

## Help Me Support PCEI and the AmeriCorps Program During Idaho Gives!



PCEI AmeriCorps member-led Women's Mountain Biking Clinic in 2005. The workshop embodied PCEI's mission to connect people, place and community - a project made possible through AmeriCorps.

Dear friend,

If you haven't already heard, we received word that **the federal government is terminating all state AmeriCorps contracts, including PCEI's, effective immediately.** This impacts over 1,000 programs nationwide, and more than 32,000 AmeriCorps members. While PCEI places AmeriCorps members across Idaho, locally this means that four of our hardworking members may no longer serve our community in the capacity we need.

These dedicated volunteers not only cultivated native plants in our nursery, planted them at critical watershed restoration sites, and organized community volunteers to help them do so; they also help maintain the **26.2 Palouse Nature Center** where community members and visitors alike enjoy our hiking trails, bicycle pump track, artist studio, EV charging station, energy from our solar generation, children's playgrounds, and increasingly popular "Pubbin' on the Patio" family friendly music events.

**At PCEI we depend on our AmeriCorps members to bring our mission to life; their work is truly invaluable.**

Having served as a PCEI AmeriCorps member myself, **this program is personal for me.** I was honored to work on environmental education and stewardship projects, but you may not know about how we were able to help PCEI fulfill its mission of *connecting people, place, and community* through a fun, empowering, and educational event that connected women to the natural environment in lasting ways - made possible by AmeriCorps – The PCEI Women's Mountain Biking Clinic.

**I am sharing this with you now because I'd like to highlight the breadth and diversity of impact our AmeriCorps volunteers bring to our community – thanks to PCEI.**

At the Nature Center, we taught participants how to change bike tires, adjust seats and handlebars, tune gears, and clean chains, helping participants gain confidence to join for the next clinic on Moscow Mountain, where they learned how to start and stop on climbs, navigate descents, fall safely, and build confidence on the trails.

Today is the second day of [Idaho Gives](#), a statewide four-day online giving event, and this news makes our appeal more critical than ever. **I invite you to join me in supporting PCEI as we navigate this abrupt and challenging time.** Your gift ensures we can continue restoring ecosystems, educating youth and adults, empowering future leaders, and building vibrant communities connected to the land we love.

To donate now through this Thursday, May 1st, visit the [Idaho Gives website](#). All \$100-250 online donations will be matched! (*Matching begins at May 1, 2025 @ 6pm MT and will continue until \$10,200 has been matched*).

**We know there are many wonderful organizations that deserve your time and financial support, so thank you in advance for considering making a gift - in any amount - to PCEI, being part of our vibrant community, and for investing in a brighter future.**

With sincere gratitude,



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