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AmeriCorps* VISTA Opportunity with United Way of Pike County

Pike United Way is seeking AmeriCorps VISTA applicants for positions beginning in September and October of 2003. The local fundraising and community impact organization seeks self-motivated, civic-minded, passionate individuals 18 years or older with some college experience.

AmeriCorps VISTA, which stands for Volunteers In Service To America, is a year-long individually based program that focuses on building and strengthening a community's framework for volunteerism and civic service. With the help of its citizens, United Way of Pike County has created a strong foundation of dollars and community initiatives in support of a network of local non-profit human service agencies.

As a totally volunteer organization, Pike United Way has relied on the support of VISTA Christy Merchant this past year. The 19 year-old Milford native will finish her term of service with United Way this August, and begin down an exciting new road as a freshman at Penn State University.

"My VISTA service has been a learning experience like no other." Christy commented. "This past year has been a whirlwind and I am trying to accomplish as much as I can during my last month. I've grown so much as a young woman, learned the value of communication and self-motivation, and am more aware of and grateful to the community in which I live, and grew up. This is an experience I will take with me to college... and throughout life. Who knows, I may be back!"

Interested candidates should know that the Corporation for National and Community Service provides a modest living stipend of \$380.00 bi-weekly. VISTA graduates also will receive a \$1,200 cash award at the completion of their year. AmeriCorps VISTA provides job training, health insurance, and relocation expenses. Candidates may also be eligible for childcare assistance if necessary.

All inquiries should be directed to the United Way office at (570) 296-9980 or unitedwaypike@pikeonline.com. Applicants will be required to fill out the AmeriCorps VISTA application online at <https://recruit.cns.gov/>.