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Governor’s Office of Community Service Lead Agency in Global Youth Service Day

Youth Service America announces 68 lead agencies, including the Governor’s Office of Community Service, for Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) the largest service event in the world. “At the Governor’s Office of Community Service we are committed to opening doors of hope and opportunity for youth. Volunteerism is a wonderful way to strengthen our community while teaching valuable skills and life lessons,” says Executive Director Linda Carlson.

The lead agencies are chosen for their efforts to increase the scope visibility and sustainability of GYSD by leading city, regional or statewide service campaigns. With funding provided by State Farm Companies Foundation, these agencies engage young people in substantive roles to transform their communities through simultaneous volunteering efforts. Each lead agency will receive \$2,000 to help plan their GYSD project.

Spanning three days in April, GSYD is the largest service event in the world and involves young people, ages 5-25, from schools, and community-based organizations. Youth volunteers will address critical problems, such as the environment, literacy, poverty, human rights, high school dropout rates and many other issues.

“It is a distinct honor to work with such an amazing organization,” said Steve Culbertson, president and CEO of Youth Service America. “Their leadership increases the scale and visibility of youth service year-round, and helps youth in America play a lead role in learning about community needs, while giving their time, energy, commitment and idealism.”

For more information about GYSD visit www.YSA.org/gysd

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