

GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY 2008

GYSD/JOB CORPS TALKING POINTS for MEDIA QUESTIONS/INTERVIEWS

- Global Youth Service Day (GYSD), formerly National Youth Service Day (NYSD), is an annual, international celebration to recognize the year-round service and volunteering efforts of young adults; to recruit a new generation of participants and supporters of youth service; and to promote young people as resources to their communities. Youth Service America organizes this national event.
- This year's event – the 20th annual – is expected to involve more than two million young people and youth organizations around the world.
- Job Corps is proud to be among 50 national GYSD partners, along with organizations like America's Promise, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, and the United Way.
- This is Job Corps' 10th year as a National Partner.
- *Offer a description of your center or organization and its GYSD activity – mention number of students, partners (if any), and goals/results of the project.*
- Community service is a critical part of the Job Corps experience, which focuses on comprehensive academic, vocational, and social skills training. Service allows Job Corps students to give back to their communities, practice what they're learning in Job Corps, and build self-esteem, teamwork, and leadership skills.
- Established in 1964, Job Corps is the nation's largest education and training program for economically disadvantaged young people, ages 16–24. With 122 residential Job Corps centers in 48 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, this national program serves approximately 70,000 young people per year. *Provide similar information on your local center as appropriate.*

