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CITY YEAR SAN ANTONIO TO KICK-OFF YEAR OF NATIONAL SERVICE IN HIGH-NEED LOCAL SCHOOLS

104 City Year AmeriCorps members to serve in 9 schools throughout San Antonio to keep students in school and on track to graduate

San Antonio, TX (September 7, 2014) – As the school year begins, City Year AmeriCorps members will dedicate a year of service to support some of San Antonio’s highest-need students and schools.

City Year San Antonio will host its Opening Day Ceremony on Friday, September 12, 2014 at the Historic Sunset Station. The event begins at 5:30 PM.

In San Antonio, TX City Year AmeriCorps members will serve in 9 local public schools, joining a network of more than 2,800 young adults serving in schools across the nation.

In 25 cities nationwide, City Year AmeriCorps members focus on improving overall school climate and provide individual support to students to help them stay in school and on track to graduate. Working side-by-side with teachers, corps members use research-based tools and techniques to help improve students’ attendance, behavior, and course performance.

This year, City Year will join national service programs across the nation to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of AmeriCorps and in Texas the 10th Anniversary of the OneStar Foundation which administers AmeriCorps in Texas. Since AmeriCorps began, 900,000 people have served with AmeriCorps programs like City Year to meet community needs in education, the environment, public safety, and more. AmeriCorps has been the driving force in City Year’s expansion from one city to 25 cities nationwide and will play a critical role in its plan to reach cities that account for two-thirds of the nation’s dropouts.

On Opening Day, corps members will stand in their signature red jackets and collectively take the City Year pledge and the national AmeriCorps pledge.

Comcast-NBCUniversal sponsors Opening Day at all 25 City Year locations.

WHAT: City Year San Antonio will kick off a year of service in San Antonio public schools.

WHEN: Friday, September 12, 2014 at 5:30pm

WHERE: Historic Sunset Station (Depot 1)
1174 E. Commerce St.
San Antonio, TX 78205

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About City Year: City Year is an education-focused, nonprofit organization founded in 1988 that partners with public schools and teachers to help keep students in school and on track to succeed. In 25 communities across the United States and through two international affiliates, this innovative public-private partnership brings together teams of young AmeriCorps members who commit to a year of full-time service in schools. Corps members provide individual support to students who need extra care and attention, focusing on attendance, behavior, and course performance through in-class tutoring, mentoring, and after school programs.