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March 5, 1996

MEMORANDUM

TO: Melanne Verveer
Katy Button
Office of the First Lady

FROM: Melinda Hudson *Melinda*
Corporation for National Service

RE: Scheduling Request for the First Lady
Presentation of the President's Service Awards
Friday, April 26

CORPORATION
FOR NATIONAL
★ SERVICE

The President's Service Award is the highest honor in the national service and community volunteering field. The Awards recognize approximately twenty individuals and organizations from across the country for their outstanding service efforts and draw public attention to the contributions made by the nation's 90 million volunteers. The Awards are a partnership between the Corporation for National Service and the Points of Light Foundation. This year we would also include the winners of USA WEEKEND'S Make a Difference Day Awards, who represent the most outstanding efforts of the million-plus volunteers on that day in the fall.

Since the launch of AmeriCorps, the President's Service Awards and National Volunteer Week have served the important function of building public support for national service. Every year, President Clinton has presented these awards during National Volunteer Week before a gathering of distinguished corporate, nonprofit, philanthropic, religious, and civic leaders. AmeriCorps Members play a prominent role in the ceremony, demonstrating the natural and mutually beneficial alliance between national service and community volunteering. Last year, Mrs. Clinton attended the Rose Garden Ceremony as well.

Attached is a brief scenario of the proposed Awards presentation. We can manage this within the time frame by notifying the winners across the country at the end of the day, by crafting an invitation list (not hard from here) over the weekend, and by devoting staff to your office to invite the guests by phone. Please give me a call with any questions and, again, many thanks for your glorious assistance.

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REQUEST:

The First Lady's participation in the annual "President's Service Awards" White House Ceremony.

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:
DATE AND TIME**

National Volunteer Week, Friday, April 26.

DURATION:

One hour

LOCATION:

The Rose Garden or the East Room

PARTICIPANTS:

The First Lady, Harris Wofford, 20 volunteer awardees, 4 AmeriCorps Members, 150 invited guests including corporate leaders, public officials, Members of Congress, and leaders of national charities, religious organizations, civic institutions, and nonprofits.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

The First Lady would arrive to seated guests and a stage with AmeriCorps presenters, and Harris Wofford serving as master of ceremonies. The First Lady would make remarks on service, its impact on individuals and communities. The AmeriCorps Members would introduce the outstanding work of the volunteers in the context of their own service contributions and read a 20 second description of the service of the winners as the First Lady hands out the awards. The First Lady would also recognize the Make a Difference Day Awards winners also in the audience, asking them to stand.

REQUESTED BY:

Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National Service

CONTACT:

Melinda Hudson, Corporation for National Service, 606-5000, ext. 193.

Name	Title	Organization	Group	Telephone	Status
Alberthal, Lester	Chairman, President, & CEO	EDS	POLF Board	(214) 605-2102	
Antonelle, Carmine			Winner		yes
Bacque, Harvey	Senior VP	Knights of Columbus	POLF corporate	(203) 772-2130	
Baillie, Jaye			Make a Difference		yes
Barefoot, Jo Ann	President	Barefoot, Marrinan	CNS Corporate	(614) 221-9009	
Bernstein, Alison		Ford Foundation	CNS Corporate	(212) 573-4730	
Bollman, Nick		Irvine Foundation	CNS Corporate	(415) 777-2242	
Bowlin, Mike	Chairman & CEO	Atlantic Richfield Company	POLF Board	(213) 486-3511	
Braden, William	CEO, Mid-Atlantic Chapter	American Red Cross	POLF program	(312) 440-2001	
Brown, Dr. Norman A.	Chairman Emeritus	W.K. Kellogg Foundation	POLF Board	(616) 671-5221	
Brown, Jean Annette			Make a Difference		yes
Brown, Jim			Make a Difference		yes
Brown, Pamela			Make a Difference		yes
Browne, David	President and CEO	LensCrafters	POLF Board	(513) 583-6232	
Bullard, Marcia	Editor	USA Weekend	POLF program	(703) 276-4517	
Buoniconti, Marc		Miami Project to Cure Paralysis	POLF Board	(305) 547-6001	
Burnside, William			Make a Difference		yes
Burris, Jessica			Make a Difference		yes
Burris, Patricia			Make a Difference		yes
Butler, Dr. William T.	Chancellor	Baylor College of Medicine	POLF Board	(713) 798-4400	
Cantu, Rob			Make a Difference		yes
Cardenas, Sarah			Winner		yes

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Carney, Erika			Winner		yes
Carroll, Curtis			Make a Difference		yes
Carver, Dick	President	MST America	National service	(703) 847-9313	
Chambers, Raymond	Chairman	Amelior Foundation	POLF Board	(201) 540-9148	
Chi, Bernadette		California Department of Education	POLF Board	(510) 549-9752	
Clark, Faye			Winner		yes
Clark, Frank			Winner		yes
Collyer, Phil	Director	D.C. Cares	National Service	(202) 289-7378	
Covey, Dr. Stephen	President	Covey Leadership Center	POLF Board	(801) 342-6226	
Demello, Tim			Make a Difference		yes
Diamond, Joseph	Partner	Shaw Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge	POLF Board	(212) 552-6817	
Dinger, Jason			Winner		yes
Dinger, Steve			Winner		yes
Dortch, Tommy	President	100 Black Men of America, Inc.	Awards judge	(404) 521-1115	
Dozier, Bill	Special Programs	VFW	National service	(202) 543-2239	
Dunmyer, Gabrielle			Make a Difference		yes
Durenberger, David		APCO Associates	National service	(202) 778-1000	
Edmonds, Dianna			Winner		yes
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Ehrlich, Tom		Stanford University	CNS Board	(415) 723-2979	
Engler, Michelle	First Lady	State of Michigan	POLF Board	(517) 373-4661	
Feberman, Ed	Vice President, Government Affairs	American Airlines	CNS Corporate	(202) 857-4221	

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Fogarty, Maggie	Director	Catholic Network of Volunteer Services	Judge	(202) 529-1100	
Foster, Christopher		Avon Products	POLF Corporate	(212) 546-8628	
Foster, Debbie		United Way of America	POLF corporate	(703) 683-7878	
Gallagher, Christopher	Attorney	Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell	Award judge	(603) 226-3477	
Gallo, Admiral Frank	National Executive Director	Armed Services YMCA	National service	(703) 866-1260	
Garabed, Kathy			Winner		yes
Garcia, Francisco			Winner		yes
Garcia, Silvia			Winner		yes
Gardner, Ed	President	Industrial Solvents Corporation	POLF Board	(914) 967-7771	
Gehrett, Gretchen		MCI	CNS Corporate	(703) 418-7713	
Gerber, Ellen			Winner		yes
Goldblatt, Roger		White House Office of Volunteers		(202) 456-5455	
Good, Betty Ann			Winner		yes
Goodman, Karen	National Chairman for Volunteers	American Red Cross	National Service	(202) 639-3124	
Goodwin, Dot			Make a Difference		yes
Goodwin, Harold			Make a Difference		yes
Goodwin, Robert	Presieent & CEO	Points of Light Foundation	POLF Board	(202) 223-9186	
Gormally, Mike	Director of Americanism &	VFW	National service	(816) 756-3390	
Gutierrez, Irene			Winner		yes
Hagan, Sue			Award judge	(814) 838-1892	
Halperin, Samuel	Director	American Youth Policy Forum	National service	(202) 775-9731	
Hammond, Darrell	President	Kaboom!	National service	(202) 797-2878	

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Hammond, Doris			Make a Difference		yes
Heard, Marian	President 7 CEO	United Way of Massachusetts Bay	POLF Board	(617) 624-8100	
Hearne, Sam			Make a Difference		yes
Heaven, Michael			Make a Difference		yes
Hesselbein, Frances	President and CEO	Drucker Foundation	POLF program	(212) 224-1174	
Hutchison, Dawn		Student Conservation Association		(703) 524-2441	
Johnson, Toni			Winner		yes
Jones, Calvin			Make a Difference		yes
Jones, Catherine			Make a Difference		yes
Keup, Jennifer			Make a Difference		yes
Kiblinger, Bonnie		Aid Association of Lutherans	POLF Corporate	(540) 943-7710	
King, Reatha Clark	President	General Mills Foundation	CNS Board	(612) 540-7890	
Kittredge, Dr. Robert			Winner		yes
Kittredge, Robert			Winner		yes
Kuo, David		Center for Effective Compassion	National service	(202) 289-8928	
Kwak, Christine		W.K. Kellogg	CNS Corporate	(616) 969-2334	
Landrum, Roger	President	Youth Service America	National service	(202) 296-2992	
Lawrence, Alice			Winner		yes
Lawrence, Jacob			Winner		yes
Leacraft, Yolanda			Winner		yes
Lehman, Sue	Chairman	Teach for America	National service	(212) 873-7492	
Levitt, David			Winner		yes

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Levitt, Sandy			Winner		yes
Lewis, Diana		Volunteer Center	POLF program	(504) 899-1903	
Lewis, Dr. Elke	Executive Director	DC Commission on National Service	National service	(202) 727-6979	
Liddy, Edward	President and COO	The Allstate Company	POLF Board	(847) 402-6702	
Litow, Stanley	Director	IBM Foundation	CNS Corporate	(914) 765-5242	
Long, Robert (and Jr.)		W. K. Kellogg Foundation	POLF Corporate	(616) 968-1611	
Lopatin, Alan	Director	National and Community Service Coalition	National Service	(202) 362-0447	
Mack, Timothy			Winner		yes
Macklin, Bill			Make a Difference		yes
Magbulos, Gerald			Make a Difference		yes
Malloy, The Reverend Edward	President	University of Ntre Dame	POLF Board	(219) 631-6755	
Manuel, Jaime Lyn			Make a Difference		yes
McDonald, Robbie			Make a Difference		yes
McEnerney, Virginia		Time Warner	CNS Corporate	(212) 484-6404	
McNamee, Dean			Winner		yes
Melendez, Sara	President	Independent Sector	National Service	(202) 223-8100	
Merenda, Daniel	President and CEO	National Association of Parners in Education	National Service	(703) 836-4880	
Moffitt, Carrie	Executive Director	Volunteer Center of the Texas Gult Coast	POLF Board	(713) 964-0221	
Moriarty, Regina		National Park Service	National service	(202) 282-1064	
Morita, Stan			Winner		yes
Munro, Richard	Chairman of the Executive	Time Warner Inc.	POLF Board	(203) 328-0655	
Myers, Billie Ann			POLF program	(501) 985-2635	

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Naparstek, Art		Urban League	CNS Board	(216) 368-6947	
Nashman, Dr. Honey		George Washington University	National service		
Niven, David, Jr.	Chairman	Recording Artists Against Drunk Driving	POLF Board	(818) 752-7799	
O'Brien, Polly			Make a Difference		yes
Orosz, Joel		W.K. Kellogg Foundation	CNS Corporate	(616) 969-2308	
Owens, Bob			Make a Difference		yes
Petersmeyer, Gregg		Communities of Light	National service	(202) 223-9186	
Polin, Jane	Manager	GE Fund	CNS Corporate	(203) 373-3220	
Prewitt, Robin			Make a Difference		yes
Pribyl, John	President	National Association of Senior Companions	National service	(612) 872-1719	
Regelburgge, Laurie		Hitatchi Founda	CNS Corporate	(202) 457-0588	
Renier, Dr. James		Renier and Associates	POLF Board	(612) 951-2249	
Renner, Patricia	President	National Association of RSVP Directors	National service	(502) 683-1589	
Rifkin, Jeremy	President	Foundation on Economic Trends	POLF Board	(202) 466-2823	
Rogers, Bob	President and COO	Kauffman Foundation	CNS Board	(816) 932-1000	
Romney, Mitt	President and CEO	Bain Capital	POLF Board	(617) 572-3000	
Savage, Carole			Make a Difference		yes
Schweikers, Mary Louise	President	National Association of Foster Grandparents	National Service	(717) 922-1130	
Segal, Eli	Chairman	Partnership for National Service	CNS Board	(202) 337-4025	
Sheen, Dolores			Winner		yes
Simoni, Raymond			WInner		yes
Singh, Sam	Director	Volunteer Centers of Michigan	POLF Board	(517) 353-5038	

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Staheli, Donald	Chairman and CEO	Continental Grain Company	POLF Board	(212) 207-5586	
Stamberger, Rick		National Strategies	National service	(202) 429-8744	
Stamm, Doug	Director, Corporate Affairs	NIKE	CNS Corporate	(503) 671-6453	
Stevens, Joan			Winner		yes
Stevens, Phillip			Winner		yes
Stockton, Carlton	Vice President, External Affairs	MCI	CNS Corporate	(202) 887-2517	
Sweeney, Charles	Director	MCI Foundation	National service	(703) 415-6055	
Tasson, Vicki	Senior Vice President	Nations Bank	CNS Corporate	(202) 624-4984	
Tauke, Tomas	Executive VP	Nynex Corporation	National service	(202) 336-7904	
Taylor, Ralph			Winner		yes
Turner, Brenda			Make a Difference		yes
Vander Klok, James	Senior Director	United Way of America	National service	(703) 683-7876	
Washington, Adrian	Correspondent	The Washington Times	Award judge	(703) 379-5253	
Waterbury, David			Make a Difference		yes
Weber, Steve	Senior Vice Presidetn	Aid Association of Lutherans	POLF Corporate	(414) 734-5721, ext.	
Wellman, Arnold	VP	UPS	CNS Corporate	(202) 675-4251	
Williams, Terry	Director	McKinsey & Company	POLF program	(202) 662-3100	
Worthing, Marcia		Avon Products	POLF Corporate	(212) 546-1611	
Yeager, Kerry	Vice President	Chase Manhattan Bank	POLF Board	(212) 552-6817	
Yzaguirre, Raul	President	National Council of La Raza	Award judge	(202) 785-1670	

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REMARKS OF THE FIRST LADY

President's Service Awards

April 26, 1996

★ De Tocqueville
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It is a pleasure, and an honor, for me to be here today with this group of American heroes.

So often, after the nation endures some kind of tragedy, we see the outpouring of energy and love and say, "It's a shame this only happens after a catastrophe." Well, I'm here today to say, that's not true. It doesn't just happen after explosions or earthquakes. It happens every single day in countless ways in thousands of neighborhoods.

As we celebrate National Volunteer Week, I am thrilled to restate the obvious: The spirit of citizen action is thriving in America today – and this group provides the proof.

As I have traveled the country I have seen it everywhere – Americans of all ages serving their country and community. To political leaders and intellectuals, it is called "civil society." To most people, it's called "citizens banding together to solve problems in commonsense ways." Consider what

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has happened just this week as part of National Volunteer Week, ~~which has been so ably organized by the Points of Light Foundation, Youth Service America and the Corporation for National Service.~~ In Topeka, the entire city pitched in to build low income housing with Habitat for Humanity. In Denver, senior volunteers went door to door to educate parents about immunization. In Atlanta, school-aged volunteers built a playground in a poor neighborhood. In Pittsburgh, AmeriCorps members joined with local churches and Scout groups to rehab a local Boy Scout camp. In Nevada, more than 3,000 volunteers helped fix up homes belonging to needy senior citizens.

And here in Washington, right now, volunteers are travelling the city and removing Swastikas from public places -- literally blotting out signs of hatred and division. Americans are taking matters into their own hands -- not to destroy, but to repair, build and heal.

Many of the events I've mentioned so far were organized by the Corporation for National Service. The President and I are deeply proud of the work being done by AmeriCorps and the other programs run by the Corporation. And I want to applaud Harris Wofford for his efforts to ensure that national service remains a bipartisan institution of American life -- as it

has been in the past and must be in the future. Bipartisan, I should say, in the tradition of the Peace Corps, which Senator Wofford helped create and which this year celebrates its 35th Anniversary this year. 143,000 Peace Corps volunteers have served since its creation. And today, under the leadership of another great director, Mark Gearan, ^{who is here with us today} 7,000 Peace Corps volunteers are bringing the best of the American spirit to 94 other countries.

~~But as much as I love AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps, I have to say government-financed service programs provide just a few divisions in a vast~~
In addition to what AmeriCorps + Peace Corps are doing, there is a
~~army of citizen action. This army consists of working mothers who can~~
barely make time to cook themselves dinner but nonetheless insist on bringing meals to homebound seniors. They are the members of the Junior Leagues and the Kiwanis Clubs, which have had service as a core mission for decades. They are the people who volunteer through extraordinary American institutions like the Boys Clubs, the YMCAs or the Red Cross – or those who volunteer at the little neighborhood shelter that struggles to make a few beds available for the needy. They are the millions of Americans who not only attend church, synagogue or mosque but take to heart – and put into action -- the message of the Gospel: “To whom much is given, from them much is required.”

One of the most outstanding initiatives is USA Weekend's "Make a Difference Day." Last Fall, almost a million volunteers showed how much can be done if we just return to basic idea of neighbors helping neighbors. Would the winners of the Make A Difference Day Awards please stand and be recognized. [pause for applause]

You know when former President George Bush a few years back called for a 1000 points of light, some people snickered. But he was on to a very important idea. There is no single big solution to our problems ~~—not from government or the free market.~~ ~~No,~~ there is no one solution -- there are *thousands* of solutions in our communities if we're willing to work together. It is so appropriate, therefore, that the Points of Light Foundation, led by Bob Goodwin, has taken the lead in putting together the President's Service Awards. They assembled a remarkable panel of judges, chaired by Eli Segal, to select some of the best of the best. And the winners of this distinguished award come from every part of America. They include school teachers and students, a restaurant owner and the executives of some major corporations; an eighth grader and a group of independent "bikers".

What they have done is not just noble -- it's effective. They have provided supplies to poor schools, winterized homes of the poor, and

helped women ex-cons to keep away from crime after they leave prison. Put simply, service and volunteering solves problems. Service and volunteering works.

And yet I would wager that if you praised any one of our award winners today for their "sacrifice," they would — to a person — say "I gained as much as anyone." This seems to be a nearly universal pattern. When you witness someone else struggling to survive — and succeed -- you feel inspired and blessed. When you help someone else, you feel empowered. In the serving, you are served.

*in briefing book
60 back to Denver → little boy who adopted
kind. boy... I got far more
out of it
than I
put in.
Makes you
realize
what you
can do.*

~~I read somewhere~~ that it takes a village to raise a child. Well, it sometimes takes a volunteer — an active-duty citizen — to energize a village or a block or a city. No one has captured the essence of service better than Martin Luther King. "Everybody can be great," he said, "because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. I am proud today to honor these great Americans with the 1996 Presidents Service Award.

HRC Remarks – National Volunteer Service Awards

I am delighted that Peace Corps Director Mark Gearan is here with us today. As Peace Corps marks its 35th anniversary, more than 143,000 people have represented the United States' commitment to social investment by becoming Peace Corps Volunteers. Today, nearly 7,000 Peace Corps Volunteers are serving in 94 countries -- that is more than half of the countries in the world.

In October, I had the opportunity to meet with Peace Corps Volunteers in Paraguay. They were working on health related issues and youth development, and making a real difference in the lives of the people in Paraguay. Their service, and the service of all Peace Corps Volunteers across the world, should be commended today, and everyday.

April 24, 1995

PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARDS CEREMONY

CORPORATION

FOR NATIONAL
 SERVICE

DATE: Friday, April 26
LOCATION: Room 450
TIME: 10:15 AM
FROM: Melinda Hudson

I. PURPOSE

To present the **President's Service Awards** to 20 individuals and/or organizations from across the country to recognize their outstanding volunteer efforts. This is the highest honor in the volunteer field and is bestowed annually during **National Volunteer Week**.

II. BACKGROUND

The President's Service Awards (originally the President's Voluntary Action Awards) were created in 1982 by Executive Order to recognize outstanding service efforts and to draw public attention to the contributions made by the nation's 90 million volunteers. The Award has been presented by the President and/or First Lady every year for the past four Administrations. The Corporation for National Service changed the original name to the President's Service Awards so that national service, and AmeriCorps, may be highlighted within the broad service movement.

The Award is sponsored and managed by the Points of Light Foundation in cooperation with the Corporation for National Service. This year over 4,000 nominations were submitted and reviewed in five categories: education, human services, the environment, public safety, employee volunteer programs, and union member volunteer programs. A group of distinguished judges chaired by Eli Segal reviewed the applications and selected the top twenty for Awards. A brief description of the winners follows. There is a second tier of winners called "citationists" who receive certificates from the President by mail.

Your remarks will focus on volunteerism and National Volunteer Week but also connect the larger volunteer world with AmeriCorps citing its galvanizing effect in communities. In addition to this event, over two hundred service events took place during the week, all led by AmeriCorps and other national service projects across the nation, including Earth Day clean-ups, National Youth Service Day community playground builds, Christmas in April rehabilitations, Mitzvah Day projects, Habitat for Humanity blitzes, immunization drives, literacy campaigns, and the like. It is estimated that up to a million volunteers participated in these events nationwide.

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III. PARTICIPANTS

The 200 guests in Room 450 will include:

- 20 President's Service Award winners and their guests
- Awards Judges (Eli Segal, former CEO of the Corporation and current Chair of the Partnership for National Service; Adrienne Washington, columnist for the Washington Times and community service advocate; Sue Hagan, Board Member of the National Civilian Community Corps; Raul Yzaguierra, President of National Council of La Raza; and Maggie Fogarty, Director of Catholic Network of Volunteer Services; Tommy Dortch, President of 100 Concerned Black Men of America; and Sam Singh, Board Member of the Points of Light Foundation and Director of the Volunteer Centers of Michigan).
- 15 Make a Difference Day Award Winners, the most outstanding volunteers in the fall program sponsored by USA WEEKEND.
- Leadership of national volunteer organizations, including the American Red Cross, the United Way of America, Knights of Columbus, the Independent Sector, Points of Light Foundation board members; corporate and other supporters, including Jonathon Tisch, CEO of Loews, a corporate award winner, and Mark Gearan, Director of the Peace Corps.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open. The winners of the awards have a press availability after the awards.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- The First Lady proceeds to the Indian Treaty Room and joins Harris Wofford, CEO of the Corporation, Bob Goodwin, CEO of the Points of Light Foundation and co-sponsor of the Awards, and Marian Heard, Chairman of the Points of Light Board of Directors and the twenty President's Service Awards in a private greeting and photo opportunity preceding the event.
- The First Lady, Harris Wofford, and Bob Goodwin proceed to the holding room at the auditorium and, after a quick briefing, to the stage. They are announced off-stage.
- Harris Wofford opens the event and introduces the awards and the partnership between national service and community volunteering.
- Harris Wofford introduces the First Lady.
- The First Lady makes remarks on service and citizenship. During her remarks, she asks the Make a Difference Day Award winners to stand and be recognized.

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- The end of the First Lady's remarks verbally cues Harris Wofford to begin reading the descriptions of the Award winners. As Wofford reads their accomplishments, each winner proceeds across the stage to receive the Award from the First Lady. Bob Goodwin hands each Award to the First Lady.
- Harris Wofford closes the program and the First Lady exits.

VI. REMARKS

Remarks will be provided by the Corporation for National Service.

1996 PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARDS

RECIPIENTS

After Hours

Chicago, Illinois

After Hours was developed by students at North Park College to provide afternoon tutoring and mentoring activities, poetry and art classes, and athletics and recreation for students of the nearby Albany Park Multicultural Academy.

Accepting -- Erica Carney, Founder

Kelly Ann Buller

Los Angeles, California

Kelly Ann Buller, a second year UCLA medical student, established the Prenatal and Pediatric Well-Child Care Project to provide health care to women and children who otherwise would not receive it. Sixty-seven med school students work with their teenage "mothers" through their pregnancies and childbirth and then provide well child care for the infants.

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Carpenters Union Local 217

Foster City, California

The Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters and the Carpenters Union Local 217 established Project Build in 1995 to provide building craft apprenticeships for 60 unemployed citizens in Palo Alto County.

Accepting -- Rigoberto LaGuardia

Faye and Frank Clarke

Cincinnati, Ohio

Faye and Frank Clarke founded the Educate the Children Foundation to provide school supplies, textbooks and technology to schools in poor school districts. In 1994, the Clarkes distributed more than 6.5 million dollars worth of supplies to schools in the United States, Haiti, the U.S. Virgin Islands and in Africa.

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Jason Dinger

Nashville, Tennessee

Jason Dinger established Chrysalis, a student service organization at Vanderbilt College, to provide the students with the opportunity to provide assistance to homeless people. Students deliver meals and hygiene kits, work with women and children in homeless shelters, and distribute information on community agencies.

Francisco J. Garcia

Anaheim, California

Each Thanksgiving for the past eight years, Francisco Garcia has prepared a holiday meal for needy people in the Anaheim area. Last year, Mr. Garcia recruited 500 volunteers and, with the help of a local hotel, cooked 500 turkeys and all the trimmings and fed 15,000 people.

Page Four**Betty Ann Good****Miami, Florida**

Over the past 20 years, Mrs. Good has initiated at least seven major citizen crime prevention programs in Florida. Several of the programs have spread to communities across the country. The Youth Crime Watch of America has more than 50,000 members active in 500 local chapters.

Independent Bikers of Queens Toys for Tots**Ozone Park, New York**

For the past 15 years, members of the Independent Bikers have volunteered with the more than 500 mentally and developmentally disabled residents of Bernard Finesse Development Center. Last year, more than 8,000 bikers collected toys for Christmas, assisted the center with building projects and took residents on outings and trips.

Accepting -- Carmine Antonelle

Page Five**Alice Lawrence****Anchorage, Alaska**

Mother Lawrence, as she is known in Anchorage, helps up to 200 people a day from her home, giving them food and shelter and collecting clothing, toys and household goods for individuals and families in crisis.

David Levitt**Seminole, Florida**

When he was 12 years old, David began a move to donate leftover school cafeteria food to hungry people through Tampa Bay Harvest. Through his leadership, all 92 schools in the district now participate, contributing 55,000 pounds of food during the 1994-95 school year.

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Loews Hotels

New York, New York

Loews Hotels launched its Good Neighbor Policy in 1991 to expand its community outreach efforts. Local hotels donate excess food to food banks, sponsor recycling programs, and support community literacy activities.

Accepting -- Jonathon Tisch, President and CEO

The Natural Guard

New Haven, Connecticut

Established in 1990, the Natural Guard is a group of young environmentalists who develop urban gardens, clean local beaches, and sponsor environmental awareness activities.

Accepting -- Richard Havens

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**Northrop Grumman High School Involvement Partnership Program
Los Angeles, California**

Northrop Grumman established the High School Involvement Partnership to prepare urban youth for vocational careers through learn-by-doing instructional activities. A competitive program open to high school seniors, the Partnership offers college fairs, volunteer-led classes in business ethics, diversity and job development.

Accepting – Raylea Jones

**Dolores Sheen
Los Angeles, California**

For the past 25 years, Ms. Sheen has kept the doors open at the Sheenway School and Cultural Center. The pre-K through 12 school offers urban students experiences that take them beyond their inner city neighborhoods, along with a quality education and unique cultural enrichment activities.

Page Eight**Raymond Simoni****Toledo, Ohio**

Raymond Simoni formed the North Corridor Coalition in 1992 to rid his once beautiful neighborhood of prostitution and drug dealing. Now, more than 300 residents are involved in the effort, which has resulted in demolition of condemned housing, conviction of several drug dealers and more effective policing.

Phillip J. Stevens**Newport Beach, California**

Mr. Stevens established the Walking Shield American Indian Society in 1986 to help improve the quality of life of Native Americans living on the nation's Indian reservations. In addition to obtaining and distributing surplus military building supplies to upgrade reservation housing, he has collected and distributed medical supplies, clothing, shoes, books for schools and libraries, and toys for Christmas.

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Stone Soup Partnership

Fresno, California

Created in 1992 to offer positive alternatives for at-risk children, Stone Soup Partnership includes Boys and Girls Clubs, teen mentoring, leadership training and language skills classes. The police department has attributed part of the 26 percent local reduction in crime to Stone Soup Partnership's youth activities.

Accepting -- Stan Morita

Summit House

Greensboro, North Carolina

Summit House, a diversion from prison program for nonviolent female offenders, allows mothers to remain with their children in a closely supervised and highly structured residential setting. Summit House has a high success rate -- eighty percent of the women who participate in the program do not return to prison after their release.

Accepting -- Yolanda Leecraft

Page Ten**Times Squared, Inc.****Providence, Rhode Island**

A group of local business leaders developed Times Squared to encourage and increase the number of African American, Latino and Native American students interested in pursuing careers in math, science and engineering. Nearly 90 percent of Times Squared students attend college, many of them minority females.

Accepting -- Ralph Taylor**Yakima Alley Cats****Yakima, Washington**

Yakima Alley Cats is a volunteer youth corps designed to provide leadership building and neighborhood improvement activities for urban youth. More than 100 young people participate each year, painting out graffiti, clearing vacant lots, cleaning up litter, and painting community murals.

Accepting -- Irene Gutierrez

THE WHITE HOUSE
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TO

Stacy Rubin

FROM

Kathy Button

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COMMENTS

Stacy-

Can you get this list
cleared ASAP? We want
to invite them to the
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Service Awards on Friday.
These members represent the
districts of the winners.

Thanks-

Kathy

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To: Katie Button
First Lady's Office

From: Miguel Bustos
WH Visitors Office

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

April 18, 1996

TO:

USSS

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[001]

cc: Leon Panetta, Chief of Staff to the President
Nancy Hernreich, Director of Oval Office Operations
Kim Holmes, Director, White House Operations
Gary Walters, Chief Usher
Sarah Farnsworth, Social Office

FROM: Melinda Bates *WB*
Director, Visitors Office

RE: Request for a Special Tour

ON: Thursday, April 25

AT: 2:00 pm

ESCORT: Tour Officers

NUMBER OF GUESTS: *30* 70

NAME OF GROUP: Americorps

REQUESTED BY/TEL: MB

ENTRY POINT: East Appointment Gate

MEET AT: Gate

CLEARANCE: no

GREETING: In East Reception Room

USHERS: Confirmed that the House is available.

Thanks for your help.

cc: Melinda Hudson, via fax 565-2794
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1996 President's Service Award Winners

After Hours Chicago, Illinois

At Albany Park Multicultural Academy, a middle school where 92% of its students receive free/reduced rate breakfasts and lunches, 21 different languages are spoken and most students do not have opportunities for constructive after-school activities. In response to this situation, nearby North Park College's Urban Outreach Program developed an after-school program called After Hours. Since its inception in 1994, the program has expanded to offer seventeen programs including mentoring, athletic teams, poetry and art classes, and discussion groups on multicultural issues. There are currently over 100 college students involved as volunteers, twenty of whom are responsible for administering the various programs. 200 middle school students participate in After Hours.

Dolores Sheen Blunt Los Angeles, California

Founded in 1971, the Sheenway School and Culture Center is a private independent school (K-12) and community center which offers the youth in the Watts/South Central area opportunities to excel and escape the cycle of poverty. Dolores Sheen Blunt is the driving force behind the successes of the school. Receiving no salary for her work, Dolores has created a unique educational environment that allows the school's 60 students to gravitate toward their interests. The school offers students excellent humanities and language courses as well as regular celebrations of different cultures and traditions. Students also maintain vegetable gardens and care for animals, learning responsibility. Dolores has also started a Sheenway school in Ghana.

Kelly Buller Los Angeles, California

In January of 1995, Kelly Buller, a second year UCLA medical student, established the Prenatal and Pediatric Well-Child Care Project for low income, high-risk pregnant women many of whom are teenagers. By matching first and second year UCLA medical students with the expectant mothers, the expectant mothers have experienced better relationships and communication with the doctors, increased social support through the students, improved education on health-related topics and enhanced health for themselves and their children. The Prenatal Project now includes 67 students and matching women in six clinics and four hospitals.

**Carpenters Union Local 217
Foster City, California**

The Carpenters Union Local 217 offers the unemployed of East Palo Alto unique opportunities for job training and readily responds to community requests for help with building projects. Through a program called Project Build, the Union supports craft apprenticeship programs for unemployed citizens of East Palo Alto. With the help of the Opportunities Industrial Center West (OICW), a training and support agency for the community that administers the program, the Carpenter's Union has worked with over 60 individuals who are now receiving salaries and benefits as part of their apprenticeships. The Union also engages its members in hands-on outreach and renovation programs such as a recent project involving the building of a 500-foot redwood fence for the YMCA.

**Faye and Frank Clarke
Cincinnati, Ohio**

In 1993, the Clarkes created the Educate the Children Foundation to secure surplus school supplies from businesses and other school districts and arrange for the transportation of the materials to school districts in need. In 1994 alone, the Clarkes coordinated the donation of \$6.5 million worth of goods and services. In addition to their work with needy U.S. schools, the Clarkes coordinated the distribution of several tons of educational packets of paper, crayons, scissors and calculators that were transported to Haiti and individually distributed by U.S. troops to public and parochial students there. The Clarkes have also involved area prisons in the project, having inmates refurbish old and damaged desks, chairs and tables which are then re-distributed to the schools.

**Jason Dinger
Nashville, Tennessee**

To address the issue of homelessness in Nashville and to increase the student body's awareness about homelessness, Jason Dinger, a student at Vanderbilt University, established a student service organization called Chrysalis. The group's goal is to build community between Vanderbilt students and Nashville's homeless persons by focusing on education, awareness, empowerment and esteem-building. Since its inception in 1994, the organization has developed six different programs staffed by over 30 student volunteers. Programs include displays of art by homeless children, production and distribution of a card with the phone numbers of help lines for the homeless, and a newsletter featuring the stories of homeless people.

Francisco (Frank) J. Garcia, Sr.
Anaheim, California

In 1988, Frank Garcia, a restaurant owner, served a Thanksgiving meal to over 3,000 needy individuals. Over the years, he has expanded his capacity, feeding more and more people a special holiday meal. Last Thanksgiving, Frank led 500 volunteers in preparing and serving a complete home cooked turkey dinner to 15,000 needy individuals and families. Each year, Frank organizes the event, collects the food through donations and wholesale prices, secures space in the kitchens of restaurants and hotels for food preparation and recruits volunteers to help prepare and serve the food. Along with good food, those attending the meal receive information on agencies that offer a variety of services to the homeless and needy.

Betty Ann Good
Miami, Florida

Betty Ann Good has initiated at least 10 major citizen crime prevention programs that are considered vital components of Florida's efforts to prevent and combat crime and drug use. She created the Citizen's Crime Watch of Dade County which grew to include several communities in Florida and spread nationwide. To help children avoid victimization and self-destruction, she started the Dade County Youth Crime Watch in 1979. Based on the successes of this effort, she founded Youth Crime Watch of America, Inc. (YCWA) in 1986. Unlike other youth crime prevention programs where well-intentioned adults attempt to solve the problems, YCWA enables youth to actively participate in planning and implementing programs including drug and crime prevention education, school bus safety projects, youth mentoring programs, conflict resolution forums and youth action projects.

Independent Bikers For Toys For Tots
Ozone Park, New York

In 1981, a group of 27 motorcyclists approached various agencies, looking for a meaningful way to help others. After being turned away by others, the group established a relationship with Bernard Finesse Developmental Center (BFDC), a residential center serving over 500 mentally and developmentally disabled children. The group, Independent Bikers for Toys for Tots, has organized many projects to benefit BFDC. A "motorcycle parade" party, admission to which is donation of a toy, was attended by 6000 bikers last year. The bikers also participated in the construction of outdoor play and sports facilities at the center and raised money to send several BFDC residents to Disney World. The bikers' group now has 7,000 members who regularly respond to requests for assistance from BFDC.

Alice Lawrence
Anchorage, Alaska

In the past 25 years, Alice Lawrence has seen her neighborhood become increasingly crime-ridden and drug-infested. In response, she began feeding the hungry from her kitchen, helping the homeless find housing, caring for children in her home, and giving out food, clothing and household items to the needy. To combat crime, Alice initiated a neighborhood crime watch. Alice now helps 200 people a day from her home, six days a week. Her only request to those she helps is that they spend some time helping her secure and sort donations or prepare food for others.

David Russell Levitt
Seminole, Florida

Inspired by an article about schools in Kentucky donating food to the needy, David Russell Levitt, an eighth-grader, coordinated the regular donation of leftover school food to the hungry through the Tampa Bay Harvest. David overcame many obstacles, obtaining the necessary approval and meeting health department standards, in order to launch a pilot food donation program at his school in November of 1994. By June 1995, 72 schools were donating leftovers. Since September 1995, all 92 schools in the school district have been involved and David is working to involve other districts in the project. In 1995, through David's efforts, over 55,000 pounds of food were donated to the hungry.

Loews Hotels
New York, New York

In May 1991, Loews Hotels launched their Good Neighbor Policy to expand its community outreach efforts. Backed by the endorsement and participation of senior officials, the program has been highly successful. Loews encourages and enables each hotel branch across the country to engage in regular service projects. Projects range from collecting goods for the needy to engaging employees and guests in assembling gift baskets for poor children with AIDS to organizing a huge "Monopoly Power Breakfast" to raise funds for charities. Since 1988, Loews has raised over \$550,000 for charity.

The Natural Guard
New Haven, Connecticut

The Natural Guard, established in 1990, involves youth age 6 to 17 in projects to protect the environment and promote awareness. The group currently involves over 1,000 people. Maintaining gardens on city plots, the program offers learning experiences for volunteers and donates 80% of the produce to local soup kitchens. The youth also engage in major beach clean-up efforts and have developed programs to educate the public concerning the dangers of paint and lead pollution.

**Northrop Grumman
High School Involvement Partnership Program
Los Angeles, California**

The High School Involvement Partnership (HIP), established by Northrop Grumman in 1971, offers inner-city students the opportunity to prepare for vocational careers through a learn-by-doing instructional program. Offering a choice of training in 40 career areas and one-on-one pairing of students with Northrop Grumman employees, HIP provides selected high school seniors with 16 weeks of on-the-job training and meaningful mentoring relationships. Currently 250 employees participate in the program which serves eight school districts. In 1995, 200 students graduated from the program.

**Ray Simoni
Toledo, Ohio**

Over the years, the historic north end of Toledo has become plagued with crime and the streets have been increasingly littered with needles and condoms. A resident of the area, Ray Simoni, decided something had to be done. During the summer of 1992, he knocked on every door in his neighborhood and mobilized 350 people to form a group called the North Corridor Coalition. The group has worked tirelessly to rid their neighborhood of prostitution and drugs. Using innovative methods such as publicizing the names and photographs of those who come to their neighborhood to solicit prostitutes and buy drugs and running address checks on solicitors by checking license plates, the group embarrasses clients and attacks the demand for illegal services and substances. Ray has also spearheaded the demolition of 19 blighted and condemned houses and led marches to campaign for community policing.

**Phillip J. Stevens
Newport Beach, California**

For the past 27 years, Phillip J. Stevens has worked to improve the quality of life on two Sioux reservations in South Dakota through a group he initiated called the Walking Shield American Indian Society. The Society's work includes the rebuilding of dilapidated housing and the construction of new homes for those in need as well as the securing of scholarships for Native American youth. Phillip has been responsible for collecting 480,000 pounds of clothes; 15,000 pairs of new shoes and boots; 400,000 pounds of food; 600,000 new books for the reservations' schools and libraries; 15,000 new toys for Christmas; 500,000 pounds of building materials; 153 fully winterized, reconditioned, transportable houses; and 10 tractor-trailer loads of pews for the churches.

**Stone Soup Partnership
Fresno, California**

Since 1992, The Stone Soup Partnership (SSP), a collaborative project of educational institutions, community-based organizations, local churches, businesses and hundreds of volunteers, has worked to build youth leadership, offer positive alternatives for children at risk and empower the adults in the community. Using the distinctive competencies of volunteers, the group began by offering fun and educational activities for youth to occupy their time productively in the evenings. Activities have expanded to involve literacy classes, mentoring programs, leadership training, summer camps, and clothing and food distribution. Over 7500 residents in El Dorado Park, a low-income high-risk neighborhood of Fresno, now receive a variety of services provided by the 200-300 SSP volunteers.

**Summit House
High Point, North Carolina**

Established in 1987, the Summit House is a prison residential program for female offenders which maintains the family unit while empowering mothers to become competent, productive members of society. The purpose is to strengthen the family and change behavior that leads to crime by providing a closely supervised and highly structured program of therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation. Summit House has been highly successful -- 80% of the women who participate do not return to prison as compared to a 50-60% recidivism rate in the prison system. The Summit House program is now used at three prison sites.

**Times² Inc.
Providence, Rhode Island**

Times² Inc. was established in 1979 to encourage and increase the number of African American, Latino and Native American students interested in learning and pursuing careers in math, science and engineering by bringing youth together with community volunteers and experts in these fields. By connecting volunteer teachers, parents, business executives, scientists, mathematicians and engineers with universities, corporations, research labs, government agencies and other related organizations, Times² offers minority students a variety of academic enhancement activities including field trips, demonstrations, science fairs and hands-on workshops to complement and enrich their perspective and knowledge.

Yakima Alley Cats
Yakima, Washington

Started in 1992, a group called the Yakima Alley Cats offers an alternative to gangs and drugs for inner-city youth age 5-21 from all economic, social and ethnic backgrounds while working to clean up the city. The group consists of over 100 youth and several parent volunteers from two high schools, two middle schools and an elementary school who work to remove graffiti from the Yakima's alley ways, paint cultural murals, and clean up litter and vacant lots. The program also offers youth leadership opportunities as they participate in community seminars focusing on conflict resolution and offers them assistance in training for and finding summer jobs. In 1995, the youth were responsible for completing over 60 major clean-up projects. They also completed six murals, the largest being over 3,000 feet long.

FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARDS
OEOB 450
APRIL 26, 1996

It is an honor for me to be here today with this group of American heroes. So often, after the nation endures some kind of tragedy, we see an outpouring of energy and love and say, "It's a shame this only happens after a catastrophe." Well, I'm here today to say, that's not true. It doesn't just happen after explosions or earthquakes. It happens every single day in countless ways in thousands of neighborhoods.

We are here to celebrate the spirit of citizen action that is thriving in America today. All of you are proof of that. Over a century ago, Alexis de Tocqueville said "America is great because America is good." Service is at the heart of our American ethic -- it was then and it still is today.

As I have traveled the country I have seen it everywhere -- Americans of all ages serving their country and community and building what political leaders and intellectuals call "civil society." What it means is citizens banding together to solve problems in common sense ways.

Consider what has happened just this week as a part of National Volunteer Week, which has been so ably organized by the Points of Light Foundation, Youth Service America and the Corporation for National Service.

In Topeka, the entire city pitched in to build low income housing with Habitat for Humanity. In Denver, senior volunteers went door to door to educate parents about immunization. In Atlanta, school-aged volunteers built a playground in a poor neighborhood. In Pittsburgh, AmeriCorps members joined with local churches and Scout groups to rehab a local Boy Scout camp. In Nevada, more than 3,000 volunteers helped fix up homes belonging to needy senior citizens.

And here in Washington, right now, volunteers are travelling the city and removing swastikas from public places -- literally blotting out signs of hatred and division. Americans are taking matters into their own hands -- to repair, rebuild and heal our community spirit.

Many of these events were organized by the Corporation for National Service. The President is deeply proud of the work being done by AmeriCorps and the other programs run by the Corporation. And I want to applaud Harris Wofford for his efforts to ensure that national service remains a bipartisan institution of American life -- as it has been in the past and must be in the future. Bipartisan, I should say, in the tradition of the Peace Corps, which Senator Wofford helped create and which celebrates its 35th Anniversary this year. Some 143,000 Peace Corps volunteers have served since its creation. And today, under the leadership of another great director, Mark Gearan, 7,000 Peace Corps volunteers are bringing the best of America to 94 countries.

In addition to AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps there is a vast army of citizen action in this country: Working mothers who can barely make time to cook dinner nonetheless find time to bring meals to homebound seniors. Members of Junior Leagues and Kiwanis Clubs make service a part of their core mission. People volunteer through extraordinary American institutions like the Boys Clubs, the YMCAs or the Red Cross -- or at a local neighborhood shelter. Millions of Americans not only take to heart, but put into action -- the message of the Gospel: "To whom much is given, from them much is required."

One outstanding initiative is USA Weekend's "Make a Difference Day." Last fall, almost a million volunteers showed how much can be done if we just return to the basic idea of neighbors helping neighbors. *[Ask winners of Make A Difference Day Awards to stand and be recognized]*

When former President George Bush called for a 1000 points of light, some people snickered. But he was on to a very important idea. There is no single big solution to our problems - - there are thousands of solutions. And The Points of Light Foundation, led by Bob Goodwin, has taken the lead in putting together the President's Service Awards. The winners of this distinguished award come from every part of America. They include school teachers and students, a restaurant owner and the executives of some major corporations; an eighth grader and a group of independent "bikers".

What they have done is not just noble -- it's effective. They have provided supplies to poor schools, winterized homes of the poor, and helped women ex-cons to keep away from crime after they leave prison. Put simply, service and volunteering solves problems.

And yet I would wager that if you praised any one of our award winners today for their "sacrifice" they would say "I gained as much as anyone." This seems to be a nearly universal pattern. When you help someone else, you feel empowered. In the serving, you are served. Just yesterday, I met a sixth-grade boy in Denver, who participates in a program where older grammar school students tutor kindergarteners. His experience reminds us that there is no age limit on voluntarism. No matter how young or old we are, we all have something to give.

You all know that I believe it takes a village to raise a child. Well, sometimes it takes a volunteer to energize the village or block or city. The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. said "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

Thank you all for helping make our country great through your service to others. And now I am proud to honor these great Americans with the 1996 Presidents Service Award.

April 25, 1996

PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARDS

DATE:	April 26, 1996
LOCATION:	Room 450, OEOB
TIME:	10:15 am
FROM:	Katy Button

I. PURPOSE

To present the President's Service Awards to this year's honorees before an audience of distinguished corporate, philanthropic, religious and civic leaders as part of National Volunteer Week.

II. BACKGROUND

The President's Service Award, created in 1982 by Executive Order, is the highest honor that the President can bestow in the field of national service and community volunteerism. The purpose of the Service Award is to recognize approximately twenty individuals and organizations for their outstanding service efforts, and to draw public attention to the contributions made by the 90 million volunteers across the country. The awards have been presented by the President and/or First Lady every year for the past four Administrations.

The Service Award is sponsored and managed by the Points of Light Foundation, in cooperation with the Corporation for National Service. This year, over 4,000 nominations were submitted and reviewed in five categories: education, human services, the environment, public safety, employee volunteer programs, and union member volunteer programs. The winners are selected by Eli Segal and a group of prominent leaders in the volunteer and community service sector (see attached list). A complete list of the winners is also attached.

In addition to this awards presentation, over two hundred service events are taking place this week as part of National Volunteer Week. These service efforts, which are being led by AmeriCorps and other national service projects across the country, include Earth Day clean-ups, National Youth Service Day community playground construction projects, Christmas in April rehabilitations, Mitzvah Day projects, Habitat for Humanity projects, immunization drives, literacy campaigns, and others. It is estimated that up to a million volunteers are participating in these events nationwide.

Every year as part of National Volunteer Week, USA TODAY presents the USA WEEKEND's "Make a Difference Day Award" to 10 honorees who performed extraordinary acts of volunteerism on Make a Difference Day (October 28). These Award winners will also be in the audience for today's event and will be recognized during your remarks.

III. PARTICIPANTS

- The First Lady
- Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National Service
- Mr. Bob Goodwin, CEO, Points of Light Foundation
- 20 President's Service Award winners
- 15 Make a Difference Day Award winners
- 150 invited guests, including corporate leaders, public officials, leaders of national charities, religious organizations, civic institutions and non-profits

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- HRC arrives in the OEOB and drops by the Indian Treaty Room to greet the Award winners and the event sponsors and do a photo receiving line (approximately 25-30 people).
- HRC proceeds to hold outside 450, where she is briefed with Harris Wofford and Bob Goodwin, CEO of the Points of Light Foundation (bio attached).
- HRC, Harris Wofford and Mr. Goodwin are announced on stage.
- Harris Wofford makes remarks and intros HRC
- HRC makes remarks
- Awards are presented in the following format:
 - Harris Wofford reads the name of the winner and a 20 second description of the individual/organization.
 - Mr. Goodwin hands the award to HRC, who presents it to the winner.
- HRC returns to podium and closes program.
- HRC departs

V. PRESS PLAN

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VI. REMARKS

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