

## 2011 Global Youth Service Day: April 15 - 17



ServeNebraska is proud to have been chosen by [Youth Service America](#) as a lead agency for [Global Youth Service Day](#). In line with our mission of mobilizing Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration, and national service programs ServeNebraska conducted a mini-grant process to maximize the involvement of youth in communities across our state. Applications were sought from youth-serving groups and organizations for projects uniting community involvement with service learning.

### Mini-Grant Awards



The Nebraska InterCorps Council (ICC), a leadership council of AmeriCorps members in service throughout Nebraska, took the lead in coordinating the Mini-Grant Process. Members assisted in the creation of the application; rallied their communities to participate in Global Youth Service Day and apply Mini-Grants; and conducted a thorough and deliberative consensus-based grant review process. Leading these efforts for the ICC was Maggie Mitteis, an AmeriCorps member in service at the F Street Recreation Center as part of the Reach for the Stars AmeriCorps program run by the City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department. Maggie had earlier attended the national Youth Service America Summit in October 2010 to prepare her for this leadership role.

A total of \$3,820 in 2011 Global Youth Service Day Mini-Grant funding was awarded to applicants in two pools of projects – Youth Service and Disability Youth Service. Funding was available through the Global Youth Service Day Lead Agency grant using resources from the State Farm Foundation GYSD Grant (\$1,750) and from the Corporation for National & Community Service Disability Grant (\$2,070).

### Youth Service Mini-Grant Awards

- **[Arcadia School \(Arcadia\) - Grant Award: \\$300](#)**
  - Date: Saturday, April 16
  - Location: Arcadia School 320 Owens St, Arcadia, NE 68815
  - Contact: Linda Studnicka, (308) 728-3393, [linda.studnicka@rcdnet.net](mailto:linda.studnicka@rcdnet.net)
  - Description: A school gardening project providing education about composting, organic gardening, garden planting, care and nutritional benefits of eating fresh vegetables and healthy snacking. The fresh produce will be used in the school cafeteria and with vegetables also shared with community members to promote healthy eating.
  
- **[Blue Valley Community Action - Fairbury Youth Involvement Center \(Fairbury\) - Grant Award: \\$150](#)**
  - Date: Friday/Saturday, April 15 & 16
  - Location: 514 D Street, Fairbury, NE 68352
  - Contact: Katie Durfee, (402) 729-6510, [kdurfee@bvc.net](mailto:kdurfee@bvc.net)
  - Description: The focus of this project is to make personal hygiene packages for the People's City Mission. The youth will also spend time during the loc-in playing games, having snacks and discussing the importance of giving of your time to something bigger.

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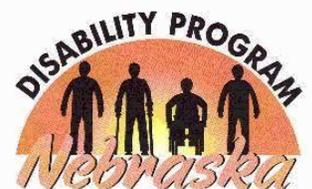
- **[Boys and Girls Club of Lincoln/Lancaster County \(Lincoln\)](#) – **Grant Award: \$150**
  - Date: Saturday, April 16
  - Location: Park Middle School, 855 So 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.
  - Contact: Matt Showalter, (402) 617-4081, [showalter.matthew@gmail.com](mailto:showalter.matthew@gmail.com)
  - Description: The Boys and Girls Club have identified space at Park Middle School to plant and maintain a garden throughout the summer. The club is providing a cooking class for youth this summer with the vegetables harvested to be used as part of the dishes prepared. The club has a very diverse population of youth and one of the goals of the project is to enable collaborative working environments and fulfilling planning and initiative activities.**
  
- **[Connect Columbus \(Columbus\)](#) – **Grant Award: \$175**
  - Date: Wednesday April 20
  - Location: Columbus Family Resource Center, 3020 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, NE 68601
  - Contact: Denise Kollath, (402) 562-5462, [volcntr@megavision.com](mailto:volcntr@megavision.com)
  - Description: The Columbus Volunteer Center/United Way service event brings together youth volunteers from Columbus High School to recruit participants, receive donations and publicize the event. The event focuses on acquiring, sorting school supplies and assembling personal care kits for the United Way Executive Director to take to Kenya and Tanzania during the summer of 2011 for two schools for orphans. The Executive Director will also present to the youth about the area that is devastated by the effects of war, disease and poverty.**
  
- **[Crisis Center for Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault \(Fremont\)](#) – **Grant Award: \$75**
  - Date: Thursday, April 14
  - Location: Midland University, 9- North Clarkson, Fremont, NE 68025
  - Contact: Suzanne Smith, (402) 721-4340, [suzanneccne@questoffice.net](mailto:suzanneccne@questoffice.net)
  - Description: This project educates youth and the public on sexual assault/abuse prevention, spreading awareness about this serious issue. The many youth involved will present on date rape awareness at Midland University's Day of Learning and Achievement on April 14. Students will then reach out to the community to provide businesses with coasters and posters with the Watch Your Drink message and emergency contact numbers.**
  
- **[Pine Ridge Job Corps \(Chadron\)](#) – **Grant Award: \$150**
  - Date: Saturday, April 16
  - Location: Pine Ridge Job Corps, 15710 Hwy 385 South, Chadron, Nebraska
  - Contact: Don Richards, (308) 432-8691, [drichards@fs.fed.us](mailto:drichards@fs.fed.us)
  - Description: The Job Corps Students team up with the local Dawes County 4-H members to make and install a new 4-H visitor welcoming sign on Hwy 20, east of Chadron. The Job Corps students use their learned skills from painting, carpentry, cement mason and craft labor classes to build and erect the sign. A majority of the Job Corps members are from the urban centers in Nebraska.**
  
- **[Southeast Community College \(Beatrice\)](#) - **\$180**
  - Date: Friday/Saturday/Sunday, April 15-17
  - Location: YMCA 1801 Scott Street, Beatrice, NE
  - Contact: Tom Cardwell, 800-233-5027 ext. 1220, [tcardwell@southeast.edu](mailto:tcardwell@southeast.edu)
  - Description: The Student Senate and Multi-Ethnic Student Organization will provide leadership and manpower to work with the Middle School students from the Beatrice Community Youth Center to plant six trees at the YMCA. A presentation on the importance gardening and planning trees will start the day.**

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- **[UNO Allwine Prairie Preserve Butterfly Corridor \(Omaha\) - \\$300](#)**
  - Date: Wednesday, April 20
  - Location: Allwine Prairie Preserve, 14810 State St. Bennington, NE 68007
  - Contact: Alicia Mullarkey, (402) 554-2234 [amullarkey@unomaha.edu](mailto:amullarkey@unomaha.edu)
  - Description: This project is to provide the opportunity for youth to be actively engaged in conservation activities within the Omaha Metro area while providing educational opportunities for youth to learn about the status and ecology of tall grass prairies in Eastern Nebraska including species of conservation concern.
- **[Wasmer Elementary School \(Grand Island\) - \\$70](#)**
  - Date: Thursday, April 14
  - Location: Suck's Lake/Park 1707 Oklahoma Ave, Grand Island, NE 68802
  - Contact: Berlin Gamino, (308) 385-5913, [bgamino@gips.org](mailto:bgamino@gips.org)
  - Description: Wasmer Elementary 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School students will pick up trash, wash the playground equipment and clean the public bathrooms at Suck's Park. This project will reinforce the importance of keeping parks and community clean. The youth will also hear from the Grand Island Humane Society to teach them about taking care of animals properly and what to do if they get bitten by an animal. They will end the event with a picnic.
- **[West Central District Health Department \(North Platte\) – Grand Award: \\$150](#)**
  - Date: Friday/Saturday/Sunday, April 15-17
  - Location: 1300 Block of Carr St., North Platte, NE 69010
  - Contact: Mahaila Botts, (308) 696-1201 ext. 261, [bottsm@wcdhd.org](mailto:bottsm@wcdhd.org)
  - Description: This project involves economically disadvantaged youth in grades K-12 in planting, cultivating and harvesting a community garden located in a lower income neighborhood. The produce will be used for the summer backpack program.
- **[Willard Community Center \(Lincoln\) – Grant Award: \\$50](#)**
  - Date: Saturday, April 9
  - Location 1245 Folsom Street, Lincoln, NE 68522, West "A" neighborhood
  - Contact: Janelle Soderling, (402) 475-0805, [willardcenter@windstream.net](mailto:willardcenter@windstream.net)
  - Description: Youth from the community gather with the West A Neighborhood Association to clean up the roadways, parks and private property with homeowner's permission to keep the area clean from garbage.

## **Disability Youth Service Mini-Grant Awards**

ServeNebraska is dedicated to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are fully engaged in their communities, have the opportunity to participate actively in service, and are vitally involved in community preparedness initiatives.



- **[Blue Valley Community Partnership \(Fairbury\) – Grant Award:\\$300](#)**
  - Date: Sunday, April 17
  - Location: FYI Center, 514 D Street, Fairbury, NE 68352
  - Contact: Collena Laschanzky, (402) 729-6510, [claschanzky@bvca.net](mailto:claschanzky@bvca.net)
  - Description: The Youth Leadership Council's project makes accommodations to the Computer Lab turning it into an accessible location for people who rely on wheelchairs for mobility. Modifications include moving furniture that is attached to the walls so that a wheelchair can move around easier and adding a new computer with a keyboard and joystick that a person with challenges can use. All students on the Youth Leadership Council will do the labor moving furniture and touch up painting and helping to install the new hardware.

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- **[Broken Bow Middle School-Life Skills Classroom \(Broken Bow\)](#) – **Grant Award: \$270**
  - Date: Friday, April 15
  - Location: Broken Bow Middle School-Life Skills Classroom, 323 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. Broken Bow, NE 68822
  - Contact: Ann Kujath, (308) 872-6441, [ankujat@bbps.org](mailto:ankujat@bbps.org)
  - Description: The Life Skills Special Education Class will purchase items such as baskets, grocery and craft items and ribbon to assemble, decorate and fill spring baskets. They will then deliver spring baskets to senior citizens in the community.**
  
- **[CEDARS \(Lincoln\)](#) – **Grant Award: \$300**
  - Date: Saturday, April 16
  - Location: CEDARS Success Shop 6601 Pioneers Boulevard, Suite 1, Lincoln, NE 68506
  - Contact: Megan Harris, (402) 890-3582, [mharris@cedars-kids.org](mailto:mharris@cedars-kids.org)
  - Description: The Youth Action Committee is creating an incentive-based reward “shop” called a “Success Store” to reward good behaviors and positive achievements through a point system. Through this system youth served at CEDARS can “buy” items in the store. A significant proportion of youth served have a mental health diagnosis which is considered a disability (81% of youth in the affected programs have a mental health diagnosis at intake). Youth will spend the day organizing and shelving the items that have been donated and are appropriate for youth. Their day will begin with a Jr. Achievement representative speaking on setting up and maintaining a successful small business.**
  
- **[First Lutheran Church \(Lincoln\)](#) – **Grant Award: \$300**
  - Date: Saturday, April 16
  - Location: Peoples City Mission Club EDEFY, 110 Q Street, Lincoln, NE 68508
  - Contact: Pastor Aaron Erdley, (402) 488-0919 [pastoraaron@flclincoln.org](mailto:pastoraaron@flclincoln.org)
  - Description: The Youth Group started a project this past year with Club EDEFY at the People’s City Mission. An accessibility remodeling project is almost complete except for this final piece. Youth will provide the labor to finish the remodel so this location is a safe and fun place for Children to play. The remodel focuses on handicap accessibility for all the children who may be living at the Mission and have a disability.**
  
- **[GLW Children’s Council, Inc. \(Burwell\)](#) – **Grant Award: \$300**
  - Date: Saturday, April 16
  - Location: Kaleo on the River, 46872 Willow Springs Rd, Burwell, NE 68823
  - Contact: Trisha Crandall, (308) 346-4284, [tlc@nctc.net](mailto:tlc@nctc.net)
  - Description: The GLW Youth Advisory Board will clean up the green spaces around Kamp Kaleo’s Recreation Center and Service Learning Center and plant bushes and shrub rose beds, native grasses and prepare a garden for planting. The Youth want to complete this project to make Kamp Kaleo a year-round camp and be accessible for youth with physical disabilities and mental challenges. They currently have two youth with disabilities in their community who can use the camp grounds.**

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- ***Hart of the Matter (Omaha) - Grant Award: \$300***
  - Date: Wednesday, April 20
  - Location; 5110 So 156<sup>th</sup> St. Omaha, NE 68135
  - Contact: Jody Carhart, (402)651-6035, [jcarhart@mpsomaha.org](mailto:jcarhart@mpsomaha.org)
  - Description: The "Hart of the Matter" is a partnership between Ackerman Elementary fifth grade students and Children's Respite Care Center (CRCC) which provides extensive care for medically fragile and developmentally delayed children. The Hart of the Matter is a service learning program that teaches "typical" school age children compassion and sensitivity towards others. It helps them to build awareness of their peers around them that have various physical and mental disabilities. This project is a youth-serving-youth effort that involves two groups of students, fostering and developing relationships between children with disabilities from CRCC and other Ackerman Elementary students. Cooperatively they will create a mural as large as a normal sized gymnasium with the use of adaptive equipment. Art tools that hook up to wheelchairs will help participants with limited movement or lack of fine motor skills be successful in creating artwork they have never been able to before.
  
- ***[Kearney Family YMCA \(Kearney\)](#) - Grant Award: \$300***
  - Date: Saturday, April 16
  - Location: Kearney Family YMCA, 4500 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kearney, NE 68847
  - Contact: Pamela Little, (308) 237-9622, [plittle@kearneyymca.org](mailto:plittle@kearneyymca.org)
  - Description: This project promotes Healthy Kids Day in the community of Kearney. The day kicks off with a one mile fun run followed by exploring vendors, games and activities that teach about living a healthy lifestyle. The Kearney Family YMCA is a member of the Kearney Inclusive Recreation Project (KIRP). KIRP identifies, supports, and encourage opportunities for Kearney youth and young adults with-and-without disabilities to enjoy recreation activities offered by existing organizations in the community. As a partner of KIRP, the Kearney Family YMCA will invite KIRP youth and young adult members to participate in the Healthy Kids Day 2011. Members of the YIPee (Youth Inclusion Project, Everywhere, Everytime) will be involved in planning Healthy Kids Day 2011 along with YMCA staff. YIPee has 10 youth and young adults members with developmental disabilities, as well as two high school peer mentors. YIPee will host a fishing booth to be part of the day itself.