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#### “Global Youth Service Day” Cleanup Day at McAdam Park

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale continues its “2016 Season of Service” program with a “Global Youth Service Day” clean up on Saturday, April 16, beginning at 8:30 am at McAdam Park, 38115 30<sup>th</sup> St. East, as part of the City’s continuing participation in the “National Day of Service” in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Partnering with Youth Service America and State Farm, Youth and the young at heart will join with youth around the world in celebrating International Global Youth Service Day by giving back to their community.

Registration will begin at 8 am. Volunteers under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All participants must complete a Release of Liability (available at [www.cityofpalmdale.org/engaged](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/engaged) or at event registration). Participants are requested to wear close-toed shoes and be prepared/able to walk over uneven terrain, and use work gloves and sun protection. Verification of service hours is available.

Established internationally in 1988, Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning.

The ‘Season of Service’ is designed to offer service projects for residents to join, as well as provide information for community members to develop their own projects. In fiscal year 2014-2015, Palmdale residents donated over 50,000 hours of service in the various projects.

“You can make your city a better place to live with just a few hours of your time in a project such as this,” said Palmdale Community Programs Coordinator Trish Jones said. “If this particular event doesn’t work for you, or you’re not sure what you’re interested in, give us a call at 661/267-5473 and we can help you identify your areas of interest with a potential need,” Jones added. “Or visit us online at [www.cityofpalmdale.org/Engaged](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/Engaged).”

New for 2016, the City is also promoting the Season with a ‘*Serve or Give*’ theme. Wish list and service needs of the various partners such as the South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES), ACT, Neighborhood Houses, and the like will be posted. Students and organizations that cannot participate in the scheduled events can create their own projects around the lists. A current list is available at [www.cityofpalmdale.org/engaged](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/engaged).

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