

## Note to Teachers on Service Learning

When you are working with your class to plan a service learning project, there is a lot to think about before you jump in. Below are guidelines that may make your life easier.

### Reality Check

- How much time can you devote to the planning and implementation of the project?
- How involved do you want your students to be?
- Do you want to make a difference in your own community or in the world at large?
- Do you want to work with an established organization?
- Will students raise money? Give of their time, energy, and effort? A combination?
- How will you tie the service project to your curriculum?

### Range of Possibilities

- Do a project in your school.
- Do a project for younger students in another school.
- Do a project in your community (team up with a local, national, or international service organization).
- Support the special project of a Peace Corps Volunteer by working with the Peace Corps Partnership Program.

### Words to the Wise

- A well-designed service learning project can be the most meaningful thing you do all year.
- It has the potential to reach deeply into the hearts and minds of your students for the rest of their lives.
- You can do something *for* others or use the Peace Corps model of working *with* others.
- Whatever you do, it will require careful planning.
- The more responsibility students take on, the better.
- Many parents will enjoy helping.
- It's worth all the effort.