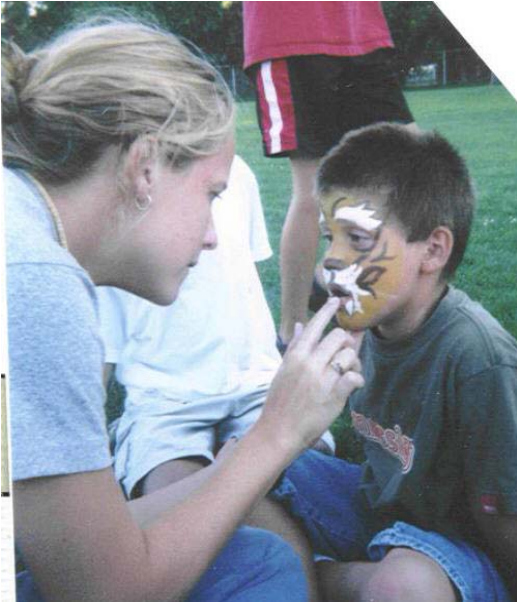


## Elizabeth Ouellette- AmeriCorps Summer 2003

### Rotator

The summer of 2003 has brought more great memories. This is my second term of AmeriCorps, serving 450 hours. I have been able to be a part of many different things throughout the summer. It's hard to write exactly everything you get out of a summer volunteering for AmeriCorps. The days and nights you work will always be remembered. It is such a great feeling after you have made a difference in the lives of many young children.

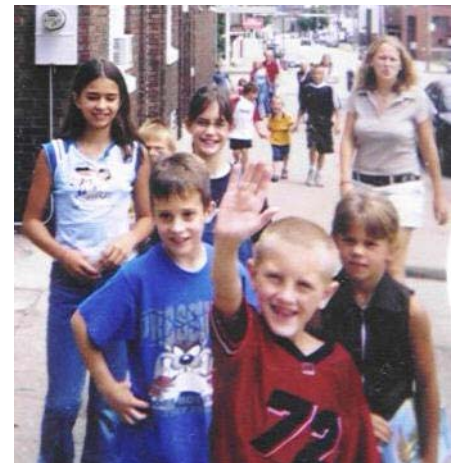


One of my favorite experiences with AmeriCorps was working in the Elementary classrooms. Here I was able to work with teachers and students. I tutored students in reading and helped out in kindergarten preparation programs. Being an Elementary Education major, I get to have valuable experience working in a classroom. It is such a good feeling when you can make a child laugh or hear them tell you they can't wait to come back tomorrow.

Most of my time this summer was spent on the playgrounds. This position gets better each year. My favorite part of the summer down at Comisky and Audubon playgrounds is the many lives you touch while down there. If I can keep one child off the street or somewhere where he/she shouldn't be, I feel I have made a difference. When you leave at the end of the summer the children really miss you. I feel that just shows how big of an impact we as AmeriCorps members have on these children.

Face painting was one of the kits we had down at the parks this summer. It was a big hit, and the kids loved becoming something new each night!

AmeriCorps is for *getting things done for America-to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier*. This program does exactly that. I just hope that enough people see that, and realize that. This is a program that has its funding pending. I feel that it is so important that people keep programs like this going. This is what keeps our future leaders going.



Some of our kids on their way to the Library programs we had every Thursday afternoon.