

# REPORT FOR AMERICA



An initiative of **THE groundtruth PROJECT**

## PUBLIC SERVICE THROUGH LOCAL REPORTING

### THE CRISIS IN LOCAL JOURNALISM HAS BECOME A CRISIS FOR OUR DEMOCRACY

We are catalyzing a movement of public service journalism that strengthens democracy by improving the quality and quantity of local news.

### REPORT FOR AMERICA IS TAKING ON NEWS DESERTS AT SCALE

In 2020, we're deploying 225 talented, service-oriented journalists to report on under-covered topics such as health, education, immigration, climate and justice. Our corps members improve communities and hold powerful institutions accountable.

# REPORT LOCAL. SUPPORT LOCAL.

HELP US TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES AND STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY BY PLACING

# 1,000 REPORTERS

IN LOCAL NEWSROOMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LEADING SUPPORTERS:

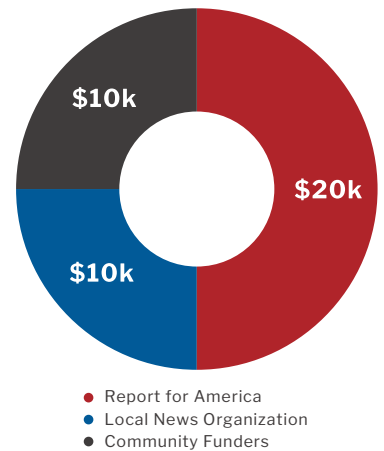


# ENERGIZING LOCAL PHILANTHROPY

Report for America leverages a **3:1 regional funding match model**, paying half of a corps member's salary, while encouraging and supporting its local news organization partners to contribute one-quarter and local and regional funders to contribute the final quarter. This approach promotes new models for shared investment in local journalism, increasing the chances of sustaining on-the-ground reporting, for the community, by the community.

Leaders from both the journalism and national service worlds have come together around this big vision. Co-founders **Charles Sennott** and **Steven Waldman** are both nationally known journalists and social entrepreneurs dedicated to saving journalism. Report for America is an initiative of The GroundTruth Project, an award-winning nonprofit media organization with a track record of training and supporting teams of emerging journalists.

AVERAGE REPORTING SPOT



**REPORT FOR AMERICA WORKS WITH DAILY NEWSPAPERS, NONPROFIT START-UPS, PUBLIC RADIO, COMMUNITY WEEKLIES AND TV STATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.**



2K

APPLICATIONS FOR 225 REPORTING SPOTS

160+

NEWS ORGANIZATIONS IN 45 STATES, WASHINGTON D.C. AND PUERTO RICO

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OF OUR CURRENT CORPS MEMBERS ARE WOMEN

40%

OF OUR CURRENT CORPS MEMBERS ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR

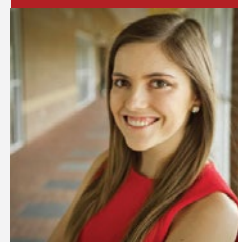


**Obed Manuel**  
2018-2019 Corps  
Dallas Morning News

Obed reports on second-generation immigrants.

He found that an American citizen, born in Dallas, had been detained by border patrol for three weeks without clear cause.

**Result: Within 24 hours, the story went viral, Obed was interviewed on CNN and Francisco Erwin Galici was released from ICE custody.**



**Samantha Hogan**  
2019-2020 Corps  
Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting

Samantha reports on statehouse and education coverage.

Her 3-month investigation found that lawyers defending Maine's poor had over-billed the state, including continual 80-hour weeks for some.

**Result: Multiple state investigations launched as Maine considers a public defender system.**

