



Volunteering Positively Impacts Young People

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PARENTS! Did you know that volunteering is an opportunity for families to share a common experience that strengthens communities while setting children on a lifetime path of active civic engagement? In fact, youth with at least one parent who volunteers are nearly three times more likely to be regular volunteers than youth from non-volunteer families.

And, when disengaged youth are introduced to quality volunteer opportunities, the likelihood that they will engage in risky behaviors decreases and their level of social trust increases along with their academic achievement. Research shows that teens who are engaged with their family or community are less likely to turn to drugs or violence. Help your teen change the World! Get involved:

- **ORGANIZE** a project for Global Youth Service Day 2008 (April 25-27) at... YSA.org/nysd,
- **APPLY** for grants to underwrite your service projects at... YSA.org/awards,
- **SEARCH** for millions of volunteer opportunities at ...www.servenet.org,
- **DOWNLOAD** Tool Kits, Curriculum Guides, Tip Sheets, and Posters to help you serve more effectively...at YSA.org/nysd and click on tools,
- **VISIT** the Youth Voice section of YSA's website to get involved in meaningful decision making at a local organization...at YSA.org and click on Programs and Services,
- **ENGAGE** other young volunteers (especially younger kids, youth with disabilities, and others not traditionally asked to serve) in long-term, sustainable service and civic engagement to champion volunteering year-round,
- **SIGN UP** to receive the National Service Briefing and other email announcements on the latest grants and awards available from Youth Service America to help you carry out a successful service project @ YSA.org.
- **ENCOURAGE** your teens to become involved in productive after school and summer activities and staying in tune with community programs and available opportunities, and
- **STAY INVOLVED** in your teen's life and establish a regular weekly routine for doing something together.

We hope you join Youth Service America as we build a movement of young people changing the world. Make service and volunteering your child's anti-drug! To learn how structured activities can keep kids from using drugs, go to: www.theantidrug.com. For additional volunteering resources visit: www.YSA.org or www.servenet.org.