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**The 18th Annual National Service-Learning Conference® Brings
Ozomatli and Jane Goodall to Albuquerque, March 28-31, 2007**

March 28-31, The 18th Annual National Service-Learning Conference comes to the Albuquerque Convention Center with world-renowned speakers, award-winning artists, and young people who are changing the world. The event features an address by legendary primatologist **Jane Goodall**, a performance by Grammy Award-winners **Ozomatli**, a world-premiere film, a historic preservation project, and the presentation of a \$10,000 grant to a student-led teen-driver safety program.

Press are invited to join us as youth leaders and celebrities join forces in Albuquerque.

Highlights

Keynote Address by Jane Goodall

Thursday, March 29, 9:00 a.m., Kiva Theater, Albuquerque Convention Center

Jane Goodall began her landmark study of chimpanzees in Tanzania in June 1960. Today, the Jane Goodall Institute is a global leader in the effort to protect chimpanzees and their habitats. It is also widely recognized for establishing innovative, community-centered conservation and development programs in Africa, and the Roots & Shoots education program, which has 8,000 groups in 96 countries.

Closing Session with Ozomatli

Saturday, March 31, 11:30 a.m., Exhibit Hall, Albuquerque Convention Center

The closing session ends with a performance by the Grammy-award-winning band Ozomatli! Known for their explosive live shows, the group has spent 12 years touring the world; supporting the anti-war and human-rights movements; and pioneering Spanish-English mash-ups of hip hop, salsa, cumbia, dub, and Middle Eastern funk.

World Premiere Film: "TV Junkie: Faces of Addiction, Educationally Enhanced Edition"

Saturday, March 31, 9:45 a.m., Ballroom B, Albuquerque Convention Center

"Inside Edition" national correspondent Rick Kirkham will present the premiere of the educationally enhanced edition of "TV Junkie." The Sundance-award-winning film chronicles the tumultuous ups and downs of Kirkham's career and his struggle with substance abuse. This new edition of the film includes curricular and interactive materials to integrate it into the classroom. The screening will be preceded by an 8:00 a.m. panel discussion with the director, producer, and Kirkham.

Project Ignition Awards Festival

Friday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., Kiva Theater, Albuquerque Convention Center

Teams of high school students, teachers and community program leaders have spent the academic year implementing new, creative campaigns promoting teen-driver safety. This multi-media awards ceremony highlights the work of this year's 10 finalists, culminating in one team being named Best of the Best, earning a \$10,000 grant from State Farm.

Historic Restoration Project

Wednesday, March 28. Buses load in front of the Albuquerque Convention Center at 7:30 a.m.

Before the conference officially kicks off, youth and adult attendees will be taking off for Bernalillo to learn adobe-brick making and help restore a historic structure with Cornerstones Community Partnerships. Cornerstones works in partnership with communities to restore structures, encourage traditional building practices, and affirm cultural values.

For more information on the conference, visit www.nylc.org/conference.

About The National Service-Learning Conference

The National Service Learning-Conference is the largest gathering of youths and practitioners from the service-learning movement. In 2006, it drew nearly 3,000 participants from all 50 states and 12 other countries. The conference is a program of NYLC, hosted by the New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism, and sponsored by the State Farm Companies Foundation in partnership with Youth Service America.

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About NYLC

NYLC has been at the center of service-learning program and policy development since 1983. It annually convenes The National Service-Learning Conference, offers adult and youth trainings and develops service-learning resources. For more information, please visit www.nylc.org.

About the New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism

The commission engages citizens of New Mexico of all ages and backgrounds in community-based service to address the state's human, educational, environmental, public safety, health, housing and other needs.