Public service through local reporting

The crisis in local journalism has become a crisis for our democracy

We are catalyzing a movement of public service journalism that strengthens democracy by improving the quality and quantity of local news.

Report for America is taking on news deserts at scale

In 2020, we’re deploying 250 talented, service-oriented journalists to report on under-covered topics such as health, education, immigration, climate and justice. Our corps members improve communities and hold powerful institutions accountable.

Report Local. Support Local.

Help us transform communities and strengthen democracy by placing 1,500 reporters in local newsrooms across the country.

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Energizing Local Philanthropy

Report for America pays half the salary of corps members it places for their first year, but requires our newsroom partners with local communities to provide the other half. In the second year, we pay one-third of the salary, and the newsroom and community pick-up two-thirds. And in the third-year, we pay only 20 percent of the salary. This approach promotes new models for shared investment in local journalism, increasing the chances of sustaining watchdog community reporting, for the community, by the community.

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Report for America works with daily newspapers, nonprofit start-ups, public radio, community weeklies, and TV stations across the country.

2K 160+ 2/3 40%

Applications for 250 reporting slots
News organizations in 46 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico
Of our current corps members are women
Of our current corps members are people of color

How your investment in Report for America can make a difference

- $1M launches a new themed or geographic corps fielding 30+ corps members
- $5M trains 650 newsroom partners to raise $40M in local and regional philanthropy
- $10M scales Report for America to 1,000 corps members by 2023—a year earlier than planned

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