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OPP to Host Global Youth Service Day

Hartford Youth to Participate in Dozens of Community Service Projects

Hartford, CT—Our Piece of the Pie® (OPP), a leading youth development agency in Hartford, will host Global Youth Service Day on April 23-25 as hundreds of city youth join millions across the globe to participate in service projects in their communities.

Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) is an annual worldwide event that highlights and celebrates the contributions of youth to their communities through volunteer service. GYSD is celebrated in more than 100 countries in every region of the world.

Service projects in Hartford will address issues such as hunger, literacy, health care and the environment.

OPP will host a kickoff event on Thursday, April 23 at Burr Mall on Main Street in Hartford (between the Wadsworth Atheneum and City Hall). The event will include performances by youth and refreshments.

“Global Youth Service Day helps to teach young people the value of providing service to their communities,” said OPP President/CEO Bob Rath. “The event also gives a needed helping hand to many agencies and neighborhoods.”

On Friday April 24 and Saturday April 25, youth will participate in more than 30 public services projects in the Hartford area.

This is the seventh straight year OPP will be hosting the event in Hartford.

Our Piece of the Pie helps Hartford youth, ages 14-24, become successful adults. OPP programs and services allow young people to rise above economic and social barriers to reach the goals of a degree from a two or four-year college or vocational certification and/or meaningful employment in their chosen field.