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## **YOUTH LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE HOLDS YOUTH FORUM**

*YLA Kicks-off Volunteer Program at Liberty Baptist Church in DC*

March 4, 2008, – Washington, DC – Liberty Baptist Church in SE Washington, DC will be the official kick-off sight for the Youth Leadership Alliance (YLA) Spring Break Volunteer Program. The program will begin on March 22, 2008 at 3:00 PM with a Teen Forum focused on “*Life After High School*”, conducted by Davidra Bazemore, Founder of Youth Leadership Alliance.

In attendance, students from the University of Missouri, Columbia, who will be in the DC area for the week to perform various community service projects, and alumni from local area universities to share their college life experiences with teens.

“This is a great opportunity for the teens to open up and ask real life questions about a critical time in their lives”, says Reverend Richard Rice of Liberty Baptist Church. “I am encouraged by the program and feel that our youth will be receptive to the open forum format that YLA is conducting”.

For a week from March 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>, Youth Leadership Alliance will be working with volunteers and sponsors on various community service projects. Along with the University of Missouri volunteer students, Youth Leadership Alliance will be working with Liberty Baptist Church and the Refuge of Hope Disciple Center on much needed repairs and painting projects.

### **About Youth Leadership Alliance**

Youth Leadership Alliance is a nonprofit organization working with partner organizations and the business community to provide youth mentoring and activities; enabling youth to navigate and cope with the complex issues they face in today’s society. For more information, visit our web site at [www.youthleadershipalliance.org](http://www.youthleadershipalliance.org)

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