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ISD AmeriCorps staff in schools helping youth

The Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District (Char-Em ISD) AmeriCorps staff are in the classrooms helping elementary youth in need of academic assistance or social issues.

Commonly referred to as “the domestic PeaceCorps,” AmeriCorps allows individuals to serve their community and to make a difference in their life and the lives of those around them, said Char-Em ISD AmeriCorps Coordinator Dennis Halverson.

The focus of the Char-Em ISD AmeriCorps Program is to mentor elementary school age children in need of academic assistance or social issues. Currently nine staff members are in the local schools within Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties serving as mentors and teaching conflict resolution skills to students. In addition, AmeriCorps staff engage elementary students in at least one community outreach project.

The full-time positions are a 10 month commitment and require completion of 1,700 hours of service throughout the 2009-2010 school year. Benefits include a living stipend of \$11,400, an education award of \$4,725, and single subscriber health insurance for those who qualify. Members must be at least 17 years of age, and have a high school diploma or GED.

Char-Em ISD AmeriCorps members and the schools they serve are: Janice Justis, Ottawa Elementary, Petoskey; Jess Beauchamp, Central Elementary, Petoskey; Amanda Reid, Alanson Elementary; Kristin Belfy, Ellsworth Elementary; Angela Culp, Sheridan Elementary, Petoskey; Kris Way, Charlevoix Elementary; Christine Lamberti, Lincoln Elementary, Petoskey; Karyn Yoak, Central Lake Elementary; and Tina Greenman and Bill Tison, East Jordan Elementary.

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