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YouthBuild Students to Serve Communities for Global Youth Service Day

Philadelphia, April 2008 – YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School will celebrate Global Youth Service Day on Thursday, April 24, 2008 by providing volunteer services to organizations around Philadelphia. Global Youth Service Day – the largest service event in the world – is one of several special service holidays in which YouthBuild students participate each year to reconnect to their communities.

WHO: 170+ YouthBuild students and staff members

WHEN: Thursday, April 24, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

PROJECTS: Nicetown – YouthBuild will install three benches in Nicetown Park (North 18th Street and Germantown Avenue (and West Cayuga Street)), clean debris and paint the curb along Germantown Avenue (between West Hunting Park Avenue and Windrim Avenue), and revitalize a plot of space behind the Nicetown Community Center (4300 Germantown Ave.) in preparation for a community garden.

Village of Arts and Humanities (2544 Germantown Ave.) – YouthBuild will reset the steps of the administrative building, reinstall a bathroom in a (currently unusable) building to make it inhabitable for a community program, and weed, compost and plant a community garden.

Caring About Sharing (500 North 39th St.) – A small group of students will perform office space demolition.

Playground (South 20th Street and Tasker Street) – A small group of students and staff will paint a playground space.

City Hall – YouthBuild’s technology students will assist Wireless Philadelphia in the transportation and storage of 120 computer monitors.

YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School is dedicated to helping out-of-school youth rebuild their lives and escape the cycle of urban poverty. In the past fifteen years, the school has graduated more than 1,200 students, who have: rehabilitated more than 65 houses for low-income homebuyers; refurbished more than 2,000 computers to donate to organizations and schools; and, provided thousands of hours of other vital community services each year.

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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 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 and post-secondary educational programs. For more information, visit www.youthbuildphilly.org.