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COLLEGE GRADS DEFERRING JOB OFFERS TO WORK AT NONPROFITS BEGIN WEEKLONG LEADERSHIP TRAINING

ServiceCorps kicks off fellowship program with boot camp at GE June 20-25

FAIRFIELD, Conn., June 23 – Twelve ServiceCorps fellows, all recent college graduates who have deferred prestigious job offers from GE and Citi to work at top nonprofit organizations, are gathering this week at GE's offices in Fairfield for leadership training to kick off their service gap years.

ServiceCorps is made possible by support from its corporate sponsors, GE and Citi, which pay ServiceCorps fellows about 50 percent of their starting salaries for the duration of their tenure at the nonprofits of their choosing – and guarantee employment for the fellows following their years of service.

“At ServiceCorps we strive to create a new breed of corporate leader,” said **Matt Ronen**, ServiceCorps' founder and CEO. “Not only is it possible to make a social impact while pursuing a career, it is essential. If we can show tomorrow's leaders how to harness their passions – and their positions – to make a positive impact, we will see real change and new era of corporate responsibility.”

During the weeklong orientation and training seminar, the fellows will hear from the heads of leading global NGOs, explore their goals for their upcoming service years, and participate in a local service project with Operation Hope. For a full list of speakers at this week's seminar please visit: <http://www.servicecorps.org/sli1-speakers>.

“This week launches an exciting and meaningful gap year for our next generation of leaders and innovators. Our fellows will learn together, building on their passions to make a positive impact for those in need. And then, when they join GE's leadership programs next year, they will be even more prepared to help us address some of the world's pressing issues,” said **Julie Grzeda**, GE's director of global leadership programs and university relations.

“We are excited to launch this innovative partnership with ServiceCorps and proud of our first class of fellows,” said **Raymond J. McGuire**, Citi's global head of corporate and investment banking. “Offering our incoming talent the opportunity to take a gap year for service sends a strong message about the importance of giving back to our communities and provides participants with invaluable experience and perspective as they move forward in their careers.”

Next month, the 12 ServiceCorps fellows will begin working towards the causes about which they are most passionate at the nonprofit organizations with which they have been matched. These organizations include Bottom Line, Citizens Committee For New York City, City Harvest, Commonwealth Care Alliance, Her Justice, The Hunger Project, the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Move This World, ServiceCorps, The Solstice Initiative, and StreetSquash.

Reporters interested in joining the ServiceCorps fellows for their weeklong leadership training should contact: Ryan@PuderPR.com.

About ServiceCorps

While today's college graduates feel pressure to choose between profit and purpose, ServiceCorps offers an alternative solution: fellows with job offers from its corporate sponsors defer their job offers for one year while working at leading nonprofit organizations. Following their service years, ServiceCorps alumni join The Corps – and continue to strive to make a positive impact on the world as they focus on their careers. www.servicecorps.org

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