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OneStar Foundation Awards Keep Austin Housed 31 AmeriCorps Members to begin service September 2013

Austin, (TX) – The **Keep Austin Housed Program** at **Front Steps** has been awarded funds from the **OneStar Foundation** to continue the placement of 31 **AmeriCorps** members as case aid's with Austin area agencies for the 2013-2014 service year.

The Front Steps' Keep Austin Housed program is in its 9th year, placing AmeriCorps members as case aids in agencies such as **Lifeworks, Caritas, Foundation for the Homeless** and more. Members serve an 11 month term providing intensive mentoring and case management services to adults, families, and youth who are experiencing, have formerly experienced, or are at-risk of experiencing homelessness in Austin.

Front Steps is one of 22 agencies in Texas that received funding from the **Corporation for National and Community Service** to support 2,126 AmeriCorps members across the state who will serve as in-school, after-school and summertime teachers, tutors and mentors, provide intensive college access and success services, engage in adult and early literacy interventions, participate in early childhood development programs, distribute food to economically disadvantaged children and families, engage children in daily physical activity, assist with case management for the homeless, recruit hundreds of volunteers, and respond to disasters throughout the state.

On a national level, AmeriCorps engages 80,000 Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet critical needs. Members serve through more than 14,000 organizations in rural and urban communities throughout the nation. Among other accomplishments, AmeriCorps members last year mobilized 3.4 million community volunteers, and tutored, mentored or served more than 3.5 million disadvantaged youth.

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About Front Steps, Inc.:

Front Steps, based on the belief that all people deserve the dignity of a safe place to call home, seeks to end homelessness by providing shelter, affordable housing and community education. While managing the City of Austin's emergency overnight shelter for men and day resource center for the homeless, Front Steps develops permanent supportive housing opportunities and places an average of 200 chronically homeless men and women into safe, secure housing each year.

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