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Jane Goodall and Jackie Joyner-Kersey Join The 18th Annual National Service-Learning Conference March 28-31, 2007, Albuquerque, New Mexico

This March, Albuquerque, New Mexico, plays host to The 18th Annual Service-Learning Conference: Beyond Borders, Beyond Boundaries — the largest gathering of educators, youths and policy-makers involved in the service-learning movement.

Held March 28-31 at the Albuquerque Convention Center, the event features speeches from internationally recognized experts, more than 200 workshops, an estimated 3,000 participants and the opportunity to attend select sessions online.

This year's speakers include **Jane Goodall**, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and United Nations Messengers of Peace; **Jackie Joyner-Kersey**, Olympian and founder of the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation; **Verna Cornelia Price**, founder of the Girls in Action program; **David Eisner**, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service; **Elisabeth Hoodless**, Executive Director of Community Service Volunteers, Britain's leading volunteer agency; **J. Robert Flores**, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; and **Kerri Strug**, Special Advisor to the Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and Olympian.

Conference Highlights

- **Second Life:** This year's plenary sessions will be webcast in Second Life. Residents of the 3-D virtual world will be able to attend the sessions in real time at the Global Kids Island in Teen Second Life and at an additional location in Second Life's world for adults.
- **The Principals Academy:** The Academy brings school principals together to engage with peers and address strategies to integrate and sustain high-quality service-learning. Participants will examine ways service-learning can be used to improve academic achievement and civic, social and career development.
- **Featured Workshops:** The conference offers eight-workshop "tracks" addressing urban education, advocacy, environmental issues, research, and international service-learning, along with tracks tailored to the needs of youths, community-based organizations, higher education, service-learning rookies and advanced practitioners.
- **Project Ignition:** Teams of high school students, teachers and community program leaders have spent the academic year implementing new, creative campaigns promoting teen-driver safety. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to learn about this year's 10 finalists and find out which team will be named Best of the Best, earning its school or organization a \$10,000 grant from State Farm.

For further information and registration, visit www.nylc.org/conference or call (800) 366-6952.

The 18th Annual National Service-Learning 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.

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.