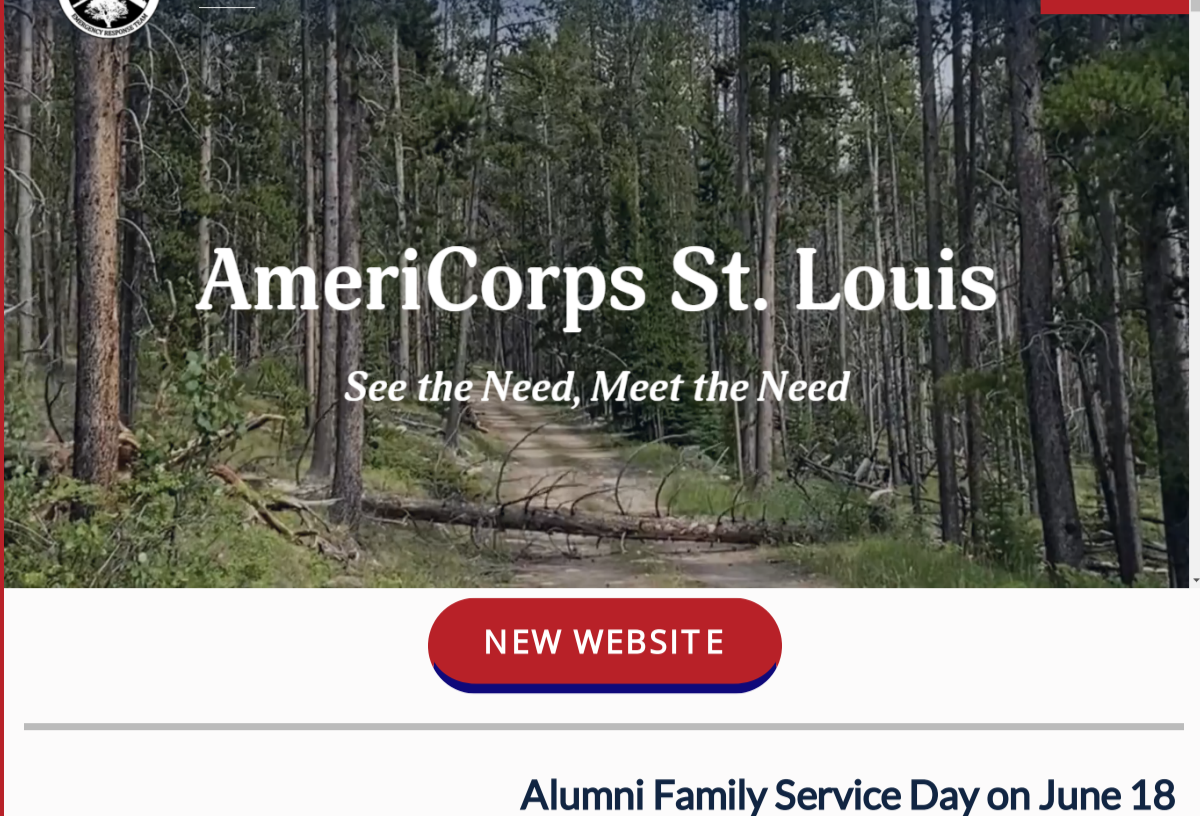


In this month's issue features our new website, a recap of our successful Meet the Need Annual Fund, an AmeriCorps Member receives the Show Me Service Award, a new volunteer opportunity, and more!

[Check out the new ACSTL website](#)



Alumni Family Service Day on June 18



AmeriCorps St. Louis has partnered with [Greenwood Cemetery Preservation Association \(GCPA\)](#), to support ongoing restoration efforts and is both excited and fortunate to be a part of this valuable community project. Raphael Morris, the president of GCPA, as well as the main caretaker, has already cleared invasive species from and restored over half of the 32-acre cemetery within the last six years. In the last few weeks, alongside ACSTL members, a dedicated AmeriCorps NCCC team has also joined this endeavor.

We'd like to invite our alumni, friends and families to continue this momentum and join us on Saturday, June 18th for a special Juneteenth service day.

[Volunteer at Greenwood Cemetery](#)



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Thank you to all of our donors that help Meet The Need!



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Thanks to our generous donors, we were able to raise \$17,073 for our mission!

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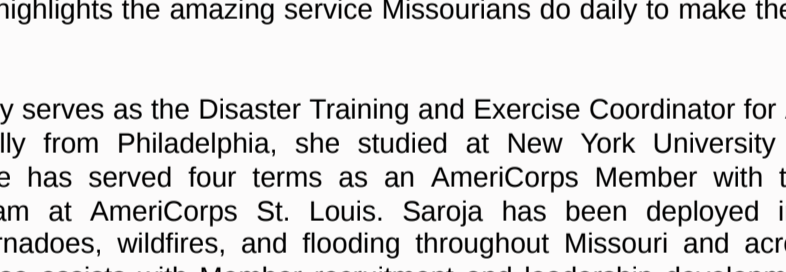
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Thank you to our anonymous donors as well!

Our first ever **Meet The Need annual fund** campaign was a success! Thanks to our loyal supporters we were able to raise \$17,073 for our mission to better serve others. Thank you for your generosity in contributions and resources. More importantly, the many Members, their families and the unhoused community thank you and that's really who it's all about. If you would like to make a donation, contact Development Manager, Tim Elwell at tim@americorps-stl.org or click the link below.

[Giving for the future](#)

Saroja Schwager wins Show Me Service Award



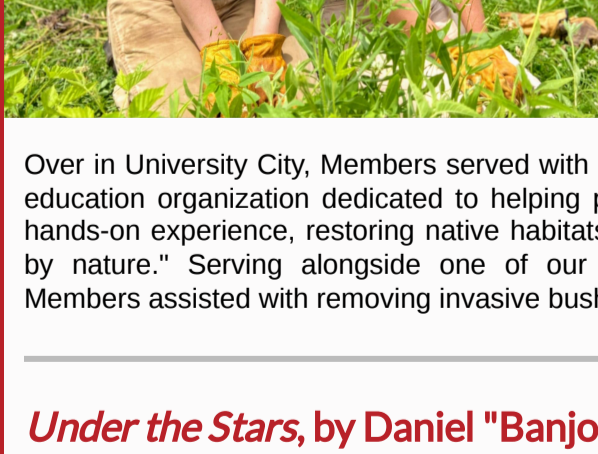
Our very own Saroja Schwager is the recipient of the [2022 Show Me Service Award!](#) This annual award highlights the amazing service Missourians do daily to make their communities stronger.

Saroja currently serves as the Disaster Training and Exercise Coordinator for AmeriCorps St. Louis. Originally from Philadelphia, she studied at New York University and Columbia University. She has served four terms as an AmeriCorps Member with the Emergency Response Team at AmeriCorps St. Louis. Saroja has been deployed in response to hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and flooding throughout Missouri and across the United States. She also assists with Member recruitment and leadership development, as well as overseeing a new development program for ERT Members interested in emergency management as a career path. **CONGRATULATIONS SAROJA!**

May Service Day Recap

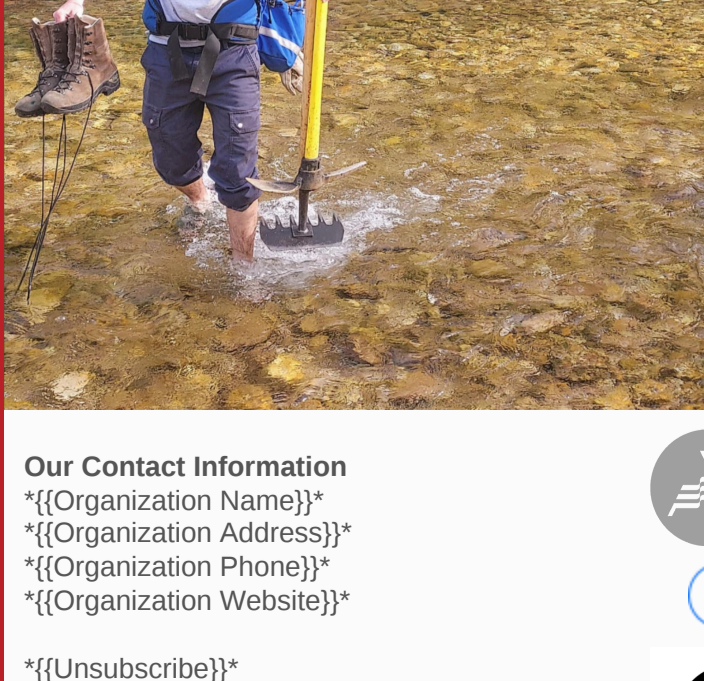


This past Tuesday was a hot one in downtown St. Louis but that didn't stop our Members from assisting Pocketparks with painting their selfie wall. We're always happy to partner with nonprofits that better our community like Pocketparks as they redevelop unused plots of land into recreational areas.



Over in University City, Members served with [The Green Center](#), an "arts and environmental education organization dedicated to helping people connect with the natural world through hands-on experience, restoring native habitats, and encouraging artistic expression inspired by nature." Serving alongside one of our favorite STL environmentalists Theo Smith, Members assisted with removing invasive bush honeysuckle and weeding the prairie.

Under the Stars, by Daniel "Banjo" Benjamini



"I found myself on the border of Missouri and Iowa (while serving at the Battle of Athens State Historic Site removing invasive garlic mustard). We were serving hard and having a good time. I could see the Iowa border right across the Des Moines river. It made me miss my time in Iowa and my younger years. I wanted to go say hi, but I was so close, yet so far away. When the stars came out at night it felt right. Nonpolluted light showing the true beauty of the night sky. It felt like home, even though I'm so far from it. I realized the road is my home."

While Daniel is originally from California, he attended school at the University of Iowa to study communications.

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