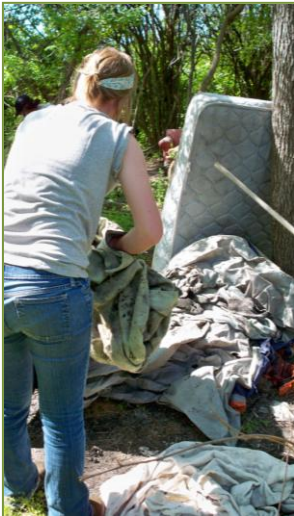


# National Volunteer Week

## The Partnership to End Homelessness: Removing Years of Accumulated Trash



**Members and Volunteers pick up trash and haul it away**

On April 25, AmeriCorps members from the Partnership to End Homelessness celebrated National Volunteer Week with a day of service for their community. The members used the opportunity of National Volunteer Week to engage new people to volunteer to help improve the plight of the homeless in our community. Each AmeriCorps team developed a meaningful project, recruited volunteers, and then executed the project. The team from the Youth Focus chose as its project to clean up a homeless camp. This camp had been used by homeless people for years and the trash had accumulated.



The team at Youth Focus recruited 12 volunteers, in addition to the 7 members, for a total of 38 volunteer hours. They identified the site they wanted to improve and spoke with the homeless people living there. They purchased trash bags, snacks, and water in advance of the service day. They recruited volunteers using the newspaper and internet in addition to personal contacts. They removed 3 pickup trucks full of trash and 2 pickup trucks full of glass bottles, which were recycled.

