



То:	TEEN COURT Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Santa Barbara, CA
From:	Global Youth Justice, Inc. and AmeriCorps
Re:	OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION of SELECTION (25) 9/11 Day of National Service Award Winners in USA. 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 Day of National Service on September 11, 2021
Date:	Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Congratulations on being selected as 1 of only 25 Official 9/11 Day Projects in America for the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 Day of National Service (also referred to as Patriot Day) this September 11, 2021. And, Congratulations also, on being selected as 1 of 100 Communities and Tribes in America, to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 9/11 Flag of Honor Across America Memorial on September 11, 2021.

The Federal Holiday "9/11 Day of National Service" takes place each year on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Federal Agency called AmeriCorps is charged with leading efforts across America to mobilize Americans of all ages to Volunteer in Tribute to the 2,983 men, women, and children who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

The federal agency AmeriCorps released a competitive national grant program to select a national nonprofit corporation to lead "9/11 Day of National Service" projects and activities. Because Global Youth Justice, Inc. won the federal competition, the 1800+ Youth-Led Youth/Teen/Student/Peer Court and Peer Jury Diversion Programs in the Global Youth Justice Network have a sacred and high-profile opportunity to honor the 2,983 souls lost on that Tragic Day in America.

As 1 of only 25 Official 9/11 Day Projects in America for the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 Day of National Service (also referred to as Patriot Day), Youth/Teen/Student/Peer Court and Peer Jury Diversion Programs selected will lead a 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 9/11 Flag of Honor Across America Memorial on Saturday, September 11, 2021. This approximate 90-minute 9/11 Flag of Honor Across America Memorial Ceremony will include each location taking responsibility for 50 of the souls lost that tragic day. Each location will be provided with 50 names, and local sites will go to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum Website, and type in each name, and print out a 1-page bio and photo of each, that will be used by adult and youth volunteers at your 9/11 Ceremony, for purposes of reading aloud the name, and brief bio info on each person. Global Youth Justice, Inc. will provide each location with the 50 unique names registered to their location, and provide each location with free officially registered 9/11 Flag of Honor, that has all 2,983 names on it, and each 9/11 Flag of Honor has also been placed on the 9/11 Memorial in New York City, and photographed (and this photo will be sent with the free 9/11 Flag of Honor). While this 9/11 Flag of Honor Ceremony can be as simple as inviting youth and adults to come to a specific location, and read the names and bio information on 9/11/2021, it can also be much more – to include inviting special guests, guest speakers, doing press, involving fire departments, inviting first responders, etc.

After the 9/11 Flag of Honor Across America Memorial on Saturday, September 11, 2021, each 9/11 Day site will undertake 1 or more Volunteer-Management Activities, something all Youth/Teen/Student/Peer Court and Peer Jury Diversion Programs are already involved with for their Youth Volunteers and Adult Volunteers. This "Volunteer Activity" can be one of more than 50+ things, such as Recruiting, Training, Organizing, Recognizing, and/or Retaining Volunteers – to include adults and youth. This can be a 30, 60, or 90 minute activity, and can be done by one person working in the office or home, and planning recruiting volunteers, or it can take place immediately after the 9/11 Day Ceremony – as a 9/11 Day site can have an orientation for new volunteers, or recognizing existing volunteers.

Recognizing those who lost their lives that tragic day, and undertaking one or more volunteer management activities, allows 9/11 Day Official sites to make this day special, sacred, and personal. As 1 of 25 official 9/11 Day sites, at the end of 2021, we will ask each site to take a few hours, and document briefly what they do for Recruiting, Training, Organizing, Recognizing, and Retraining Volunteers – to include both youth and adults. This information will be compiled, and shared with the 1800+ Youth/Teen/Student/Peer Court and Peer Jury Diversion Programs, as a peer sharing activity.

Global Youth Justice, Inc. will provide the 25 Official 9/11 Day Sites with agenda templates for the 9/11 Flag of Honor Across America Memorial, Free 9/11 Flag of Honor (and photo of it placed on the 9/11 Memorial), \$2,000 grant to help support year-round Volunteer-Management expenses, share example press releases, planning materials, provide technical support, and any other assistance.

Congratulations again, and Global Youth Justice, Inc. and AmeriCorps will be sending you more helpful planning information. Please do not hesitate to contact us anytime at all at 911Day@GlobalYouthJustice.org and/or (202) 468-3790.

## Sincerely,

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