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United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties Celebrates AmeriCorps Week

Kennewick, WA—(March 10, 2025) United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties joins AmeriCorps members, AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers and other service organizations across the country to celebrate AmeriCorps Week, a nationwide initiative to highlight the impact of national service in tackling local problems. During AmeriCorps Week, United Way honors members and volunteers serving their communities.

This year's theme, AmeriCorps Works for America, demonstrates the hundreds of thousands of members and volunteers who get things done for America every year. Our local AmeriCorps members provide vital support through our Attendance Matters® program, mentoring more than 300 chronically absent students in 9 local middle schools.

"We are proud to be part of AmeriCorps and humbled by the AmeriCorps members who unite to get things done for our community," said Asta Ardickas Bonheyo, Community Impact Director at United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties. "At United Way we are grateful to be able to offer the opportunities for Americans of all backgrounds to serve their country, address the nation's most pressing challenges, and improve lives and communities through our AmeriCorps program.

During AmeriCorps Week, we recognize the millions of Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and left an impact on their community for generations to come. These members and volunteers who raise their hands and answer the call to serve are often the first on the ground and last to leave—making sure to leave their communities better than they found them.

"Serving with AmeriCorps has allowed me to give back to the community that raised me. As a Tri-City native, I am honored to help serve the next generation during their foundational years in middle school," said Casey Moddrell, local AmeriCorp member serving as a mentor with the Attendance Matters® program at Ki-Be Middle School.

As the federal agency for national service and volunteering, AmeriCorps engages more than 200,000 volunteers annually in service at more than 35,000 locations through AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors. National service participants address some of the toughest challenges facing our nation. Whether they're helping communities recover from natural disasters, uplifting veterans and military families, conserving our lands, strengthening public safety, or tutoring and mentoring our nation's students, national service members get things done.

About United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties:

Since 1958 our community-based organization continues to support the health, safety, and success of local kids and families. We envision a community where all children have an opportunity to learn and thrive.

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