



NATIONAL & GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

APRIL 21-23, 2006

Millions of youth will participate in National & Global Youth Service Day, the largest service event in the world, on April 21 - 23, 2006. They will tutor young children, engage in disaster relief, register new voters, educate their communities about good nutrition, distribute HIV/AIDS prevention materials and meet many more community needs through their service. National & Global Youth Service Day supports youth on a life-long path of service and civic engagement, and educates the public, the media, and elected officials about the role of youth as community leaders.

National & Global Youth Service Day Overview

- National & Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world.
- Millions of youth will participate in the 18th Annual National & Global Youth Service Day on April 21-23, 2006.
- The goals of National & Global Youth Service Day are:
 - a. To **MOBILIZE** youth to identify and address the needs of their communities through service.
 - b. To **SUPPORT** youth on a life-long path of service and civic engagement.
 - c. To **EDUCATE** the public, the media, and policymakers about the year-round contributions of young people as community leaders.
- On National & Global Youth Service Day, a public awareness and education campaign that highlights the amazing contributions that young people make to their communities 365 days a year, young people will design and lead service-learning projects in areas ranging from literacy and the environment, to healthcare, hunger, and help for the elderly.
- [State Farm Companies Foundation](#) is the Presenting Sponsor.
- [National & Global Youth Service Day](#) is coordinated by [Youth Service America](#), in association with the [National Youth Leadership Council](#) and in partnership with [PARADE Magazine](#).

How Did National Youth Service Day Begin?

In 1988, [Youth Service America](#) - YSA - and the [Campus Outreach Opportunity League](#) - COOL - organized the first National Youth Service Day, then called "A Day in the Life of Youth Service." Nearly 1,000 programs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia participated. In 1990, YSA joined forces with COOL, the United States Conference of Mayors, the Weekly Reader, and the Jefferson Awards to celebrate the day. More than 1,500 programs, a bipartisan group of 331 mayors, and 13 governors planned special service activities, recognition and awards ceremonies, as well as city-wide youth forums. In 2000, adapting to the successful model of National Youth Service Day in the United States Global Youth Service Day was founded. Since then, N & GYSD has grown to include over 115 National Partners and millions of young people worldwide.

What Happens on National & Global Youth Service Day?

Projects are organized by youth, along with communities, schools, and local organizations. Projects cover a broad range of issues including literacy, the environment, healthcare, nutrition, and poverty.