

GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY 2009

GYSD/JOB CORPS TALKING POINTS FOR MEDIA QUESTIONS/INTERVIEWS

- Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) is an annual, international celebration to recognize the year-round service and volunteer efforts of young adults.
- The goals of GYSD are (1) to mobilize youth to identify and address the needs of their communities, (2) to recruit a new generation of participants and supporters of youth service and support them on a lifelong path of civic involvement, (3) to promote young people as resources to their communities, and (4) to educate the public, the media, and policymakers about the year-round contributions of young adults as community leaders.
- GYSD is organized by Youth Service America.
- This year's event – the 20th annual – is expected to involve more than 2 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' 11th 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, career, and social skills training. Civic service allows Job Corps students the opportunity to give back to their communities, practice what they're learning on a daily basis, 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 through 24. With 122 residential Job Corps centers in 48 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, this national program provides training and support to more than 100,000 young people per year. *Provide similar information on your local center as appropriate.*