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ORANGE COUNTY TEENS INVITED TO *TAKE THE LEAD* AT ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

***Interactive Workshops and Keynote Speaker Amy Purdy to
Foster Service, Leadership Skills and Civic Involvement***

WHAT: Take the Lead, an annual teen conference created to develop youth volunteers and leaders, will take place at California State University, Fullerton on Friday, March 11, 2011. The interactive summit gives Orange County students and educators the opportunity to share leadership strategies, enhance teamwork, and develop skills that strengthen volunteerism and civic participation. Orange County youth (grades 9-12) from public, private and alternative school settings are encouraged to attend. Students will receive one hour of service learning credit for attending.

Presented by Festival of Children Foundation and OneOC (formerly Volunteer Center Orange County), Take The Lead is the largest conference on service and leadership in Southern California. Keynote speaker and Adaptive Action Sports Co-Founder Amy Purdy, percussion group The Crew, lunch, and over 20 workshops will make up the day.

In addition to attending workshops, students will also participate in service projects. Todd Francis, artist and designer for Element Skateboards, will lead students in a card making project for the wounded veterans at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Students are also encouraged to bring canned food to benefit Orange County Food Bank, gently used shoes to donate to Soles 4 Souls, and no longer needed cell phones for Verizon Wireless' Hopeline.

Admission to Take The Lead is \$20 per student with early registration. There is no charge for accompanying teachers to attend. Register online at www.takethelead2011.org. For more information, telephone Tanya Stephens at (714) 438-3200.

WHEN: **Friday, March 11, 2011 from 7:45 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.**

WHERE: Titan Student Union at California State University, Fullerton
800 N. State College Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92831

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