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**FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN FOUNDATION & TEAM KIDS**  
**TO ATTEMPT WORLD RECORD IN CELEBRATION**  
**OF GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY**

***Public invited to participate in letter writing campaign for US troops  
at South Coast Plaza this Saturday***

**WHAT:** **Great photo opportunity!** In celebration of Global Youth Service Day, the public is invited to participate in “Letters from Home,” an effort to set a Guinness World Record for the “most letters to military personnel in one month.” The letter writing campaign will kick off at South Coast Plaza this Saturday. Art supplies will be provided, and military personnel will be in attendance.

Letters written between April 12<sup>th</sup> and May 12, 2014 will be counted as eligible for the Guinness World Record. The goal is to collect 10,001 letters in 30 days. Letters not written at South Coast Plaza this Saturday can be mailed to Festival of Children Foundation at 3315 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, CA, 92626 or to Team Kids at 2192 Martin, Suite 280, Irvine, CA 92612.

**WHEN:** **Saturday, April 12 from Noon – 4pm**

**WHERE:** Carousel Court at South Coast Plaza  
3333 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
(714) 438-3286

**MORE INFO:** [festivalofchildren.org/letters](http://festivalofchildren.org/letters)

**About Team Kids**

Team Kids’ mission is to empower youth to be responsible, resilient, socially conscious citizens through experiential leadership and character development programs that leverage innovative community collaboration. It’s all about the kids! For more information, visit [www.teamkids.org](http://www.teamkids.org).

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**About Operation Gratitude**

Operation Gratitude annually sends 100,000+ care packages and personal letters of appreciation addressed to individually named U.S. Service Members deployed in hostile regions, to their children left behind, and to Veterans, First Responders, Wounded Warriors and their Care Givers. Their mission is to lift morale, bring a smile to a service member's face and express to our Armed Forces the appreciation and support of the American people. For more information, visit [www.operationgratitude.com](http://www.operationgratitude.com).

**About Global Youth Service Day**

Established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) is the largest service event in the world, and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth. GYSD is celebrated each year in over 100 countries, with young people working together- and with schools, youth organizations, nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations, national service programs, government agencies and adult mentors – to address the world's most critical issues and change their communities. Global Youth Service Day is a campaign of YSA (Youth Service America), an international leader in the youth service movement. For more information, visit [www.gysd.org](http://www.gysd.org).

**About Festival of Children Foundation**

Festival of Children Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that serves to bring together and coordinate the efforts of charities, companies and individuals who actively work to improve the lives of children. Festival of Children Foundation gives a voice, guidance and support. 100% of the administrative costs are covered by designated funding, allowing donations to go further in direct support of programs and services that improve the lives of children. For more information, visit [www.festivalofchildren.org](http://www.festivalofchildren.org).

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