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### **Vermont campus compact selected as lead agency for 2010 global youth service day**

**[Middlebury, VT]** – (December 14, 2009) – Vermont Campus Compact (VCC) will mobilize more than 1,000 children and youth to participate in the 22nd Annual Global Youth Service Day (GYSD), Friday, April 23 through Sunday, April 25, 2010, in the State of Vermont.

GYSD is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning. Established in 1988, GYSD is the largest service event in the world and is now celebrated in over 100 countries. On GYSD, children and youth address the world's most critical issues in partnership with families, schools, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, and governments.

VCC has served as a Lead Agency for Global Youth Service Day since 2008. As a Lead Agency, VCC received a grant to coordinate GYSD projects throughout Vermont, promoting the idea that children and youth are assets and resources to their communities.

“We know that people between the ages of 5 and 25 are committed to service and making the world a better place. Service events, such as Global Youth Service Day, allow us to showcase the work young people are already doing and encourage new community-based initiatives.” said Amy Gibans McGlashan, Executive Director for Vermont Campus Compact. “Furthermore we just learned that, thanks to the generosity of the TD Charitable Foundation, we’ll be able to support youth-led service projects monetarily through mini-grants.”

TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, through the TD Charitable Foundation, recently awarded \$7,500 to VCC to further support GYSD projects that involve college students and younger children working together to address issues related to the environment, elderly or child care, hunger, health and safety, and more. The mini-grant applications will be available at TD Bank sites and [www.gysdvermont.org](http://www.gysdvermont.org) in January and will be available until all the available funds have been distributed.

GYSD is coordinated by Youth Service America. State Farm Companies Foundation is the U.S. Presenting Sponsor. For more information about local events or to get involved, please contact Kathy Sims at 802-443-5652 or visit [www.gysdvermont.org](http://www.gysdvermont.org).

To learn more about the GYSD projects occurring around the world or to find project planning resources, visit [www.GYSD.org](http://www.GYSD.org).

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**Youth Service America (YSA)** improves communities by increasing the number and the diversity of young people, ages 5-25, serving in substantive roles. Founded in 1986, YSA supports a global culture of engaged youth committed to a lifetime of service, learning leadership, and achievement. The impact of YSA's work through service and service-learning is measured in student achievement, workplace readiness, and healthy communities. For more information, visit [www.YSA.org](http://www.YSA.org).

**The State Farm Companies Foundation** is a tax-exempt private foundation that was established in 1963 and is funded by State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company. State Farm Companies Foundation provides charitable support for K-12 public education initiatives that are national in scope in the areas of systemic improvement, service-learning, and teacher excellence. For more information about State Farm Companies Foundation, please visit [www.statefarm.com/about/part\\_spos/part\\_spos.asp](http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/part_spos.asp).

**Vermont Campus Compact (VCC)** is a statewide consortium of 17 college and university presidents committed to creating a flourishing democracy. We work with members to strengthen communities and educate for informed and active citizenship. VCC presidents believe that through sustained and creative student, faculty and institutional engagement with communities, higher education can help prepare tomorrow's civic and social leaders while strengthening communities and improving lives in Vermont and elsewhere. For more information, visit [www.vtcampuscompact.org](http://www.vtcampuscompact.org).

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