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YouthLaunch Honors High School Students with Outstanding Service Scholarships and Presidential Service Awards

Austin, TX – This Wednesday, June 14, former Texas Secretary of State and former Mayor of Dallas Ron Kirk, will join YouthLaunch in honoring three outstanding high school seniors for their dedication to community service. Each year, at an annual luncheon, YouthLaunch awards a \$3000 scholarship to three Texas students who have improved their communities and the lives of others.

This year, nominations from all over the state were narrowed to Priscilla Novoa of El Paso, Juan Jose Lozano of Pharr and Charlie Rose of Austin. Along with receiving the scholarship, each of these students will be given the President's Volunteer Service Award, because YouthLaunch is a certifying organization.

The work performed by these high school students ranged from visiting high schools to educate peers on the realities of teen parenthood, organizing a complete Christmas for over 100 needy families, to starting a campus chapter of "Best Buddies International," an organization that enhances the lives of the intellectually disabled.

Kirk Watson, former Mayor of Austin and candidate for Texas Senate will be introducing Ron Kirk, who will be giving the keynote.

WHAT: YouthLaunch Service Awards Luncheon

WHEN: Wednesday, June 14, 2006, 11:30 am -1:30 pm

WHERE: Driskill Hotel, mezzanine, 604 Brazos Street, Austin, TX

SPEAKERS/ B-ROLL/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: Speakers include Ron Kirk, former Texas Secretary of State and Mayor of Dallas; Kirk Watson, former Mayor of Austin and current candidate for State Senate; and the three scholarship recipients. Scholarship recipients and speakers will be available for photo opportunities and interviews prior to the event in the Jim Hogg Parlor at the Driskill, and immediately following the event.

YouthLaunch is an Austin-based non-profit that provides service opportunities for young people with innovative programs aimed at social issues
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