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ServeNebraska releases 2013 Global Youth Service Day grant application

(Lincoln, Neb.) ServeNebraska in partnership with State Farm and Youth Service America is excited to offer the opportunity for Nebraska nonprofit organizations, schools, and governmental entities to apply for service-learning grants that engage youth, ages 5-25 in addressing community needs. The project period begins with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (January 21, 2013) through Global Youth Service Day (April 26-29, 2013). Application deadline is November 30, 2012.

Organizations can apply for this funding opportunity at www.serve.nebraska.gov. Funding is available in two categories: State Farm grants of \$1,000 each for youth-led service learning projects focusing in the areas of auto safety, home safety, financial literacy and/or education, and Youth Service America grants of up to \$400 for youth-led service learning projects focusing efforts on a community need. Project ideas and resources can be found on the Global Youth Service Day website, <http://gysd.org/>.

“In past years we supported some very innovative and impressive one-day Global Youth Service Day efforts,” explains Cathy Plager, ServeNebraska AmeriCorps/Disability Program Officer who is providing staff leadership to the initiative. “For 2013, we are encouraging more sustained efforts that allow young people to be involved over the course of the spring. We really hope to get applications from groups throughout Nebraska.” For more information, contact Cathy Plager at 402-471-6226 or cathleen.plager@nebraska.gov.

ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, coordinates and supports community involvement by Nebraskans that address the needs of our communities. We coordinate AmeriCorps programming, celebrate volunteer achievements through quarterly and annual awards, provide training and technical assistance, and work to ensure that those with a disability are fully involved. Learn more at www.serve.nebraska.gov.

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