

## Michigan's AmeriCorps Video Transcript

**Jordan** – “It’s an amazing feeling to know that I’ve made a difference.”

**Haley** – “My life now is a lot more focused outward on other people.”

**Andre** – “Well, I figure like the sky is the limit for a kid with a disability, if they stay focused.”

**Ava** – “It really helped me figure out what I want to do after college.”

**Jordan** – “AmeriCorps is an opportunity to walk the walk and not just talk the talk.”

**Haley** – “Well, the basketball team, it was started to give kids a positive thing to work for and sports teaches so much. We give them positive role models. They at least know that they will have someone there that will listen to them.”

**Andre** – “I’m included in a community as a whole and not just a person that’s living with a challenge. That was the most exciting part for me being involved in AmeriCorps – that I was just a person like everybody else. I would say, don’t ask for a hand out; give a hand up! And AmeriCorps gives you that chance.”

**Jordan** – “It’s a year of service, and you are giving back every day and every night and went home at night with that rewarding feeling that you were hope for someone when they had lost everything; and I think that was more of what made me think, I need to find a way to share this with others.”

**Ava** – “The thing about City Year that I love the most and brought me to City Year was the fact that they were tutoring and mentoring inner city children. I think it’s amazing – the transformation you see within these kids. Becoming a member of AmeriCorps will help you to really find yourself and find your passion. You know, you never know the impact that you can make.”

**Haley** – “AmeriCorps has helped me realize who I am. You find out how far you can go; you test your limits. “

**Jordan** – “People have come here and found what they were passionate about, where their heart lies, and what they want to do with the rest of their lives.”

**Andre** – “You actually interact with people in the community serving their community, and when they see me they are like, ‘Wow! If he can do it then I can do it.’ I love to see people – they have a whole bunch of questions and stuff; like, ‘What does it take for you to do all this?’ And I’m like, ‘It’s a long day sometimes.’ But I want to be included. I want to do what I need to do. I want to serve my community too.”

**Ava** – “It’s all about finding your fit. AmeriCorps has so many different options and so many organizations out there that are doing wonderful things in the community; and becoming a member of AmeriCorps will help you to really find yourself and find your passion.”

## **AmeriCorps Pledge**

*I will get things done for America –  
To make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.*

*I will bring Americans together  
to strengthen our communities.*

*Faced with apathy,  
I will take action.*

*Face with conflict,  
I will seek common ground.*

*Faced with adversity,  
I will persevere.*

*I will carry this commitment  
with me this year and beyond.*

*I am an AmeriCorps member,  
and I will get things done!*