

# THE CORPS AT ITS BEST

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## OUR PURPOSE



The purpose of our paper is to interest you, the public, encourage our Corps members, and last but not least, maybe most important is to show dedication to ourselves and our city.

Most of us here at the Corps came here to better our lives

and our situations. We learn and earn respect for ourselves and others. For some of us this was a task, but with the assistance and support of the Conservation Corps this is happening every day.

Upon entering we learn new skills and receive tools we can take with us and will help us for a long time to come. If we stumble, the Corps is there to soften the blow.

This newsletter will

help us to express ourselves and give a new meaning to our lives. We will do our best to keep you informed and enlighten you with our accomplishments and our concerns.

The editors hope you enjoy learning about the Conservation Corps and reading our success stories.



### THIS IS HOW WE DO IT!!!!

It's not always a struggle, as Bobby demonstrates in his efforts to make our city beautiful. All working together to conserve our parks, woods and grounds, we learn and grow mentally and physically for a better tomorrow

## TINA'S STORY

I came to the Corps because I have a history of using drugs and I knew that they could give me a chance to learn some skills that I would not otherwise

have learned. I believed that if I could stick it out for a whole training and get paid for it I could pretty much do anything, and looking back on my

time at the Corps I am pretty much amazed and blessed that I hung in there through good and difficult times and as long as I let God handle all my problems (Continued on page 2)





## TINA'S STORY CONTINUES

(Continued from page 1) would come out on top and be a positive example for my children and others placed in my life. I have had an opportunity to sit back and evaluate the last 18 + months of my life, and my determination to stay clean and sober and get up every day and be a productive part of society makes wanting to remain clean and sober all worthwhile. I also developed some close friends who I could talk to when I was feeling down and out. So thank you Conservation Corps for being here when I needed you

most. My hope is to stay focused and if I might be going through something I have realized that if it is never there for me I know that my higher power will be. The steps I took to get into the Conservation Corps started with persistence. When I found out about the Conservation Corps I called and spoke to Joe Albritton, and the staff were all in a meeting. He told me to keep calling back and that he would personally call me when they got out of their meeting which is exactly what happened. I lived in Skyway at the time

and would get up every morning and get on the bus to make it to work on time and 1+ years later I am on my way out the door to a new job at a cleaners. My favorite part about my new job is that I will be still be able to work with people. The advice I would give a future member is to never give up nor forget where you came from. Hang in there a have a made up mind. Working at the Corps has given me self esteem, something I was lacking in my life due to my drug history. You do the same thing you will have the same results.



## TIFFANY EXPRESSES HERSELF IN POEM

### Strive

In my life, whatever mistakes I've made or  
When trouble always came,  
I still have to continue striving every day.

Still to do my best, strive to win,  
Strive so I can look at myself in the mirror and  
Feel good about myself again.

Strive to don't quit, strive to don't slip,  
Strive to never repeat my past  
Actions again.

Strive to publish my poems, Strive to finish school,  
Strive to get a job, strive to complete my dreams and  
Strive to never stop.

My past makes me strive to do better,  
strive to never give up,  
Strive to get my priorities together,  
strive to do a 180° and  
Turn my life around forever.

Strive, what does that mean to me,  
My goals, my life, my dreams is reality  
If I don't strive  
(try, work hard, or ask for help)

I'm not doing anything to better myself.

I'm getting tired of being stuck in a rut,  
Tired of failing, tired of giving up,  
But you know what I'm really tired of  
(I got places I want to see, things I want to do and achieve)  
But I must change my attitude, I must

believe I can succeed.  
(I got to go for it, move forward and take steps)  
That means STRIVE is what I got to do.  
Put in 110% and do my best!  
Strive!

By Tiffany Emerson



# PLACES THE CORPS TAKES US



Preparing to start the day and ready for it. Loving what we do, and doing what we love. CHANGE !!! WHAT WE LIVE FOR !



Enjoying the sunshine as we get the job done. These are skills we will use for a lifetime!!

We beautify our city and take pride in doing so. There is nothing like a sense of accomplishment, achievement, and serenity.



Hope the wind doesn't ruin his work. He is so concentrating. OOPS!!! He missed some. Doing a great job! The Corps lets us know.

# THIS IS HOW WE DO IT

Sticking together, at work and play, the buddy system.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to take the time to congratulate any one who is celebrating a special event this month and also hope that if you know of someone who needs some special recognition speak up. We would like to acknowledge them and you in our next edition!

### New Job

Brad Goodall

Happy March Birthday !!!!!

Edward Thompson

Sloane Whitaker

### As I See It

By Robert Holmes

The Seattle Conservation Corps is a program worthy of its name. Upon entering it you are at a road of indecision. Should I go right? Right is adhering to the rules and regulations that govern the program, left is making your own rules. I chose to go right and because of that choice I feel good, glad that I'm contributing to the community and also to myself. The Corps' program is designed to help in more ways than you can imagine. Just lock on to what you need and hold on tight. It's a ride worth remembering.

# OUR NETWORK



Can you hear me now!!!

*As you can see staff is a very important part of our success*



## OUR HEADLINERS



We can do all things we put our mind to as long as we stay focused and take suggestions from our headliners and each other.

