Tennessee 4-H Youth Development was selected as a 2004 National Youth Service Day Lead Agency!

What is National Youth Service Day?
National Youth Service Day (NYSD) is the largest service event in the world. The goals of NYSD are to mobilize youth as leaders to identify and address the needs of their communities through service; encourage youth to create a lifelong commitment of service and civic engagement; and, educate the public, the media, and policymakers about the year-round contributions of young people as community leaders. NYSD is a chance for youth to work with adults in 4-H and other organizations to make a real difference in the community!

Steps for Planning Your NYSD Project
1. Work with community partners to identify issues or needs in the community.
2. Plan a project to meet those needs.
   See the Planning Tool Kit for a step-by-step guide!
3. Report your project plan to the state 4-H office so that it can be added to the national SERVEnet database for volunteer recruitment.
   Visit the NYSD section of the 4-H Seeds of Service Web site (www.utextension.utk.edu/4h/sos/nysd) to report your project plan by March 15.
4. Publicize your project, recruit volunteers, and finalize plans.
   Don’t forget to tell the media and your elected officials!
5. Conduct the project on National Youth Service Day.
   Be sure to include reflection and learning to make the project more meaningful for all the volunteers!
6. Submit a follow-up report to the state 4-H office by May 1.

Visit Youth Service America’s NYSD Web site (www.ysa.org/nysd) to request your planning guide and to download great planning tools and resources such as

- Planning Tool Kit (also in Spanish!)
- Service Learning Curriculum Guide
- Promotional brochure
- Project Plan-It!
- Tip sheets on dozens of topics

For more information and to register your NYSD project plan, visit the NYSD section of the 4-H Seeds of Service Web site at www.utextension.utk.edu/4h/sos/nysd.