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and now, introducing

**Operation Day's Work - USA**  
a 1999 Pilot Program in Partnership with U.S.A.I.D.

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Dear Mr. Deutsch, Mr. Ravino and Ms. Conway :

Thank you so very much for your gracious encouragement and support of the 31 Broad Meadows Middle School students who asked if they could serve the USS Salem for a day's work as volunteers. Every measure was taken to provide a safe, educational , rewarding day of community service.

When all the mops had been wrung dry, when all the buckets of cleaner had been stowed, when all the brooms were put away, these students returned home to their families knowing they had worked hard to create a new area for overnight Scout visits.

Mr. Paul Austin of USAID flew to Quincy for the day to observe these 31 students because these students were launching a brand new government sponsored service program called Operation Day's Work-USA. Operation Day's Work-USA raises aid for poor children in developing countries through sponsored community service. Mr. Austin was so inspired by the students that he soon rolled up his sleeves and began swabbing the decks right alongside the Broad Meadows kids.

As the teacher advisor to the group, I wanted to take a moment to say thanks for a challenging, rewarding day. However, I thought you'd rather hear from my students about their "Day's Work" on the USS Salem. Here's a sample of what students wrote in reflection, in the ward room of the USS Salem at the end of the day, Saturday, April 17, 1999 :