



Hanover Global Youth Service Day

Backgrounder 2010

Hanover GYSD Overview:

- Hanover County will join the global youth service movement again this year by celebrating and participating in Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) as a community with its third annual countywide youth service weekend for Hanover youth and adults.
- GYSD is the largest service event in the world.
- Millions of youth will participate in the 22nd Annual Global Youth Service Day on April 23-25, 2010.

Organizers of Hanover GYSD:

- Thanks to the support of the GYSD Youth Planning Coalition, the Hanover County Department of Community Resources (which is also Hanover's Volunteer Center) is coordinating and establishing Hanover's third annual countywide youth service event that will highlight and celebrate the contributions of youth to their communities through service.
- 2008 GYSD Outcomes and Success:
 - Number of volunteers involved in all GYSD projects: 1,564
 - Number of volunteers who were youth (ages 5-25): 1,347
 - Under 15: 56% 15 and Over: 44%
 - Average number each volunteer served: 1.45 (total number of hours served by all Hanover GYSD volunteers = 2,270.45)
- 2009 GYSD Outcomes and Success:
 - Number of volunteers involved in all GYSD projects: 19,369
 - Number of volunteers who were youth (ages 5-25): 19,161
 - Under 15: 45% 15 and Over: 55%
 - Average number each volunteer served: 1.25 (total number of hours served by all Hanover GYSD volunteers = 24,162.75)
- Global Youth Service Day is coordinated by Youth Service America, in association with the National Youth Leadership Council and in partnership with *PARADE Magazine*.

What happens on GYSD?

- Hanover youth along with millions of youth from across the world will be organizing and participating in projects that help young people address the needs of their community, which may range in issue area from literacy, the environment, healthcare, nutrition, poverty and so on.

How many people participate?

- During GYSD, millions of youth around the world simultaneously organize service projects to address local needs; GYSD is celebrated in over 100 countries in every region of the world every year for one weekend in April.
- The goal of Hanover GYSD is to bring together all sectors of the community to promote and provide service-learning opportunities and projects for over 19,000 local volunteers (80% of those being youth).

How did Hanover GYSD begin?

- Thanks to a \$2,000 grant from Youth Service America (a national non-profit dedicated to increasing volunteer opportunities for young people) and State Farm Foundation, Hanover County Department of Community Resources was one of 75 organizations selected from across the U.S. to be a Lead Agency for GYSD, one of five Lead Agencies selected from Virginia.
- The 75 Lead Agencies for the U.S. Global Youth Service Day were chosen by Youth Service America and given grants to develop coalitions of community partners to plan local, regional, or statewide celebrations.

How do we get involved? Attend the GYSD Kick Off!

- Attend the Hanover GYSD Kick Off on **Saturday, March 27 from 12-2 p.m.** at Shady Grove United Methodist Church to learn about and register for projects
 - The Kick Off is youth-led event that will give young people and their families an opportunity to meet agency representatives hosting GYSD projects, conduct mini-projects, sample free food, listen to music provided by local high school bands and celebrate the collective good work young people can offer to address community needs.
 - Those that register to volunteer for a project will get a free GYSD t-shirt (The shirts will be available on a first come, first serve basis once project registration is complete.)
- Join us and the millions of youth serving their communities worldwide on April 23-25, 2010. Attend the Kick Off or visit www.hanovervolunteers.org to...
 - Learn more about the projects available in your community
 - See how you can get involved by reading the GYSD Project Directory
 - Find ideas to create your projects
 - Register to volunteer and make your contributions known

Questions?

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