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JOB CORPS YOUTH, NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES HELP EACH OTHER

"The human kindness displayed to these boys has renewed their spirits and rekindled their hopes for a useful future. . ."
Wesley Coombs, Warren, Pa.

"These young men have gone into the community and have given their time, energy and enthusiasm . . . Through their work, they are beginning to understand the community as a whole." Mrs. L. B. Hodgson, Battle Creek, Mich.

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These two statements typify what is going on in hundreds of communities around the country where the young men and women of Job Corps are becoming active and accepted members of communities—and the communities are repaying them in appreciation.

Job Corps is the residential program for youth 16 through 21 designed to give the education and work skills needed to make them employable. The program has been in operation about two years and now has 116 centers in operation.

The thousands of young people in Job Corps are doing more than learning—they are contributing their time and efforts in helping improve and beautify communities, raising money for charitable causes, donating their blood, helping underprivileged youngsters, rescuing accident victims, fighting fires and floods, preserving and improving natural resources.

These efforts by the Corpsmen and women are noticed and rewarded by the community involved or its citizens, who have opened their hearts and homes, schools and churches and clubs to these young people.

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Wesley Coombs of Warren, Pa. led a most unusual drive in December 1966.

There were 77 young men at the nearby Blue Jay Job Corps Conservation Center who were not eligible to receive government-paid trips home for Christmas as their annual leave. Coombs launched a drive in the area to raise \$2,100 needed to pay for these trips. The people of Forest and Warren Counties showed their gratitude quickly, mostly in \$1 and \$5 contributions. Many didn't want public credit for this, including a double amputee who arrived at the Center to contribute \$5.

In Brevard, N. C., the members of the Rosman Methodist Church paid the fare of one Corpsman from the Schenck Conservation Center for his Christmas trip and the Center did likewise.