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Dear colleagues,

I invite you to join the global youth service movement led by YSA (Youth Service America) and our Global Youth Service Network.

YSA (Youth Service America) improves communities by increasing the number and the diversity of young people, ages 5-25, serving in substantive roles. YSA and its partners EDUCATE children and youth to acquire knowledge and skills and ENGAGE children and youth to solve problems and lead communities.

Founded in 1986, YSA supports a global culture of engaged youth committed to a lifetime of service, learning, leadership, and achievement. The impact of YSA's work through service and service-learning is measured in student achievement, workplace readiness, and healthy communities.

Public Mobilization Campaigns

Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning. Established in the United States 1988, and globally in 2000, Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world - and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth - and is celebrated each year in over 100 countries. www.GYSD.org

Semester of Service links prominent national service events (including Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, Global Youth Service Day, and September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance) through an extended service-learning framework of at least 70 hours. Students plan and implement a semester-long service-learning project utilizing the IPARD/C (Investigation, Preparation & Planning, Action, Reflection, Demonstration/Celebration) service-learning framework. www.YSA.org/semester

Get Ur Good On is an online community of youth supporting one another in their mission to do "good" in their communities. Founded by Miley Cyrus in partnership with Youth Service America, Get Ur Good On uses multimedia platforms, special events, and opportunities for grants and awards to provide young people a platform to learn about, create, and implement innovative solutions to global issues. www.GetUrGoodOn.org

YSA Grants – www.YSA.org/grants

YSA supports service and service-learning initiatives around the world by offering grants to individuals, schools, and organizations making a difference in their communities. This year, YSA will provide over **\$1 million in grants to over 700 schools and organizations** with support from sponsors including: State Farm, Learn and Service America and the Corporation for National and Community Service, Disney, UnitedHealth Group, Disney, and Sodexo.

Tools and Resources – www.YSA.org/resources

YSA publishes a variety of educational and project planning guides to help develop and implement service and service-learning initiatives, including:

- *Semester of Service Strategy Guide* and Classroom Poster
- *Global Youth Service Day Project Planning Toolkit* and Promotional Poster
- Issue-based resources include *First Responders: Addressing Childhood Obesity Through Service-Learning*, *55 Environmental Service-Learning Projects*, *Disaster Preparedness & Relief Through Service-Learning*, *Malaria Prevention, Awareness, and Fundraising through Youth Service*, and *9 Service Lessons from 9/11*.

The *National Service Briefing* is a free weekly e-newsletter for the youth engagement field, featuring the latest information about new programs and initiatives, grant and award opportunities, stories of Everyday Young Heroes, research results, educational materials and resources, and upcoming conferences and service events. Sign up at www.YSA.org

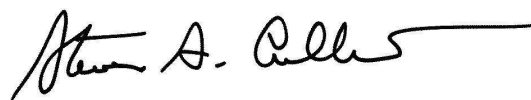
GoToServiceLearning.org is an online tool that provides teachers with replicable service-learning lesson plans. Every lesson plan offers a field-tested project.

The *Youth Service Institute* provides training to YSA's partners and grantees. Each fall, teachers, nonprofit leaders, and youth convene to begin their planning for Semester of Service and Global Youth Service Day.

Join the global youth service movement!

To learn more about Youth Service America and our programs, grants, and resources, visit www.YSA.org

In Service,



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