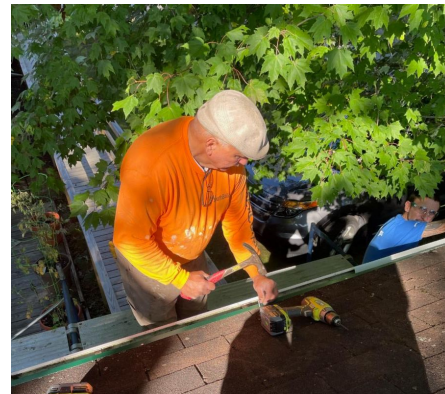




During the 2023-2024 AmeriCorps program year we celebrated AmeriCorps' 30th Anniversary. In closing this year long celebration we are acknowledging a "Lifetime of Service". Keystone SMILES would like to thank our former AmeriCorps members who have been with SMILES for 15 years or more who not only served as members, but continue to serve as staff and volunteers. AmeriCorps is not just about serving during your term, but also making the choice to continue helping your community beyond a term of service.



Barb Buzard
in the beginning 1994
AmeriCorps member,
Retired staff, CPR/First Aid
instructor and continues to
volunteer



Libby Hansford

In the beginning 1994
AmeriCorps member,
AmeriCorps Leader, Service
Learning Director of the
House of Trades
AmeriCorps SMILES staff



Bill Evans
Second year AmeriCorps member, House of Trades educator, SMILES AmeriCorps staff. Bill was also a former Alternative Education teacher for Keystone SMILES and now teaches preschool children at the Keystone SMILES Environmental Center.



Mila Hiles
Serving for 23 years as an AmeriCorps Vista member, Sharpsville Gardens Preschool Director, AmeriCorps supervisor, SMILES staff. Mila was also presented with a plaque for Outstanding National Service Supporter from PennSERVE in 2021.



Judy Wile
Serving SMILES for 18 years as an AmeriCorps member, preschool sub and SMILES AmeriCorps Community Project Coordinator at the SMILES hub staff.

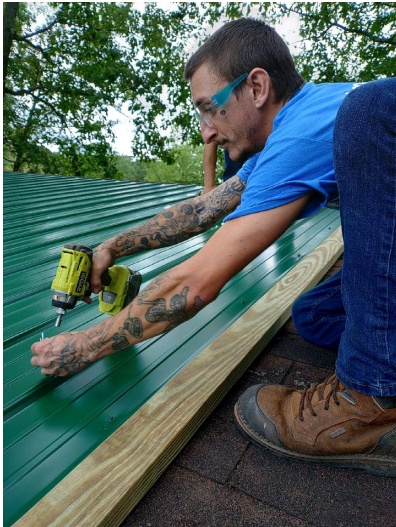


Andy Traister
Serving SMILES for 23 years as an AmeriCorps member, Preschool teacher, AmeriCorps supervisor and Preschool Assistant Director.



911 National Day of Service

In honor of the 911 Day of Service the House of Trades team replaced a roof on a shed for a Knox veteran and Keystone SMILES alum. This project took approximately 3 days to complete.



Weed and Seed 911 Day of Service

Youth in attendance at the Weed & Seed Siverly Hot Spot, engaged in acts of kindness

focused on celebrating and paying respect to their community.

The group traveled to Calvary Cemetery, a small, local cemetery in Oil City, Pennsylvania. The youths, member, and staff walked through the cemetery, identifying stones in need of special attention, removing debris from stones, collecting garbage, and clearing weeds.



House of Trades

In September the House of Trades team helped to distribute food bank boxes of food at Chapel on the Hill in Emlenton. 2 staff and 5 AmeriCorps members packed and distributed food for approximately 80 families.

Three AmeriCorps members from the House of Trades team also helped the local food pantry in Knoxville to distributed food for approximately 65 families.



Sharpsville Gardens

The Preschool children in Sharpsville Gardens have been enjoying the new sensory room that has been added to the classroom. Mercer County Housing Authority along with the House of Trades added this new room to the Preschool during the summer. Sharpsville Gardens currently has 12 children enrolled.



Knox PreK

The Preschool children are in full swing with the start of the new year. Currently there are 31 children enrolled. They participate in STEM activities 4 days a week and they walk to the Environmental Center once a week where Mr. Bill teaches them a lesson. And they enjoy delicious meals prepared by Miss Terri.



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