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They are Ready to Change the World!

San José Unified's Youth Re:Action Corps Students to Showcase their Service Projects

January 18, 2007: – Friday, January 19th, San José Unified's high school Youth Re:Action Corps teams will be meeting at Pioneer High School, 1290 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, 95118 from 1:30 – 4:00. The students and their advisors will be presenting their proposed social change projects and receiving feedback on their plans. They will be showcasing these plans to an "investment panel" who will guide the direction of funds that have been appropriated for YRC. The projects range from lights on campus to providing leadership for youth. Youth Re:Action Corps, in partnership with the Pat Tillman Foundation, will award each proposal up to \$1,000 to support their projects.

San Jose Unified has partnered with Youth Re:Action Corps (www.yrcorps.org) to provide high a school-based program to educate young people about local, national and international issues, empower them to create plans for social change, and invest financially in their visions of a better world. The program was initially created with support from the Edson Student Entrepreneur Initiative at Arizona State University, Pat Tillman's alma mater.

Youth Re:Action Corps provides student action guides, resource materials, mentors, training conferences and additional tools to guide the Teams through the process of planning social change. The students' social change plans are presented at a winter conference and are eligible for up to \$1000 in financial support. –

San Jose Unified's program is underwritten by the Pat Tillman Foundation. Pat was a graduate from Leland High School. "The partnership with the Pat Tillman Foundation enables us to develop new methods to engage youth in effective social change," said Courtney Klein, Executive Director of Youth Re:Action Corps. "We hope to create a movement of young people working to create sustainable change in their world."

The Pat Tillman Foundation was created by Tillman's family and friends to carry forward his legacy after his death in 2004. A scholar-athlete, Tillman first earned the nation's respect through his academic achievements and accomplishments as a football player for ASU and the NFL's Arizona Cardinals and later for his service to our country after the Sept. 11 attacks. The Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is based in San Jose. For more information, visit www.patillmanfoundation.org.

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