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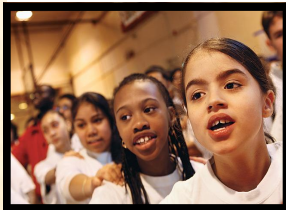
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STARFISH LUNCH TO HONOR STEVE ROSA AND COMMUNITY HEROES

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TIME MAGAZINE COLUMN BY CAROLINE KENNEDY FEATURES CITY YEAR



We are excited to share with you this **TIME** "Power of One" column, written by Caroline Kennedy and published in the March 26 edition of TIME Magazine. Kennedy describes how the Young Heroes program at City Year gives young people a chance to serve and to lead. [Read more.](#)

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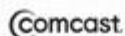
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At the event, we will recognize some of the leaders among us, including:

- **Steve Rosa**, founder and Chief Creative Officer of Advertising Ventures, for his selfless commitment to City Year and the greater community. Steve will receive our highest honor: the Starfish Award.
- **Chi Tschang**, principal of KIPP Academy Fresno and an alum of City Year RI.
- **Our Community Heroes**. Community Heroes are employee volunteers who make a difference without fanfare. Sponsors are invited to nominate one of their own to be recognized at the event as a Community Hero.
- **Our City Year Rhode Island Corps Members**. City Year corps members are heroes to children. They teach and inspire each child that they can be someone, no matter what.

In the days leading up to the event, we are selling tickets to a raffle with amazing prizes, including a two-night stay at the Chanler Hotel in Newport, dinners for 10 in your home with Guy Abelson and Gracie's Executive Chef Joseph Hafner, and top tickets to performances throughout Rhode Island. Win the raffle, and you will be well-entertained and well-fed for the year! Raffle tickets are \$20 each, or six for \$100, and proceeds go to our free vacation camps for kids.

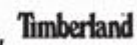
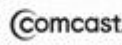
With great food and inspiring speakers, the 2007 Starfish Luncheon will be a happy event. Individual tickets are \$125. For more information about the event or the raffle, please contact Jennie Johnson at 401 454 3739, or jjohnson@cityyear.org.

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If I had never volunteered with City Year when I was younger, I would not be here today, a senior corps member in my 2nd year of service. To be honest, I've always wanted to do something big, something great with my life. I know I'm in the right place at the right time, for the first time in my life. I know I can't save the world, and I'm not trying to, but if I have the opportunity to help someone in need, then I won't let that opportunity slip through my hands. If I can stop the suffering of one other person, then I know I made a difference. The reason I wanted to let you know about my history with City Year is to prove the impact of powerful service.

My friend Monica and I came up with the idea of organizing a trip to New Orleans after watching a documentary on the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. We knew we wanted to help. We knew it was impossible to do something right away and that whatever we decided it would take a lot of time and planning.

After working on this trip for six months, we have made progress. 19 of us will be traveling to New Orleans in April, where we will stay for six days. We will work directly with children in New Orleans at City Year Louisiana's Camp City Year for the first three days, and for the second day, we will work with City Year Louisiana on their 100 Hours of Power, 100 continual hours of community service on behalf of kids and families in New Orleans. We will do our part to make a difference.

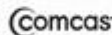
Going to Louisiana means the world to me. When I'm tired and frustrated from planning this trip, I think, "If the impact from pulling weeds can stay with me for almost ten years, imagine what impact a trip to Louisiana could have, helping survivors of our country's worst natural disaster."

If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Michael Goldstein at mgoldstein@cityyear.org. We only need to raise \$2200 more for the trip.

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At the event, there will be lots of food and music, as well as fun carnival games. If you are interested in volunteering, or if you would like to be a Volunteer Captain at your school or business, please contact Laura Raymond at lraymond@cityyear.org.



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