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Former UNICEF Head Receives National Award

St. Paul, Minn. — The former head of UNICEF, Carol Bellamy, will receive a national award recognizing exemplary leaders who have inspired the service-learning field, positively impacted the lives of young people, and motivated others to take up the banner of service March 27, during the 21st Annual National Service-Learning Conference in San Jose, Calif.

The St. Paul-based National Youth Leadership Council is honoring Bellamy with the Alec Dickson Servant Leader Award, named for the British humanitarian who founded Community Service Volunteers and Voluntary Service Overseas, and whose vision and commitment inspired others to lead lives of service.

“Alec Dickson admired people whose lives were marked by courage, compassion and creativity,” said NYLC President and CEO Jim Kielsmeier. “Carol Bellamy delivers on all counts.”

Bellamy is being recognized for her work in both the public and private sector. As Board of Directors Chair for the Education for All/Fast Track Initiative, she provides leadership for the global partnership supporting universal primary education by 2015. Prior to this, she served as President and CEO of World Learning, a private nonprofit organization which promotes international understanding through education, training, exchange, and development activities in more than 70 countries.

Bellamy also served 10 years as Executive Director of UNICEF, the children’s agency of the United Nations, and was the first former volunteer to become Director of the Peace Corps. She has worked in the private sector and as an elected public official, including five years in the New York State Senate. In 2009, Bellamy was awarded the Légion d’Honneur by the Government of France.

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

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 Service-Learning

Service-learning is a teaching method that enriches learning by engaging students in meaningful service to their schools and communities. It integrates service with established learning objectives, emphasizes critical thinking and problem-solving, and tackles real issues such as hunger, ecological concerns and diversity.