



GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY



Join millions of youth around the globe during the largest annual celebration of young volunteers—**Global Youth Service Day**. Children for Children® (CFC) and Youth Service America® invite you to become a part of Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) as it embraces the voices of thousands of New York youth. Through planning for GYSD, young people come together through service to benefit their communities, collaborate for change, and develop life-long leadership skills.



Youth Service America, the national sponsor of Global Youth Service Day, and Children for Children offer a way for local, national, and international organizations to:

- **BUILD** the capacity of an international network of organizations that promotes youth participation, service and learning.
- **EDUCATE** the public, the media, and policy-makers about the year-round contributions of young people as community leaders around the world.
- **MOBILIZE** youth and adults to meet the needs of their communities through volunteering.
- **LEARN** and share effective practices in youth service, youth voice, and civic engagement in the world today.

As the Lead Agency for New York State, CFC is reaching out to youth and youth organizations to assist them in planning and implementing GYSD projects. If your school, youth bureau, community organization, or nonprofit agency is looking for a way to actively engage youth in the planning of a meaningful service-learning experience on a state, national and global level, join us for GYSD 2008.

To learn more about CFC, visit us on the Web at www.childrenforchildren.org. To learn more about GYSD, visit Youth Service America at www.ysa.org.



Why is Global Youth Service Day a good time for youth to become involved?

The purpose of GYSD is to allow youth to address issues that are important to them through service. Projects are designed and implemented by youth, with the support of adults, as a method of addressing a desired issue as well as developing invaluable leadership skills.

What is Children for Children's role in GYSD?

Youth Service America selected CFC to be the Lead Agency for New York. Our role is to support youth and youth organizations around the state with resources and planning as projects develop.

What types of resources does Children for Children offer?

Along with providing support materials such as toolkits from Youth Service America, CFC will coordinate with young leaders and youth organizations around the state as they launch plans for GYSD. Additionally, both CFC and Youth Service America offer grants to help fund projects.

What are some examples of projects that have been done in the past?

Youth from a community center advocated for better healthcare education in their schools. Students at a YMCA made pot holders to accompany solar cookers sent to women in Darfur, enabling them to cook for their children. Families gathered for a Healthy Living Awareness Fair, developed by after-school clubs, consisting of a walk-a-thon and basketball free-throw event. Local Girl Scout troops visited nursing homes and gave makeovers to residents. Across the state, teams ran community beautification projects, painted murals, cleaned streets, and planted gardens.

When does planning for GYSD begin?

NOW! Large-scale events require months of advance planning, collaboration, and teamwork with community partners.

To join New York's youth during Global Youth Service Day 2008, contact:

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GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY 2008 Mini Grant Application

We look forward to hearing about your Global Youth Service Day project ideas and plans. Grant applications are due no later than February 29th.

Team Name: _____

School/Community Based Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Adult Leader: _____

Contact Number: () _____ Adult Email: _____

Youth Representative: _____

Contact Number: () _____ Youth Email: _____

Number of Students on Team Planning Committee: _____

Approximate number of youth participants to be involved in your GYSD event: _____

Approximate number of adult participants to be involved in your GYSD event: _____

Does your organization have a website? _____ If so, please list: _____

Have you participated with CFC or GYSD before? If so, please explain:

Grant Amount Applying for: ___\$500 ___\$200 ___\$100 ___other (specify:_____)

(pending on-time submission and approval of application, grant money will be made available for March 10, 2008)

Summary of Project: Brief description of your project and timeline, including the community need you will address. Why did you choose this project? *(attach additional information if necessary)*

Youth involvement in the project planning and implementation: How will ideas be generated and project plans be made by youth? What strategies will you use? *(attach additional information if necessary)*

Reflection/Evaluation: How will you and your group reflect on your success? How will you gauge what is learned and what impact the experience will have on all involved? *(attach additional information if necessary)*

Sustainability: What opportunities do you see for sustaining service learning and civic engagement through this project? How will this project motivate your youth to become further involved in their local and global community? *(attach additional information if necessary)*

Additional information: Is there anything else you would like use to consider?

BUDGET: Please outline the approximate breakdown of project costs on a spread sheet or word document and **attach to this form**. *Please note that CFC will not fund customized items (t-shirts, pencils, pins, folders, etc), celebration materials (banners, streamers, DJ, balloons), staff salaries or transportation. Modest funding of healthy snacks for the service event is permitted, such as bottled water and granola bars, but is **not to exceed 25%** of the final budget. You will need to supply receipts for all items purchased – refer to your agreement form for all guidelines. **We encourage groups to utilize techniques suggested in the Planning Guide (coming in the mail) to connect with local businesses for additional funding, support, or discounts.***

Please feel free to attach any supporting information (photos, past service projects, etc) to this application. For questions about this application or GYSD, please call: 212.850.4170

Please return completed application to Mark Moravits at Children for Children

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