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Opportunity for Press to Visit Summer Youth Worksites

*Nearly 2,300 Youth are Working this Summer through City of
Minneapolis Summer Employment Programs*

WHAT: Visit three worksites where Minneapolis youth are employed this summer and see, first-hand, the types of jobs they're engaged in. Media will also have the opportunity to interview working youth and learn about their experiences.

Join elected officials, members of the Minneapolis Workforce Council, and staff on the bus tour or meet at one of the worksites.

WHO: Youth employed at the worksites
Employers of youth

WHEN: Tuesday, July 14, 2009
8:00 a.m.-11:30a.m. (see itinerary below)

WHERE: 8:00 a.m.: Welcome remarks

8:30 a.m.: Bus departs from the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) Headquarters, 2117 West River Road

First stop: 8:45 a.m.; Plymouth Christian Youth Center - 2210 Oliver Ave. N.

STEP-UP Program 14-15 year-old interns are assisting staff in the "Summer Friends Enrichment" program – helping children, ages K-6, with academic, social skills, arts, and recreation.

Second stop: 9:45 a.m.; U.S. Bank – 800 Nicollet Mall

STEP-UP Program 16-21 year-old interns are learning financial literacy and working as branch banking assistants, computer technicians, and accounting specialists.

Third stop: 10:45 a.m.; HIRED @YouthLink – 41 Twelfth St. N.

(Note: youth working at this site are funded using ARRA/stimulus money) Youth are learning culinary skills and preparing meals at a center for homeless youth, doing outreach, and acting as an administrative assistant.

11:30 a.m.: Bus returns to MPRB for lunch. If riding the bus, please rsvp to Krista Bergert, Krista.bergert@ci.minneapolis.mn.us, or by phone, 612 673 5015; 612 360 8702.

MORE:

The annual summer youth worksite tour is an opportunity for people who either oversee or fund youth employment programs an opportunity to observe youth employment programs in action. The three featured sites demonstrate how rich, work environments are helping Minneapolis kids earn money and gain important employment skills.