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Martin Luther King Service Day Projects

YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School (YBPCS) students and staff will join thousands of volunteers for the 11th annual Martin Luther King Day of Service on January 16, 2006. YBPCS will be working in conjunction with Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King Day of Service, Habitat for Humanity, and many others at Martin Luther King High School in the largest MLK service event in the region. YBPCS is proud to be part of such an important day, which will provide for communities both near and far.

“Home in a Box” – Habitat for Humanity Project

YBPCS will take part in the framing of a single-family house, which will be boxed and shipped to Lafayette, Louisiana to help a family displaced by Hurricane Katrina. This project is coordinated by Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia and funded by Prudential Fox and Roach, Realtors and The Trident Group.

Playhouse – Stenton Family Manor

YBPCS will finish the construction of a two-story playground playhouse, which will be sent to Stenton Family Manor for use by children. Stenton Family Manor offers institutional housing to the homeless and families who are actively seeking employment.

Community Center - CSEEP

YBPCS will be at Annunciation BVM School’s Community Center to rehabilitate two classrooms and another currently unused space in order to create rooms for a CSEEP (Community Self Empowerment and Employment Program) job-training program.

For general event information, visit www.mlkdayofservice.org.

YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School is a not-for-profit organization that provides out-of-school youth in Philadelphia the broadest range of tools, supports and opportunities available to become self-sufficient, responsible and productive citizens. YouthBuild offers an innovative 10-month program, which blends a rigorous academic curriculum with valuable community service experience and hands-on job training in construction or technology.

Students at YouthBuild can earn their high school diplomas and make successful transitions to full-time jobs, post-secondary educations, or further service with AmeriCorps. For more information about YouthBuild, visit www.youthbuildphilly.org.