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Volunteer Frederick gets \$2,000 grant for National Youth Service Day events

Frederick, MD December 9, 2004 — Lisa Orr, Executive Director, received a \$2,000 grant on behalf of Volunteer Frederick, 31 W. Patrick St. presented by Jo Ahalt, Public Affairs Specialist from State Farm®. This grant will help with activities involving about 1,100 volunteers in National Youth Service Day 2005 observed from April 15-17. Volunteer Frederick will involve about 600 youth on April 16, 2005 in *The BIG Sweep*, a one-day county beautification project and fundraiser for participating Frederick non-profits.

Volunteer Frederick is one of 50 U.S. Lead Agencies to receive the grant to help plan activities to highlight service-learning contributions that young people make to their communities all year long regarding issues such as literacy, the environment, healthcare, hunger and help for the elderly. Volunteer Frederick will hold its annual Youth Service Recognition Ceremony on April 22, 2005.

NYSD is coordinated by Youth Service America, and grants are funded by the State Farm Companies Foundation, the main sponsor of the 17th annual National Youth Service Day. State Farm supports service-learning because it combines service to the community with classroom curriculum in a hands-on approach to mastering subject material while fostering civic responsibility.

For more information about NYSD 2005, visit

http://www.ysa.org/nysd/about/nysd_about_parent.cfm .

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About Youth Service America: YSA is a national nonprofit resource center that partners with thousands of organizations committed to strengthening the youth service movement. YSA's programs and services help strengthen youth service and service-learning efforts on a local, national and global level. For more information about YSA and National Youth Service Day, please visit www.ysa.org.

About Volunteer Frederick: Volunteer Frederick is Frederick County's volunteer center and strives to inspire, strengthen and support volunteerism in Frederick County by connecting people with opportunities to serve, building service partnerships, and training volunteer program managers. For more information about Volunteer Frederick and opportunities to serve, please visit www.volunteerfrederick.org.

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