

Cassie Breeggemann- AmeriCorps Summer 2003 Comiskey

AmeriCorps was a great learning experience for me. I went into the program not knowing much about what AmeriCorps was. I really enjoy kids and since I am in college I no longer have the opportunity to work with and be around them as much.



I enjoyed working on various crafts. Here I am with some kids making maracas. We also made bracelets like the one below.



AmeriCorps has made me a mentor to children. It forced me to look at how I was as a person to make sure I was doing things that were positive and encouraging. By being in AmeriCorps I was able to develop relationships with the kids. I also developed new friendships with my fellow staff members as well as with the kids. I realized how attached the kids got by how they would greet me when I would arrive to work, and was surprised that I found myself missing them as well.



Here I am playing jacks with some of the kids. We played many types of games, but their favorite was four square.

I was able to become a positive role model and give children attention that they may not have otherwise experienced. AmeriCorps has made me realize I have been very blessed in my life. I have been given a lot of opportunities.

AmeriCorps changed my summer; it changed my life. I am proud to say that I was a part of the AmeriCorps Team, or the “A-Team” as I like to call it... I know that what I did has made a difference. I can safely say it changed my life for the better and I hope that I have touched at least one other person’s life as well.