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**SUMMER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM REACHES OUT TO THOSE IMPACTED BY 2010 OIL SPILL**

**AMERICORPS, LAFOURCHE GROUP TO ASSIST AFFECTED RESIDENTS**

Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne is announcing the launch of the 2011 AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate program in Lafourche Parish. Thirty AmeriCorps VISTA members will spend their summer in Raceland with Lafourche Community Concerned Citizens, an organization helping children of families who have been most negatively impacted by last year's oil spill. Volunteers will assist in summer enrichment programming, recreational activities and academic tutoring. This program is part of an ongoing effort between the Lt. Governor's Office and the Corporation for National and Community Service to help rebuild and revitalize the communities of Louisiana that are most affected when disaster strikes.

"Lafourche Parish suffered a tremendous economic and environmental blow in the wake of the oil spill that continues to adversely affect the region," Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne said. "These volunteers show a fierce dedication to serving this region by inspiring and actively engaging its youths with safe and constructive activities."

These volunteers join the ranks of more than 1,500 AmeriCorps members serving throughout the state of Louisiana. The AmeriCorps VISTA program specializes in bringing individuals and families out of poverty.

"Citizen service is an important resource for addressing social and economic challenges resulting from the oil spill," Corporation for National and Community Service Acting CEO Robert Velasco, II said. "These AmeriCorps VISTAs will bring energy, talent and a giving spirit to enrich the lives of children in Lafourche Parish this summer."

The Summer Associates program is managed by Volunteer Louisiana within the Office of the Lt. Governor, which oversees and funds many volunteer efforts throughout the state. For more information or to identify volunteer opportunities visit [www.VolunteerLouisiana.gov](http://www.VolunteerLouisiana.gov) or call 225.342.2038.

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