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TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS AT THE COLUMBIA NORTH YMCA
COME TOGETHER FOR A "DAY OF SERVICE"

Volunteers at the Columbia North YMCA will celebrate National Youth Service Day and Earth Day with a beautification project on Saturday, April 21st

PHILADELPHIA – April 17, 2007- Volunteering creates positive morale and a powerful sense of accomplishment. That's why the Columbia North YMCA, located at 1400 North Broad Street in North Philadelphia is celebrating two national initiatives with one day of community service on **Saturday, April 21st from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.** In recognition of National Youth Service Day on Saturday, April 21st and Earth Day on Sunday, April 22nd, the YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity is hosting a "Day of Service" at all of its ten branches. National Youth Service Day is the nation's largest service event for youth and is an opportunity to introduce, educate and engage young people in the importance of community service and volunteer work.

Dozens of adult volunteers from Greater Philadelphia Cares will work side by side with teen volunteers from YMCA Youth Programs such as Y Achievers and Y Leaders Clubs on a beautification project at the Columbia North YMCA. Activities scheduled for the day include painting, landscaping, planting flowers, mulching and cleaning of the grounds.

"The YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity has a long standing tradition of engaging youth in positive, nurturing programs and activities that help them develop values that parallel our organization's mission of building strong kids, strong families and strong communities", said Tricia Odoms, executive director of the Columbia North YMCA. "This day of service is a platform for acknowledging the positive contributions of youth in our local communities".

Located at 1400 North Broad Street in North Philadelphia, the Columbia North YMCA provides quality programming and resources for youth, teens, adults and individuals with disabilities, including full-day and after-school child care, summer camp, youth sports, teen leadership and adult fitness. For more information about the Columbia North YMCA call 215-235-6440.

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