

## August VISTA Feature



Incoming MCC AmeriCorps\*VISTA Leader: Mel Strapec

Hello! I'm very excited to be serving as the MCC AmeriCorps\*VISTA Leader for 2010-2011. I know that it is going to be a great year! I was the former Strategic Initiatives AmeriCorps\*VISTA at MCC in the Lansing office for the 2009-2010 year. I loved it! I had so many great work experiences and learned more than I ever thought during my first VISTA year. I served with a cohort of AMAZING people, and I know that there are more amazing MCC AmeriCorps\*VISTA features in our future. We have great VISTAs who have just recently started. Please come back in September to hear about what some of them are doing!

Outgoing MCC AmeriCorps\* VISTA Leader: Amber Toth

Hi there! As the outgoing Michigan Campus Compact AmeriCorps\*VISTA Leader, I can say with complete confidence that the 2009-2010 MCC AmeriCorps\*VISTAs truly made a difference in their communities. These 18 individuals created sustainable programs that aided college students in connecting to their communities through service. Bridging this gap between campus and community is no small feat, and the 09-10 MCC\*VISTAs truly fought poverty with passion. As the 09-10 VISTA\*Leader, I had the honor of recruiting a new cohort of Michigan Campus Compact AmeriCorps\*VISTAs, who began their service on campuses across Michigan on August 2. This group of 18 VISTAs will undoubtedly be successful in creating positive change in the communities where they are serving. As Mel mentioned, please check out the September monthly VISTA feature for a glimpse into the great work that these 2010-2011 VISTAs have already begun!