

GT Italy Group:

At the **Two Bridges Rec Center**, 286 South Street, NY, NY 10002 on Saturday, April 25th from 11am to 5pm, the Global Teens Italy group will be helping at the Chinatown Two Bridges Center's 'Street Level' community service event. The event is open to the whole community and will be offering everything from local vendors to DJing. Global Teens Italy group will be running their **Green Corner** at the event. The teens will have displays on why people should recycle and facts about recycling. The teens will also be giving out flyers that target elementary aged, teens and adults. Also, Two Bridges will have a ton of activities going on and teens will also have the opportunity to help out. It should be a fun and super awesome family/community day.

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GT Peru Group:

On April 25th between the hours of 8:30am and 2:30pm at the **Harlem Branch YMCA**, the Global Teens Peru group will be **restoring the SRO's** (single room occupancies) by plastering and painting for the residence. This is very similar to what we expect the Peruvian service project to entail.. (Medical infrastructure).The basic physical activities benefit the teens, by way of activity and exercise and the residents benefit from the physical improvements to their living arrangements. From a spiritual/mental standpoint the teens benefit from the teamwork involved, the compassion and cooperation they will experience by assisting those less fortunate, and the residents will surely get uplifted by a nice new clean and freshly painted room or common area.

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GT Chile Group:

On April 25th from 12pm to 2pm, at the Hudson River Park's Pier 46 (between Charles Street and Perry Street), the Global Teens Chile group will be working with some of their peers from **Children for Children International**. The organization focuses on social and global issues, and creates leadership opportunities for engaged youth through community service. On the day in question, Global Teens will be assembling materials for use in interactive, educational workshops for youth.

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GT Thailand Group:

Saturday, May 16th (6:30-11pm) at the West Side YMCA. The Global Teens Thailand group will be holding a **teen dance/party fundraiser** to benefit the GT Thailand group and the work of the YMCA in Chiangmai, while providing awareness around the issue of immigration and child welfare in Chiangmai and on a global scale. Other service projects are in the process of being organized. Please contact us for more information if you are interested.

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GT Oklahoma Group:

Saturday, May 16th (6:30-11pm). The Oklahoma group will be preparing to volunteer at the **DRUMS ALONG THE HUDSON: A NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL** which will take place on Sunday, May 17th, 2009 in Upper Manhattan's Inwood Hill Park from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. The festival is Manhattan's only open air pow wow, which is a celebratory gathering of Native people. The festival is a multi cultural family-oriented festival, **DRUMS ALONG THE HUDSON** includes exhibitions of world dance and drumming traditions as well as Native American crafts and international cuisines. The festival combines a celebration of Native American heritage, culture, and art with the diversity of New York City itself, keeping with the underlying theme of environmental appreciation and education.

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GT South Korea Group:

April 25th from 2-5pm at the International YMCA. To incorporate the valuable theme of **freedom of expression** into a **fun filled activity** where parents and children can bond. We are trying to promote this theme through an activity in which we will be decorating t-shirts. This summer our group will be going to South Korea to promote the same theme through a different service project. We are holding this activity because we also want to affect our community in positive way. We want to advocate the power of freedom of expression not only in South Korea but in our own local community and around the world.

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GT Hong Kong Group:

Saturday, April 25th from 11am to 2pm at the Chinatown YMCA (273 Bowery Street). The YMCA Global Teens Hong Kong Group is holding an **Open Mic & Youth Performance** which aims to promote self-empowerment, awareness of global **human rights** (as declared by the United Nations), provide a fun, relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, and of course, help raise funds to make the Global Teens Hong Kong trip possible for the 15 teens traveling abroad this summer! This group has met multiple times and is putting a lot of work and effort into this event. We hope you will stop by and join us!!!

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GT Brazil Group:

Saturday, April 18th (9am-5:30pm) – South Shore Center – **this went wonderfully!!! Great job Javy & Cynthia!!!!**

The group will run two programs at the **South Shore YMCA for Healthy Kids Day**. One part is preparing healthy foods (a huge thank you to the South Shore YMCA for the support!!) and the other is orchestrating a timed fitness obstacle course in various places throughout the gymnasium. The teens orchestrated an inventive and creative Youth Obstacle Course in the gym as well as facilitated "Healthy Kids Culinary Recipes" outside the gym. They did a great job interacting with members and assisting every child who was interested in making a healthy snack. Great job guys & gals!!

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GT Colombia Group:

4/18 from 11am to 2pm at the East New York Farms (New Lots stop on the 3 train). **Great job!! This event went spectacularly!!** The 2009 Global Teens group participated at East New York Farms in Brooklyn, a community-run farm that fosters health awareness, community development, and environmental awareness. In this volunteer opportunity, the teens will be doing a variety of farm tasks such as, composting, bark mulching, weeding, planting, painting, beekeeping, cleanup and more.

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