

# LEE UNIVERSITY

*The Leonard Center*

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Mani. S. Hull, Executive Director  
Tennessee Campus Compact  
Lipscomb University  
1 University Park Drive  
Nashville, TN 37204-3951

Dear Ms. Hull:

Thank You! These two words are proffered as a tremendous expression of gratitude and appreciation for Tennessee Campus Compact (TNCC) as well for the advocacy of alleviating poverty and educating citizens we have received from AmeriCorps VISTA on behalf of the TNCC.

As you well know, Lee is a strong supporter of the state Compact. Our commitment to join the TNCC was based on three founding principles (1) the credibility of the Compact vision, (2) the professional partnership and networking, and (3) the launch of an mutually beneficial partnership between Lee, TNCC, and AmeriCorps VISTA. Our decision to remain a member of the state Compact, as well as a cost-share site for a VISTA, is because this partnership is woven into the fabric of the Service-Learning program at the developmental and implementation levels; a reality otherwise unavailable outside of our dependency on TNCC and AmeriCorps VISTA.

Over the past three years that Lee has been supported by TNCC and been granted annual VISTA and summer associates, Lee has accomplished several benchmarks, mostly due to the tremendous work and vision of superb VISTA members. Here are a few to mention:

- Recognized and awarded the 2009 President Higher Education Service Honor Roll, as a finalist
- Recognized three consecutive years as member of the Presidents Higher Education Service Honor Roll with distinction
- Established a partnership with Campus Kitchens to launch the first TN chapter at Lee
- Expanded the on campus food bank to serve over 250 area resident (poverty based) weekly
- Assisted with developing a High School Service Partnership with two area Secondary Schools
- Expanded the number of service-enhanced courses through faculty development
- Hosted the TNCC Annual VISTA training on campus
- Solidified a food reclamation and redistribution program salvaging over 190,000 lbs in 2009
- Helped develop and launch a job training program for area residents from poverty communities

Ms. Hull, please be assured that without your sacrifice and support, the thorough and constant help of AmeriCorps, and the steady presence of TNCC, Lee, nor the communities we serve, would have benefited to the level of service aforementioned.

Sincerely,

  
William B. Lamb, Director

CC: Jerry Herman

