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**YOUTHBUILD STUDENTS TO PREPARE DONATED COMPUTERS FOR
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE PROJECT**

MLK Project is First Phase of Program Donation that will Benefit Thousands

WHO: 10 YouthBuild students (former out-of-school youth in alternative high school diploma program) and YouthBuild technology staff

WHAT: On Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School will receive a shipment of 400 used laptops, the first of 2,100 donated to YouthBuild by Wyeth – a world class pharmaceutical company – for YouthBuild’s computer training and refurbishing program. Students and staff will unload the laptops and begin to prepare one quarter for the 12th Annual Martin Luther King Day of Service on January 15 (preparations for the next two weeks will include diagnostics and repairs).

During the day of service at Martin Luther King High School in North Philadelphia, students will train a pre-designated group of community members (low-income) in introductory computer skills. Each trainee will receive a refurbished laptop at the end of the training. The remainder of the laptops donated by Wyeth will be restored and distributed to underserved community organizations and schools over the next several years.

WHEN: Monday, Jan. 8, 2007 – Drop off to begin any time between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.; *YouthBuild will begin major organization of the shipment immediately following the drop off, at 11:00 a.m.*

WHERE: YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School, 1231 North Broad Street, 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19122 – OIC Building. Upon arrival, contact Amy Kapp at (703) 946-0041.

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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 Philadelphia offers an innovative 10-month program, which blends a rigorous academic curriculum with valuable community service experience and on-the-job training in construction, technology or nursing.

Students at YouthBuild Philadelphia 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, visit www.youthbuildphilly.org.