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Two MCC AmeriCorps*VISTA Members to Fulfill Year of Service

July 27, 2009 – Lansing, MI – Melissa Strapec, of Elsie, and Amber Toth, of St. Johns, joined 20 other Michigan Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTAs on August 1 to begin their year of service as a Michigan Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA members.

As MCC AmeriCorps*VISTA members, Melissa and Amber will build mutually beneficial partnerships between Michigan Campus Compact and the 17 colleges and universities hosting a VISTA in the state of Michigan. They will work to ensure their fellow VISTAs are creating service opportunities and engaging students in the community, in order to gain a richer and more valuable experience outside the classroom. Amber will be responsible for the VISTA Leader duties, while Melissa will be working on strategic initiatives of MCC. Their work will help sustain campus-community partnerships that address the needs of those in poverty, with a special emphasis on those impacting children and youth.

AmeriCorps*VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty. Founded as Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) in 1965 and incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of programs within the Corporation for National and Community Service in 1993, VISTA has been on the front lines in the fight against poverty in America for more than 40 years.

Michigan Campus Compact will oversee the work of the 22 VISTAs across the state of Michigan. VISTA members commit to a full-time year of service at a nonprofit organization or local government agency, working to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create business, strengthen community groups and much more. They receive a small living allowance during their time of service and an Education Award upon completion of their service.

Michigan Campus Compact promotes the education and commitment of Michigan college and university students to be civically engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academic, co-curricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement. For more information, please visit www.micampuscompact.org.

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