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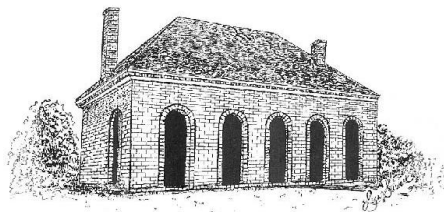
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Dear Community Member,

Hanover County Department of Community Resources and Randolph-Macon College are teaming up this April to mobilize thousands of youth to "blitz" our community with volunteer activities on Global Youth Service Day and Macon a Difference Day. The goal is to get every young person involved by participating in service projects that benefit our local environment and its people as well as addressing community, national and global needs.

**Global Youth Service Day is taking place on April 20-22, 2012.** It is celebrated in over 100 countries each year, making it the largest service event in the world and the only one dedicated solely to youth. Since 2007, the Hanover County Department of Community Resources has worked with the GYSD Community Coalition and the GYSD Youth Planning Coalition to coordinate GYSD in Hanover County. The Department is pleased to be joining forces with Randolph-Macon College to make the 5th Anniversary of GYSD Hanover its best ever.

Held in conjunction with Earth Day every year since 2006, Randolph-Macon partners with the Town of Ashland to host **Macon a Difference Day which is taking place on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Projects are generally Earth-centric and have included clean-up efforts on campus and in Ashland's parks, schools, waterways and streets as well as tree planting and beautification projects. The campus-wide event mobilizes clubs, organizations and academic and administrative departments to volunteer, making a big impact on the environment.

Please accept this invitation to participate in Global Youth Service Day and Macon a Difference Day. We are inviting you and other non-profits, government departments, schools and community groups to assist us in providing young people with opportunities to volunteer by registering service projects that occur within the GYSD and Macon a Difference Day timeline. Projects will begin, take place on or culminate on Global Youth Service Day. Macon a Difference Day projects must take place on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please review the enclosed Project Application and supporting materials for more information about developing your project(s) and introducing youth and their families to your organization. Support is available during the planning process and all organizations, especially those considering developing a new project, are encouraged to attend the **Plan-o-Rama on February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2 p.m.-5 p.m.** Agencies are also encouraged to attend the **Global Youth Service Day Kick-Off Party, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at The Ozone in Ashland. The Kick-Off Party gives agencies the opportunity to interact with potential volunteers and bring awareness to their cause. More information about these events and other resources are available in this packet.

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The youth in our community continue to demonstrate their caring and compassion with a proven track record of service work. Thank you for continuing to give them the opportunity to demonstrate their talents and bring their energy and creativity to your organization.

Feel free to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

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## What's Inside...

- ✓ GYSD & Macon A Difference Day Project Application Form
- ✓ Global Youth Service Day 2012 FAQ
- ✓ Fairtastic Kick-Off Party Information
- ✓ Plan-O-Rama Invitation Flyer
- ✓ Kick-Off Party Invitation Flyer
- ✓ Project Idea & Resource Sheet