rep. Bacon, where International Center for Refugees and Immigrants, AmeriCorps members will be at in Omaha.

### Federal

- **Federal Appropriations**
  - The appropriations process will not be taken up till after both chambers are set to adjourn the week of September 23 for a lengthy recess until after the November 5 elections. It is anticipated that they will pass a CR until December 20.