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**Mini-Grants Available for *Global Youth Service Day* Community Projects in Montana
-Apply by Friday, April 2-
(serve.mt.gov)**

Helena – The Governor’s Office of Community Service (serve.mt.gov) announced today the availability of mini-grants of up to \$150 dollars per community project in Montana that engage youth in service during *Global Youth Service Day*, April 23-25, 2010.

“We want to get as many young people as possible involved in Global Youth Service Day,” said Jan Lombardi, Director of the Governor’s Office of Community Service. “Volunteering in your community when you are young creates a strong commitment to service for life.”

Approximately 25 projects can be awarded statewide. Organizations, schools, programs and individuals that coordinate and implement service projects for youths can apply by visiting the website: serve.mt.gov. **Applications are due by Friday, April 2.**

State Farm Companies Foundation (statefarm.com) is the Presenting Sponsor of Global Youth Service Day in the United States. The Governor’s Office of Community Service is a Lead Agency for Global Youth Service Day through Youth Service America (ysa.org), an international nonprofit resource center that partners with thousands of organizations to expand the impact of the youth service movement.

Global Youth Service Day (gysd.org) is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youths 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.

For more information, visit the website; serve.mt.gov.

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