

State Commissioners Linda Povlich and Darlene Smith join the Partnership to End Homelessness for their Community Service Project



Linda Povlich (l) and Darlene Smith (r)

Alleviating the hopelessness of homelessness is the passion of our members. Some have been, or have had family who've been, homeless. Linda and Darlene were surprised to find some of our members serve part time in AmeriCorps, on top of holding



Linda Povlich gives a turkey to a very happy pantry client

Linda Povlich and Darlene Smith are two of the twenty-two state commissioners out of the North Carolina State Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service. They have been assigned to be both judge and advocate for the AmeriCorps Partnership to End Homelessness program. On November 25, they made their first visit to join in with our community service project of giving turkeys and groceries to pantry clients in time for the Thanksgiving holidays. They spoke with AmeriCorps members, participated in handing out food, and joined in with our members in singing the now infamous "Gobble Gobble" song as the turkeys went to their new homes.



Darlene Smith interviews member Arabella Pittman

down full time jobs, in order to make a difference for the homeless and struggling in our community. They were also surprised by the diversity of our membership. All ages, educational backgrounds, and economic histories are represented within our membership. We understand our clients' struggles because we have firsthand experience with being hungry, homeless, trapped by despair, and struggling against substances. By our service, we hold out hope to those we serve.