



# COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE **AMERICORPS**

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AmeriCorps Internet Press Release: Opening Day

## **CAC AMERICORPS HAVE OPENING DAY CEREMONY AT ARBORETUM**

KNOXVILLE, Oct 16. The Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) AmeriCorps State/National chapter held Opening Day ceremonies at the Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum today. This ceremony signifies the beginning of a one year national service commitment made by members. Both Knoxville Mayors Madeline Rogero and Tim Burchett were present and said a few words at the event. Mayor Rogero recounted the first years of her service to low-income farmers in California with Cesar Chavez. She elaborated AmeriCorps service to be an equivalent, and then presented a Mayoral proclamation to the CAC AmeriCorps recognizing Opening Day. Mayor Tim Burchett expressed the act of volunteering as, “the backbone of our nation.” He followed up with thanking the current AmeriCorps members for choosing to volunteer in the East Tennessee area. The ceremony concluded with the saying of the AmeriCorps pledge to service. The Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee AmeriCorps program is committed to changing people’s lives, embodying the spirit of home, improving communities and making America a better, more sustainable place to live. This program is comprised of young adults, ranging 18-24, addressing pressing local environmental issues and interconnected social needs in Knoxville and surrounding areas. Additional information about CAC AmeriCorps can be found at [www.cacamericorps.org](http://www.cacamericorps.org).

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