



The **Massachusetts Promise Fellowship (MPF)** is a statewide, full-time AmeriCorps program, hosted at Northeastern University. MPF places AmeriCorps Promise Fellows in nonprofit organizations, schools and government agencies for youth development focused community service work. The Fellowship has placed over 225 Fellows at over 80 host sites to provide over 370,000 hours to communities across Massachusetts in the past eleven years.

**Program Impact:**

- In the first 11 years, members contributed 373,713 hours of service to the Commonwealth equating to a value of \$9.8 million\* (\*based on the Independent Sector’s value of a volunteer hour)
- In the 2010-2011 year, 40 Fellows are serving at 37 organizations across the Commonwealth and have achieved the following results in their first seven months of service:
  - 271 new afterschool projects/programs created that have served 1,981 young people
  - 308 new mentor/mentee matches created, and 198 matches supported
  - 38 new education & outreach tools impacted 2,358 young people
  - 621 youth leaders initiated 67 community projects & presentations
  - 1,259 youth volunteers contributed 11,818 hours of service
  - Fellows have contributed over 50,500 hours of service



**Unique Role at Northeastern University:**

- MPF is the only full-time AmeriCorps program housed at a university in the nation
- The program’s placement within the Center of Community Service at Northeastern University has created a mutually beneficial relationship:
  - For Northeastern and the Center of Community Service:
    - MPF is dedicated to placing full-time members in the communities of Northeastern annually to serve youth
    - MPF is able to serve as a connector between the community and Northeastern. The full-time AmeriCorps members support Northeastern student volunteers placed at community based organizations in the Northeastern neighborhoods- thereby increasing the capacity of both Northeastern and the local organizations
    - During the 2009-2010 program year, 14 Massachusetts Promise Fellows served 25,457 hours directly in the neighborhoods of Northeastern; Mission Hill, Fenway, Roxbury and the South End.
  - For MPF:
    - Through a generous scholarship provided by Northeastern, the full-time AmeriCorps members are able to take free courses at the university during their year of service to gain skills which lead to their success in the community
    - Northeastern’s dedication to community engagement research allows MPF to expand its reach by utilizing campus resources including student volunteers, service-learning classes, and community based work study
    - MPF is able to partner with Northeastern in a number of additional ways. One example is our annual MLK Day of Service which we partner with the Center of Community Service to provide more volunteer opportunities as well as provide more impact to the communities around Northeastern