

JFS taking part in annual AmeriCorps Week

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In order to strengthen the Perry County community and its families, Perry JFS is taking part in the fifth annual AmeriCorps Week, a recruitment and recognition event to highlight AmeriCorps impact on local communities. Perry JFS will be participating in AmeriCorps Week by distributing informational materials in a variety of ways throughout the county. Perry JFS is also coordinating volunteers for a community service project for Saturday, May 21 beginning at 10 a.m.

The May 21 service project is New Lexington's annual spring planting project. Volunteers are needed to help plant flowers at the "Welcome Sign" at the intersection of St. Rt. 37 & 13,

McDougal Park, on Main Street, and Veterans Memorial Park on Broadway, both in New Lexington as well as picking up trash along village streets.

Volunteers can be 4-H groups, students, local

business, or any other individual or group who is interested in giving back to our community.

AmeriCorps and Perry JFS are dedicated to giving back to the children, adults, and families of Perry County. Since Perry JFS began hosting an AmeriCorps member in September 2010, 3,727 cans of food were collected and distributed to local food pantries, 1800 plus people helped through the Ohio Benefit Bank, new JFS initiatives, and resource referrals, as well as a new website being created for Perry JFS to educate clients about services offered. These are just a few of the ways AmeriCorps and Perry JFS are getting things done.

If you would like to join the effort to get things done in Perry County, please call Cassandra at 740-342-3551 ext 684 or e-mail at: argoc@odjfs.state.oh.us.

Cassandra is available to meet with individuals or organizations who are interested in serving with AmeriCorps or becoming an AmeriCorps host site. Together we can make a difference: one flower, one clean street, one family, one community at a time.