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**\*\*\* MEDIA ADVISORY \*\*\***

**CEO Smith Visits Fort Myers to Present President's Volunteer Service Award, Visit Disaster Recovery Sites, Participate in a Member Roundtable**

*CEO Smith to Join AmeriCorps Members Aiding in Disaster Recovery from Hurricane Ian*

WASHINGTON D.C. – On Monday, January 23, AmeriCorps CEO Michael D. Smith will award a volunteer with the President's Volunteer Service Award and participate in a site visit with Southern NCCC team River 4 which is serving with Inspiritus to aid in disaster recovery from Hurricane Ian.

CEO Smith will then participate in a roundtable with AmeriCorps members and Seniors volunteers, along with Florida Conservation Corps and SBP. Members will discuss their early and continued response contributions in the first days after Hurricane Ian.

On Tuesday, January 24, CEO Smith will participate in a site visit in Harlem Heights. The visit will include a discussion around the challenges that the underserved neighborhood faces in long-term recovery from Hurricane Ian.

**Site Visit**

**WHO:** Michael D. Smith, AmeriCorps CEO

Sherry Buresh, Inspiritus Executive Director of Disaster Relief

Coachlight Manor Homeowner's Association

President's Volunteer Award Recipient

AmeriCorps NCCC River 4

**WHAT:** President's Volunteer Service Award presentation and AmeriCorps site visit

**WHEN:** Monday, January 23, 2022  
12:30 p.m. ET

**WHERE:** 108 Windjammer Way, Fort Myers, FL

## **Member Round Table**

- WHO:** Michael D. Smith, AmeriCorps CEO  
Sonali Nijahawan, AmeriCorps NCCC Director  
AmeriCorps Members and Seniors Volunteers  
Florida Conservation Corps Members  
SBP Corps Members
- WHAT:** Member roundtable
- WHEN:** Monday, January 23, 2022  
4:00 p.m. ET
- WHERE:** Dr. Piper Center for Social Services, 2607 Dr. Ella Piper Way, Fort Myers, FL

## **Site Visit**

- WHO:** Michael D. Smith, AmeriCorps CEO  
Harlem Heights Foundation staff  
AmeriCorps Members
- WHAT:** Site Visit of AmeriCorps Members aiding in Hurricane Ian recovery
- WHEN:** Tuesday, January 24, 2022  
9:45 a.m. ET
- WHERE:** Provided upon RSVP

**RSVP:** Email [pressoffice@cns.gov](mailto:pressoffice@cns.gov) with your name and outlet. Space on site is very limited. Upon confirmation, the AmeriCorps press team will provide logistical information. Identify which event you plan to attend.

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**About Inspiritus:**

Inspiritus is a nonprofit social service agency that guides individuals and families whose lives have been disrupted on a path from surviving to thriving. In 2019, Lutheran Services in Tennessee and Lutheran Services of Georgia joined forces and became known as Inspiritus. The name "Inspiritus" derives from the Latin term "inspirit", which means "to fill with strength or courage." To "inspirit" is what Inspiritus does. Inspiritus helps individuals and families discover their inner strength and resilience, leading to a more fulfilling life.

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