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**CaliforniaVolunteers Honors Catherine Milton’s Legacy By Establishing Award In Her Name**

**Sacramento, CA** - CaliforniaVolunteers will be celebrating AmeriCorps 20th Anniversary this Friday in San Francisco. Over the last 20 years AmeriCorps has made a large impact throughout California by engaging members in service locations such as nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and communities.

CaliforniaVolunteers will be awarding an AmeriCorps service member with The Catherine Milton California AmeriCorps Member of the Year Award, formerly known as The California’s AmeriCorps Member of the Year Award. Catherine Milton is responsible for design and implementation of the national service programs that evolved into AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve.

Under President Clinton, Catherine served as senior vice president of the Corporation of National Service. In that capacity, she oversaw the development, launching, and funding of AmeriCorps and other national service programs, including establishing the quality standards, training, funding criteria, and evaluation. Catherine also designed and directed the first national service leadership center, the Presidio Leadership Center.

Catherine is also the founding director for the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford University and also helped to create Campus Compact, the national coalition of university presidents committed to engaging students in community service and the California Campus Compact. This award honors an outstanding California AmeriCorps member who has made a substantial impact to his or her community.

For more information on the AmeriCorps 20th Anniversary event please visit: <http://www.californiavolunteers.org/index.php/Media/media_kit/>.

*CaliforniaVolunteers is the state office that manages programs and initiatives to increase the number of Californians involved with service and volunteering, including the state AmeriCorps program and the California Disaster Corps. Through the CaliforniaVolunteers website, individuals and families can find more than 50,000 volunteer opportunities throughout the state, involving education, the environment, youth, and disaster preparedness. For more information, please visit* [*www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org*](http://www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org)*.*

*AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, and the Volunteer Generation Fund, and leads the President's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit* [*NationalService.gov*](http://www.NationalService.gov)*.*

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