2015 Triple-Bottom Line Results

- **218** local jobs for young adults
- **99,526** service hours provided
- **378,498** kwh of electricity saved
- **34,206,486** gallons of water conserved
- **40,121** ft. of trail constructed
- **369** acres of land cleared
- **94 units** of affordable green housing built

**Social**

**Economy**

**Environment**

- **$2.1 million** in earned income
- **$89,682** annual taxpayer savings
- **$331,643** in AmeriCorps scholarships

Mile High Youth Corps (MHYC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1992 to give youth ages 16 to 24 a chance to earn an income and learn hands-on job skills while serving in their communities. MHYC programs integrate paid work experience on community service projects with leadership development, career readiness and education. Youth work in neighborhoods, public parks and open spaces throughout Metro Denver and the Southern Front Range of Colorado.
This year-long program provides youth with the opportunity to serve in three conservation areas: water, energy and land. In the spring and fall, Corpsmembers participate in the Energy & Water program, installing resource saving measures in low-income homes and nonprofit facilities. In the summer, they serve in the Land Conservation program as assistant crew leaders.

Energy & Water Corpsmembers serve for a year installing water and energy efficiency measures, including compact fluorescent light bulbs, aerators, shower heads, programmable thermostats and high-efficiency toilets. The program offers leadership development, a chance to work with a diverse crew, an opportunity to give back to the community and support to Corpsmembers as they work towards their next steps in life.

Land programs run in both summer and fall. Rooted in the tradition of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s, youth work on a variety of projects that include trail building and maintenance, fire and flood mitigation, habitat restoration and the removal of invasive plant species. The land conservation work of MHYC Corpsmembers impacts hundreds of acres of national parks, public trails and community spaces in Colorado each year.

This program engages youth who have not completed high school in green construction projects. YouthBuild participants spend half of their time learning construction skills and building low-income housing units, and half in classrooms earning their high school diploma. Classes also incorporate training in leadership development, civic engagement, life skills, and college and career readiness.