

### **Expanded AmeriCorps VISTA Project Seeking Qualified VISTA Members**

Up to eight additional project sites will be added to the VISTA program operated through JFS agencies, for a total of 15 sites in the 2016-2017 project year. The projects will focus on building organizational capacity to serve older adults living in poverty, including Holocaust survivors. This project expansion was made possible through the advocacy of the Jewish Federations of North America and the support of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The project originally began in 2014 as part of the national efforts initiated by Vice President Joe Biden to improve the lives of U.S. Holocaust survivors. During the first 2 years of the project, a total of 11 agencies hosted full time AmeriCorps VISTA members, who worked to assist agencies in assessing their needs and building programs, increasing funding opportunities, and recruiting volunteers to serve Holocaust survivors in need. Projects are unique to each community and include a range of objectives including improving transportation, evaluation, food security, and referral systems, and developing funding opportunities and partnerships to assist low income seniors and survivors in accessing needed services.

Many of the project sites are currently seeking qualified VISTA members. Ideal candidates should have a passion for national service and an interest in working with seniors and Holocaust survivors in a nonprofit setting. Position postings can be found on AJFCA's career postings page by searching the job titles "AmeriCorps VISTA Member" or "AmeriCorps VISTA Leader" at <http://ajfca.org/career-opportunities>.