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THE PROMISE LETTER

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An update from the Chairman.

Much has happened since I wrote to you in May, thanking you for helping to make the Philadelphia Summit such a great success. Many of you, I know, have been tracking these events through our new website—www.americaspromise.org. I've agreed to write a regular page for the website called "Dispatches." But for those of you who prefer a "hard copy," here is an update on the exciting developments that have taken place since the Summit ended in April.

Over 200 commitments have been made since the Summit. In addition, a number of previous commitment makers have been putting their commitments into action. For example, SmithKline Beecham, a pharmaceutical company based in Philadelphia, is preparing a mailing to all 150 community delegations that attended the Summit. The mailing will advise them how to apply for the individual grants of \$10,000 that will be available to them to help fund local "healthy start" programs. Allstate Insurance Company in Chicago has contacted 10 states to offer support for statewide activities to promote America's Promise.

I have personally attended Summit-related events in St. Louis and Boston, and have addressed a mini-Summit in Detroit via teleconference. I have met with religious leaders

representing a spectrum that included Baptists, Evangelicals, Churches of Christ, Catholics, Mormons, Greek Orthodox, Jews, Muslims, and others—all of whom are enthusiastic about our Alliance. I have also met with Paul Greeley, president of American Chamber of Commerce Executives, to explore ways of promoting our campaign to business leaders around the country.

We're sustaining the momentum created by the Philadelphia Summit. Our emphasis will be on generating new promises and commitments. We will be relying on our Alliance partners to help bring these new resources to those most in need.

In turn, we invite you to keep us posted on your doings, so that we can share your good ideas and positive experiences with other volunteers around the country. Working together, we can meet our goal of equipping at least 2 million youngsters with the five basic resources by the year 2000. ■

General Colin L. Powell
Chairman, America's Promise

Oracle makes a \$100 million commitment.

Oracle Corporation announced on June 24th that the company and its chairman and CEO, Larry Ellison, have committed \$100 million to kindergarten through 12th-grade education in support of America's Promise—The Alliance For Youth. In addition, Ellison put forth a challenge to every American corporation and CEO to meet or exceed Oracle's commitment to America's Promise.

Oracle's commitment to America's Promise includes:

- \$100 million to endow Oracle's Promise, a newly formed foundation, with the guiding mission of placing a network computer on every child's desk in grades K-12 in the United States.
- Expansion of the California Mentoring Initiative Website to a national application designed to facilitate the growth of mentorship programs throughout the United States.
- Partnerships with the National Mentoring Coalition to mobilize Oracle's U.S. employee volunteers to develop mentoring relationships with economically disadvantaged youth grades 4-12 by the year 2000.
- Creation of the "Oracle Challenge to Help Us Help" through a national Website application to encourage U.S. corporations and individuals to "adopt" a school, classroom, or child. ■

Allstate jumps on board.

An article by Jerry Choate, Chairman & CEO, Allstate

Allstate has a long heritage of caring and commitment, a heritage strengthened each year by the volunteer efforts of the 50,000 members of the Allstate family in communities across the country. It was natural for us to answer the Summit call with a range of commitments from a new level of support for the Boys and Girls Club and their Street Smart program to becoming a major corporate supporter of America's Promise.

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A Formal Request to States from America's Promise

America's Promise believes that every state should be a STATE OF PROMISE, a state that actively supports communities in which all children and young people have access to the five fundamental resources: *a Caring Adult; a Healthy Start for a Healthy Future; Safe Places to Learn and Grow; Marketable or Career Skills; and An Opportunity to Give Back through Service.*

Therefore, America's Promise requests that each state agree to do the following:

- **Convene an America's Promise-endorsed State Summit**, bringing together community delegations and leaders from all sectors (e.g., corporate, education, communities of faith...) who commit to ongoing work to achieve the goals of the summit. Coordinate the timing of your summit with America's Promise to maximize the resources we can provide your state.
- **Establish a specific numerical state goal** for the number of additional young people who will have access to the five fundamental resources by the end of the year 2000. The target: 10% of a state's young people, with special emphasis on those most in need.
- **Generate local commitments** from all sectors to be featured in "State Promise Books".
- **Establish a contact point**, state summit chair and state "home" for communication and reporting of events, summit plans, commitments and progress to America's Promise.
- **Use standard measurement tools** provided by America's Promise to monitor our progress on an annual basis.

In recognition of your willingness to become a State of Promise, America's Promise will provide the following support: *Help identify and approach potential commitment-makers* for your State Summit and goals; *help secure celebrities and national leaders* for your State Summit and provide other opportunities for media connections; *help develop regional communication plans and provide products* that can be localized to raise public awareness and support; *establish mechanisms for ongoing contact with America's Promise*, including updated lists of commitment-makers by state and community; and *provide standard reporting and measurement tools* for tracking commitments and publicizing progress.

A Formal Challenge to Communities from America's Promise

Every county, city and town should be a COMMUNITY OF PROMISE, a place that claims all its children as its own and does for them what any loving parent would do — mentor, protect, nurture, teach, and inspire to serve.

America's Promise challenges every community that came to the Summit and every community that attended in spirit to commit to do four things:

- **Take responsibility for reaching a target number of young people** in neighborhoods and communities throughout their city and to provide them with the opportunity to enroll by name. (The target: 10% of a community's young people, with special emphasis on those most in need).
- **Secure commitments from all sectors** in providing the resources and in creating opportunities for young people to serve.
- **Establish a contact point and community home** for communication and reporting of events, plans, commitments and progress to America's Promise.
- **Use standard measurement tools** provided by America's Promise to monitor progress on an annual basis. [Tracking of local commitments made to young people, their impact on enrolled youth, and the overall health of young people and community.]

In addition, America's Promise strongly encourages Communities of Promise to:

- **Build on what works.** Map and assess the overextended and untapped resources in every neighborhood, identify and build on what is working in their communities and across the country, use the best methods available for generating commitments and cooperation, reaching young people and families, and tracking progress.
- **Convene a local Summit** bringing together all sectors in the community to generate local commitments. Build it into an ongoing plan to energize, mobilize, organize, and leverage real commitments and real changes.
- **Invest in neighborhoods.** Mobilize and coordinate resource through the development of "community hubs" (places such as schools where coordination and activities can occur) and "community coaches" (individuals trained and focused on connecting resources to young people and to all five fundamental resources).

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AMERICA'S PROMISE — THE ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH STATE ALLIANCES

August 1997

WHO's WHO IN...

America's Promise

America's Promise — The Alliance for Youth office has several people working for you. Below is a listing of those currently working on state and community issues. When in doubt please ask for Gardner Humphreys who can and will get you in touch with the right person. Please keep us informed of your activities. We look forward to hearing from you soon!!

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In Your State

Now that you know how to reach us, it's time to turn our attention on how to best gather and disseminate information about your state. We have already set up files on each state and community delegation that attended the Summit. We continue to add new communities as we have contact with them, so please let us know when you learn of additional communities that want to be part of America's Promise.

Please fill out the attached contact form and send or fax it back to us in order to update our files. Your governor will be designating



one lead point of contact person for your state. Please keep us informed as your team grows and update us on your progress. Please review the Community Lead

Point of Contact list enclosed and share corrections with us. We would also appreciate written updates on future summits or events, what's new in your state, etc. We look forward to hearing from you.

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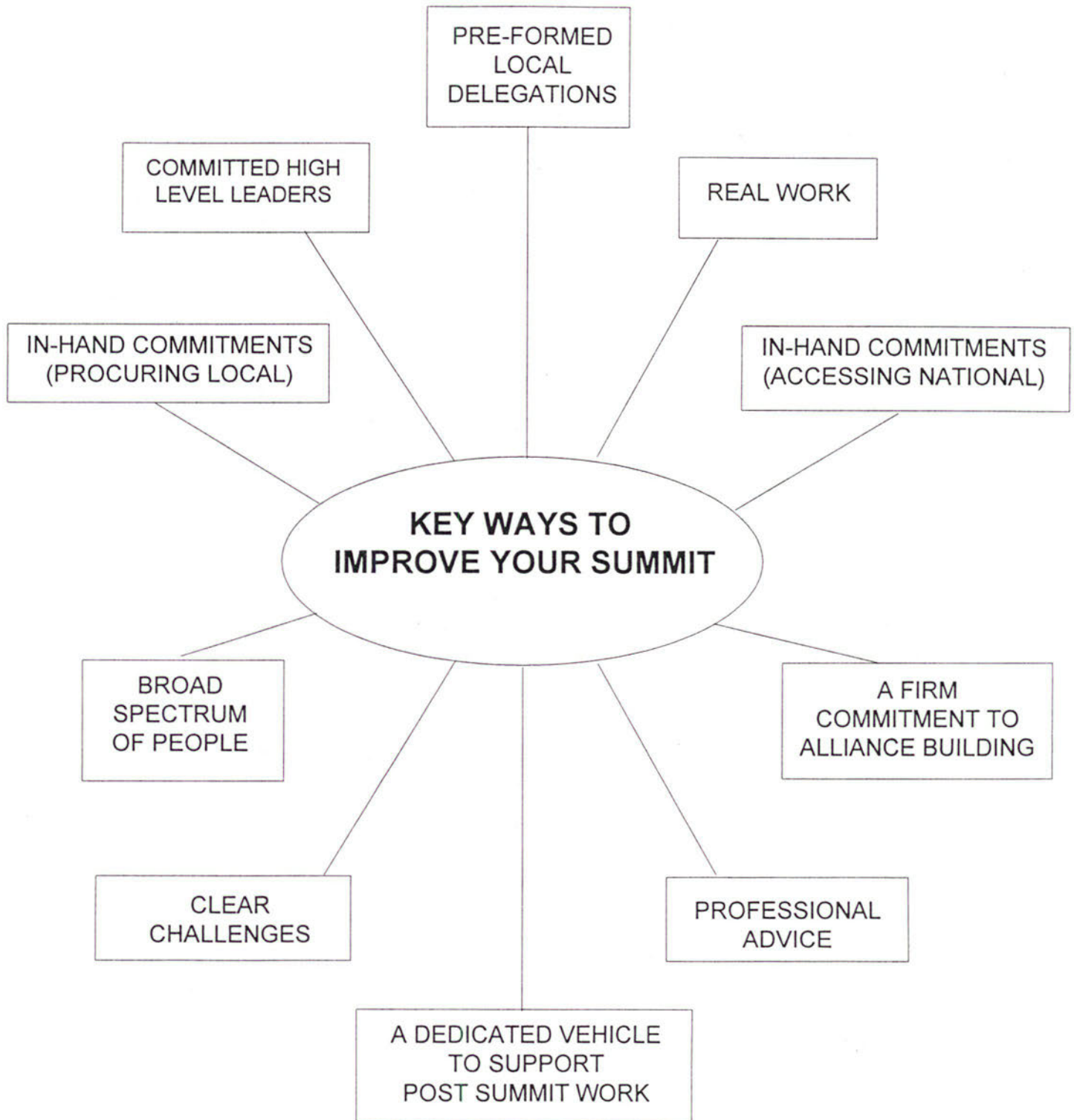
Under Construction...

Please excuse our informal look. Many things are under construction at America's Promise as we plan how best to work with you and help you work with other communities and commitment makers.

ACCELERATING THE MOMENTUM

HOW AND WHY TO HAVE A SUMMIT

Energize. Recognize. Galvanize. Mobilize. Organize.



9 Ways to Improve Your Summit

There are many possible ways that states and communities can craft public events to build on and expand the energy, enthusiasm, and commitment created in Philadelphia. We offer you our thinking on why the Presidents' Summit was as successful as it was and how, in hindsight, we think we could have made it better.

It is unlikely that any Summit will have all of these ingredients, but here are 9 we recommend. (You can decide how well we did).

Pre-formed State and Local Delegations. Neighborhood, county, or city delegations would be the equivalent of the local delegations invited to the Summit. In most cities or counties, it should be possible to invite delegations from every neighborhood, not just a sampling. The national commitment-makers and prominent speakers brought visibility and optimism to the Summit. The local and state delegations brought reality and perseverance.

- ▶ Decide how best to divide up your state, city or town (by neighborhood, district, precinct, county).
- ▶ Identify one or more types of organizations or associations that operate in most neighborhoods to use as a convener (e.g. neighborhood councils or associations, community centers, community development corporations, interfaith councils).
- ▶ Make sure the conveners understand the task: to convene a cross-section of the neighborhood to represent the neighborhood at the Summit -- working before the Summit to understand the neighborhood's assets, needs, issues and goals for its children and youth.
- ▶ Provide the delegations with information on the goals of the Summit and of America's Promise so that they come prepared. Keep delegations informed of the progress of the Summit.
- ▶ Be sure that the delegations understand the challenge to become "Communities of Promise" -- setting a target goal, enrolling young people by name, generating commitments from all sectors, measuring progress.

Committed High Level Leaders. The Summit brought together an unprecedented group of national leaders from across the sectors. Their combined power at the Summit was visible. What was less visible but no less important was the active involvement of a core group of public, private and corporate national leaders before the Summit and their commitment to continue to stay involved afterward. What brought this group together? The importance of the task, the clarity of the goals, the concreteness of the ideas of solid commitments and measurable accountability.

- ▶ Start with a list of who attended the Summit from your state and community and who made commitments. (America's Promise can help you with this).
- ▶ Decide who, in your state, are the natural champions of youth. Approach them to not only speak at the Summit, but join the permanent structure that will ensure the goals are met.
- ▶ Get leaders who own the goal, their personal enthusiasm and commitments will drive the Summit.

Real Work. One of the clear signs of success at the Philadelphia Summit was the level of engagement. The state and local delegations worked on plans. The national delegations convened in groups to discuss next steps. Everyone stopped to learn about programs that are working across the country. The Summit was about inspiration, celebration, and recognition, but it was also about planning, sharing and networking.

- ▶ Leave time for planning and small groups. Take these seriously, prepare worksheets. Have facilitators. Set the goal and work backwards. Have the neighborhood delegations leave with more inspiration, information, more connections and the beginning of a plan.
- ▶ Allow time for networking. Give city-wide associations, coalitions, funders, leaders opportunities to offer their own small events during the Summit or to attend special-focused events you develop. Make current and potential commitment makers feel needed. Have neighborhood delegations meet with other neighborhoods.

In-hand Commitments. The Summit was the celebration and public recording of significant, new commitments, commitments which escalated as the event approached. Over 300 commitments have come in since the Summit, suggesting that the momentum will continue. The commitment makers added a level of enthusiasm and optimism to the Summit that would have been difficult to achieve otherwise.

- ▶ Set the Summit date far enough in advance to ensure that you have some firm commitments in place.
- ▶ Build momentum by showcasing commitment makers in the media and starting a *Commitment Watch*.
- ▶ Compile a commitment book that is updated after the Summit.
- ▶ Put together a team to call potential commitment makers, don't wait for them to come to you.

A Broad Spectrum of People. Everyone at the Summit -- those whose names we recognize and those whose names we don't -- was there because they care about how we -- America's citizens young and old -- can make clear and make good on our promises to young people. Promises to mentor, nurture, protect, teach, and serve them and encourage them to do so for others. And everyone was there -- young people, citizen advocates, school superintendents, faith leaders, youth workers, parents, mayors, human service providers, small business owners.

- ▶ Ensure that the delegations, the panelists, the topics (within the five goals) reflect the spectrum of your state and communities.
- ▶ Plan with the participants in mind. Have a range of functions.

Clear Challenges. A call for significant, new voluntary action on the part of individuals and organizations in the five core sectors -- business, government, education, faith, non-profit to ensure that an additional 2 million young people have access to all five fundamental resources -- a caring adult, a healthy start, safe places and structured activities, education for marketable skills, opportunities for service. The significance of the challenge -- a numeric target, a commitment to ensure all five resources -- cannot be underestimated. State and local delegations were asked to commit to ensuring that an additional 10 percent of their young people have all five resources. States might break this goal down further to challenge counties, cities, towns and neighborhoods. Local summits should build on the plans and visions created in Philadelphia.

- ▶ Drive home the importance of the five resources and the five sectors. Repeat it over and over before the Summit in all materials. Use America's Promise materials as a basis for making your own or order them.
- ▶ Send the message that volunteering and voluntary action is important. Government has a vital role. They need to make voluntary commitments as well. The Summit is not about replacing government.
- ▶ Know the target for your state. Help set the target goal for the communities in your state. Hammer these home. Give delegations statistics on their numbers.

A Dedicated Vehicle to Support the Post-Summit Work. America's Promise -- The Alliance for Youth is the multi-year, national campaign that will propel the mission and goals of the Presidents' Summit forward. America's Promise will continue mobilizing national commitments from all sectors, as well as from states and communities; it will track, monitor, and publicly report progress toward the goals each year and carry out an extensive marketing and awareness effort to inspire new commitments and promote the five fundamental resources. We encourage state and local delegations to think about where and how to house the ongoing effort. Your state and local Summits are the beginning, not the end.

- ▶ Think now about what it will take to keep the momentum going and which organization(s) or collaborative(s) might play this role. (Use the City and County Planning Guide given your delegation at the Philadelphia Summit or call America's Promise to obtain copies.)
- ▶ Have the first three things you think should happen post-Summit planned *before* the Summit.

Professional Advice. The Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service, the official co-conveners of the Summit, brought together a wide-ranging group of paid and unpaid professionals to help them plan the Summit -- how to define the goals, shape the messages, select and prepare the delegations, how to organize the program, develop the media. We cannot underestimate the importance of this advice or the enthusiasm with which it was offered. We encourage state and local community delegations to reach out broadly as they plan.

- ▶ Don't underestimate what it takes to plan a meeting. Get PR firms, restaurants, the telephone company, planners involved as a part of their commitment. Call America's Promise if you need recommendations.
- ▶ Make a list of what you will need to have the Summit. Develop a separate Summit commitment-generating process.
- ▶ Think about what you found most valuable about the Philadelphia Summit. Start your program planning from there.

A Firm Commitment to Alliance Building. It is not just the promise that is important, it is how we work to keep it. Although the process is slower, America's Promise is dedicated to working with an expanding group of national organizations and associations to support state and communities' efforts.

- ▶ Identify the stakeholders, big and small. Invite them to think about how they can contribute direct resources to young people, resources that will help local organizations coordinate and maintain their work, and resources that will help the Alliance grow.
- ▶ Think about what is needed to get the job done. Build partnerships. Find ways to help all sectors feel a part of the movement. Do not position your alliance as a new competitor or a gatekeeper but as a facilitator.

4 Ways America's Promise Can Help

America's Promise does not have the capacity to help local communities plan or fund their Summits, but we do have some resources and contacts that can make the job easier:

Speakers. America's Promise can help identify national speakers knowledgeable about and connected to America's Promise, although we do not have funds to cover transportation and honorarium or electronic conferencing. America's Promise does not control General Powell's schedule, he remains a private citizen who has volunteered to commit a significant amount of his time to America's Promise. Because of the number of communities and states that will be having Summits, America's Promise cannot recommend that the General speak at particular Summits although we will inform him of the dates and agendas as soon as we know of them.

Materials. We can provide you with electronic copy of some of the word-processed documents used at the Summit that are available for reproduction and with estimates for the reprinting of formal documents such as the Five Fundamental Resources piece done by the Search Institute), and with bulk copies of some America's Promise documents (you will be billed for shipping and handling). Please allow three weeks for delivery.

Planning. Beverly Arsht and Marilyn Sifford, the consultants who helped plan the program for the Philadelphia Summit, participated in a workshop on How to Plan a Local Summit at the Points of Light National Community Service Conference at the end of June. They and the other facilitators who worked with the delegations are committed to this issue and for consulting with communities and states, as are several other organizations. America's Promise will continue to identify other individuals and organizations that can help communities plan their events. We are also prepared to connect you with the right person if you have specific questions.

How To's. A series of how-to-guides will be developed over the next few months -- How to plan a Summit, How to Work with Media, How to Generate Commitments. The guides will contain sample materials, recommendations for further assistance, and key contacts.

STATE SUMMITS AND RELATED EVENTS

State events and goals are painting the broad strokes that will fulfill the vision of providing every youth in America with the five fundamental resources for success. Our Chairman has asked every governor to commit his or her state to become a "State of Promise," to join with America's Promise to complete that vision -- one youth, and one state, at a time. Critical to that vision is the role of state summits and events like those presented below. There is no more important time than now to do all that we can to make each effort an historic opportunity.

ALABAMA

The governor's office is working with state and community delegates who attended the Presidents' Summit to develop a unified state plan. Many of the communities are forging ahead with local summit planning and needs assessment and will report back to the state.

ALASKA

A meeting was held by Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer for Monday, July 28, 1997, to bring together the state and Anchorage delegations and members of Alaska's Children's Cabinet. United Way representatives from across the state will also meet with the Lt. Governor at a luncheon on July 28th. Alaska is looking to form a statewide task force to address the five fundamental resources, as well as issues affecting young people. Volunteer opportunities in Alaska can now be found on the internet at <http://www.gov.state.ak.us/lrgov/home>. The state is developing an Alaska Promise Book of statewide commitments.

AMERICAN SAMOA

No information is available at this time.

ARIZONA

The Governor's Division for Children is organizing a state summit for the fall. Among the intended invitees to the event will be the Arizona Congressional Delegation, mayors and city council members, Members of County Boards of Supervisors, and delegates for 15 counties and 10 of the largest Arizona cities and towns. Attendance will be approximately 500-600 people. Governor Fife Symington will announce the statewide event at a press conference to be held later this summer.

ARKANSAS

On August 28, 1997, Governor Mike Huckabee will make an "Announcement on Arkansas' Promise to Youth: A Response to the Presidents' Summit for America's Future." A state summit has been tentatively scheduled for the spring of 1998. The Arkansas Division of Volunteerism (DoV) has played a lead role in organizing the state's efforts related to the Presidents' Summit goals. The DoV has developed a state-wide commitment form and is publishing a current listing of Arkansas' Commitments on the internet at www.state.ar.us/dhs/dhs1.html. A recent newspaper editorial highlighted volunteer opportunities in Arkansas, providing organization names and telephone numbers for those interested in volunteering.

CALIFORNIA

The Governor's Cabinet on Business and Employment and the California Commission on Improving Life Through Service have teamed up with the state delegates to begin organizing their state's efforts related to "California's Promise - Connections Through Service." The first step was sending out a survey to all community delegations in California that participated in the Presidents' Summit. The information has been posted on a website and includes information about each community, contact information, community partners, corporate commitments and information on upcoming events. Details on how to become a "Community of Promise" will soon be added to the site at SFISHER@CILTS.CA.GOV. A one day summit planning session will be added to a state conference in October. The state summit is tentatively slated for May 1998.

COLORADO

Colorado's state and community delegations have met several times since the Presidents' Summit. They sent a letter to each of the organizations listed in the Promise Book telling them how they could help Colorado's children. A media interest is to generating awareness of the need for volunteers. Communications links, such as a website, are being established to recruit volunteers and publicize both national and local commitments.

CONNECTICUT

The Corporation for National Service reported that a Conference on Volunteerism was held on May 29th, which attracted over 500 participants. The focus of discussion was how to implement the goals of the Summit. A wrap-up meeting was held on June 25, 1997. The state is working to implement the Governor's mentoring and tutoring initiatives for government employees.

DELAWARE

The State Delegation is focusing their efforts on the success of the Wilmington Summit in October, and will evaluate the impact on the local community and then assess what steps should be taken on a state-wide basis.

FLORIDA

Florida's state and local delegations wowed us at the Presidents' Summit by preparing a 22 page "Florida Delegate Handbook" which included a message from Governor Lawton Chiles, and summaries and pictures of each delegate. The Florida delegation also launched a public information campaign called "Volunteers Across Florida" which offers a toll-free number to learn more about volunteer opportunities in Florida (1-888-FL-SERVS).

A state-wide summit is in the works for May 1998. The Florida Commission on Community Service has offered to provide the leadership for the state summit and has played an integral role in coordinating community efforts. The Commission's summer edition of their publication "Florida Serves!" dedicated its cover story to the Presidents' Summit and included other articles about AP involvement across the state.

GEORGIA

The Corporation for National Service reported that the Georgia Commission met with the Governor to discuss initiatives of the summit and the need to convene a post-summit event for the state to encourage implementing the Presidents' Summit goals.

GUAM

A delegate from the D.C. area attended the Presidents' Summit on behalf of Guam. Guam is currently evaluating its response to the Summit. An update on their progress is expected in August.

HAWAII

Hawaii's state delegation and Honolulu's community delegations have merged to coordinate a statewide summit. The summit scheduled for the Spring of 1998 is still in the planning stages. Hawaii will invite delegations from each of the islands to participate in this event. The delegation has just created their own website entitled "America's Promise Hawaii," which includes information about the five fundamental resources. The group has two community volunteers, who attended the Summit as delegates, working on the state's efforts out of a summit office in the state capitol.

IDAHO

Three mini-summits are scheduled to kick-off the state's initiative in Idaho. Boise will be the host city for the first event on September 26, 1997, and Moscow is the site for an October 28, 1997, event. The third mini-summit will be held in eastern Idaho. A statewide summit is already planned for Spring 1998. Two television network affiliates are already on board to report on Idaho's progress towards reaching their goal. Presently, the delegation is concentrating on generating commitments statewide. Governor Philip Batt has also reported that "the state delegates came home with new enthusiasm and with a real commitment to contributing [the state's] share of mentors ..."

ILLINOIS

The Governor and First Lady hosted The Mansion Meeting on Volunteerism and Youth on June 12, 1997. Participants broke into five resource groups to evaluate what was needed to accomplish the goals set at the Presidents' Summit.

In August a series of public meetings will be held around the state to discuss what communities are doing, what has worked and what has not. From these meetings, state organizers will develop a unified state plan on service in conjunction with the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Commission on Community Service.

Make-A-Difference-Day, on October 25, 1997, will be the kick-off celebration for implementing what they learn at the public meetings in August.

INDIANA

At Indiana's State-wide Roundtable in October 1997, delegates from 130 communities will hear Governor O'Bannon give the charge and outline the five goals of the Presidents' Summit. Participants will break out into 16 geographic clusters of communities to define short-term goals and benchmarks. The state is in the process of developing its own "toolbox" which will include resources to accomplish goals and statistical information related to youth.

Leading by example, the Governor's office has selected a service project to which they will commit as a group and will encourage other state agencies to follow. The Governor has also made the commitment to provide one paid day per year to state employees who wish to participate in a volunteer program.

Indiana is also planning to design a website and an 800-number listing organizations needing volunteers, business entities who want to sponsor volunteer efforts, and information on the "how-to's" of developing mentoring programs and other related activities.

IOWA

On September 15-16, 1997, Governor Branstad will host the Conference on Volunteerism and Community Service at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. The second day of the conference will focus on Iowa's response to the Presidents' Summit. In a town meeting format, the Governor will lead a panel of experts who will address the five resource areas. Afterward, the Governor will facilitate the town meeting. Representatives of the counties will be selected to attend the conference and return to their counties to serve as a catalyst to assemble the teams that will attend the summit and to begin local needs assessment.

The Iowa state summit is planned for June 1998.

KANSAS

Kansas is looking forward to their state summit in the Spring of 1998. The state delegation is focusing its efforts on the success of local summits around the state, will evaluate the impact on the local community, and then assess what steps should be taken on a statewide basis.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky will host a statewide "Governor's Summit for Kentucky's Kids" designed to heighten the importance of community service and volunteerism. Its goal is to improve the quality of life for 30,000 young people, especially those at-risk, by the year 2000. Its vision is that by 2010 every child in Kentucky will have access to the five fundamental resources. Governor Paul Patton and Lt. Governor Steve Henry will serve as Honorary Chair and General Chair for this event, which will be held September 26-27, 1997, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Louisville. Governor Patton is the first Governor in the history of Kentucky to host a community service summit focusing on measurable goals and objectives.

There will be 1,200 participants with all the county judges and executives asked to bring five community delegates who represent each of the resource areas. Delegates will work with their county judge or executive to develop community action plans. The private sector and statewide organizations will also be represented. The Summit coordinators are the Office of the Governor, the Kentucky Community Service Commission, and the Kentucky PTA.

To emphasize the importance of this initiative, they have sent out a wide mailing which includes a statistical summary of where Kentucky ranks nationally in terms of delivering the five resources.

LOUISIANA

Over 300 delegates from the state will gather in Baton Rouge on October 22, 1997, at the Governor's mansion to kick-off the state summit entitled "Louisiana's Promise: The Summit for Youth." Led by Honorary Co-Chairs including Governor Foster, Representative Livingston and Lt. Governor Blanco, the event will stimulate local action plans and launch a state effort to provide 33,000 youth with all five resources by the year 2000.

MAINE

The State Commission on National and Community Service is leading the planning for a state summit in April 1998. The summit will commence with a gala celebration of service and proceed to a second day of working sessions covering the local meaning of the five resources and needs by geographic area. State planners are considering forming a "Maine's Promise" group in advance of the event.

MARYLAND

Maryland is planning a state summit: "Maryland's Promise: Alliance for Youth," at the Baltimore Convention Center on October 9, 1997. There will be 1000 participants. They will focus on all five resources, particularly after-school activities and high quality service learning. They have already had a leadership briefing with 80 attendees from Philadelphia from a broad range of sectors. The Maryland Youth Service Action Committee (MYSAC) will be holding a series of youth-led workshops at the state summit. They and their partners will bring 300-400 youth from across the state to the summit.

MASSACHUSETTS

After a successful press conference with former Governor Weld and Colin Powell, state planners have set lofty goals of doubling the number of safe places, providing health care for every uninsured child, mobilizing to double the number of AmeriCorps members and youth volunteers, adding 50,000 mentors, and doubling the number of individuals and organizations participating in school-to-work and remedial reading programs. Bill Cosby and Father Donald Monan, Chancellor of Boston College, will be Co-Chairs of the event on October 25-26, 1997, entitled "The Massachusetts Summit: The Promise of Our Youth."

MICHIGAN

"Connect Michigan" will be the overall theme of a state effort to build problem-solving partnerships with leading organizations around a state summit on October 20, 1997. An alliance that includes the United Way of Michigan, the Volunteer Centers and the Michigan Non-Profit Association meets every month to develop state strategies that have resulted in potential commitments from Pfieser Corporation, a state consumer power organization, and a commitment request from First Lady Michelle Engler to every board member of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. State organizers have proposed a long range plan to private funders that includes a public awareness campaign and volunteer training, and have a planning session on July 30, 1997. The summit itself will convene 500 representatives and feature leaders from various state agencies.

MINNESOTA

Minnesota is all set with their fall kick-off event scheduled for October 22, 1997. Six smaller mini-summits will follow at a rate of 1-2 per week around the state throughout November and December. May 29th, is the date selected for the statewide summit. Minnesota has set a goal of including 250 communities in their statewide effort by the year 2000. A steering committee to coordinate the summit and summit-related events has representatives from all sectors, including corporate, non-profit, education, youth, communities of faith, and government. The committee hopes to invite 3-5 representatives from each county and anticipates between 700 and 1,000 participants.

MISSISSIPPI

Delegates from Mississippi plan as a state-wide group. The state delegation has now expanded to incorporate six committees. A summit has been announced for November 4 -5, 1997. "The Summit For Mississippi's Future," to be held in Jackson, is aimed at "bringing Mississippi to a new level of commitment to volunteer service, especially targeting the challenges facing [the] state's children and youth." Five living governors have already agreed to attend, along with state and U.S. legislators. The delegates have set a goal of obtaining \$50,000 to \$100,000 in corporate sponsorship for the event. Delegations will be invited from the 82 counties and 50 of the largest cities in the state. A press conference launching the state's plan will be held in August.

MISSOURI

All state and local delegates from Philadelphia met on July 18th for a roundtable discussion of what coordinated statewide action they should pursue.

MONTANA

"The Summit to Build Montana's Future" on June 15-16, 1998 will be a major initiative of Lieutenant Governor Judy Martz. The state will add its own goals to the five fundamental resources, among them a strong emphasis on the role of family. The steering committee has reached out to tribes, community groups, businesses and government agencies. A steering committee which will include several youth members is being formed.

NEBRASKA

The state is planning to create a Nebraska Promise Book containing commitments for youth services. Meanwhile, delegates are meeting to decide on the proper interplay between state and local summits. Planners are considering using a pilot project named "Safe Night" as a model for communities looking to coordinate access to every essential resource for youth.

NEVADA

General Powell met with Governor Bob Miller after speaking about America's Promise and community service at a Reno event. The governor gave his support to America's Promise during his speech and announced that the state would hold a "one day call to action" in the fall. Information about Nevada and Las Vegas' delegations can be found on the internet at www.interact.k12.nv.us/success/summit/entry.html.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

State organizers hope to build on the momentum created by a Youth Summit in July by staging a state summit in May 1998.

NEW JERSEY

A Post-summit leadership committee has been meeting to plan the statewide New Jersey Summit on Volunteerism in December 1997. The committee is comprised of the Governor's delegation, including its members from the State Commission. They are now conducting a survey of over 7,000 resources to see which relate to the goals of the Presidents' Summit. The State Commission is also working on a Pledge Book for the state of New Jersey.

NEW MEXICO

The state delegation has held several meetings since the Presidents' Summit. No information on future plans is available at this time.

NEW YORK

A State Summit has been planned for April 1998. City delegations will be brought together with community organizations from around the state to facilitate communication between the groups and to highlight what is already occurring and what still needs to be improved in the service structure of New York state. The Governor's Office has committed to helping recruit 140,000 volunteers by the year 2000.

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina has pushed back the date for their state summit until late January in order to lay more serious groundwork. Governor Hunt and General Colin Powell have spoken about a statewide organizational meeting which will be held in the fall. Committees are being formed for the major planning areas including: logistics, programming, marketing and commitments. The governor is considering asking each of the state's counties to become Communities of Promise and to send delegates to the summit. He will also declare 1998 "The Year of the Volunteer."

NORTH DAKOTA

A local summit in Fargo on October 9-10, 1997 will offer a chance for each state region to translate the plans they have written into productive events and goals. The Lieutenant Governor will also look to use this summit to build momentum for statewide action.

THE NORTH MARIANA ISLANDS

No information is available at this time.

OHIO

The Governor's office will focus on more long-term alliance building within the state. Headed by the State Commission, Ohio will work to tie in several on-going initiatives in order to fulfill the goal of the Summit. They will build a state steering committee comprised of community and state delegates as well as those involved with the following on-going programs: Families and Children First Initiative, Jobs for Grads, School-to-Work, ReClaim Ohio, Adopt-A-School, Children's Trust Fund, and Seniors in Schools. They also hope to tie some of the national commitments with an Ohio presence into supporting Ohio efforts.

OKLAHOMA

The business, education and community of faith sectors are convening a state summit on November 13, 1997 that will include all state and local delegates and representatives from over 30 other communities. In all, approximately 400 delegates will participate in working sessions with goals such as the recruitment and training of local service organizers. Their efforts are supported by major commitments for school internet access from the Oklahoma Publishing Company and program support and volunteer hours in the five resources areas from Southwestern Bell.

OREGON

Different Oregon communities are gathering local community pledges. The Commission on Children and Families is planning to have a statewide summit in April 1998. They anticipate as many living governors attending as possible. An exact date has yet to be decided.

PENNSYLVANIA

No state summit is planned at this time, but state organizers are encouraging events at the regional level.

PUERTO RICO

General Powell joined Governor Pedro Rossello at a press conference in early July to discuss Puerto Rico's efforts related to children's issues. Puerto Rico's summit, projected for November 1997 or January 1998, is in the planning stages, with significant youth involvement and participation, and will concentrate on an initiative which was launched in April known as "Putting Our Kids First Congress [Congreso Nuestros Ninos Primero]." The Governor has pledged to provide access to the five fundamental resources to 100,000 young people in Puerto Rico by the year 2000. Since the Summit in Philadelphia, plans to implement Big Brother & Big Sister programs have been initiated.

RHODE ISLAND

For the first time, the state will conduct an inventory of resources and volunteers that are available to youth and compile a "Youth Resource Bank," in preparation for a state summit in November 1997. This will follow on the wake of a Youth Summit in October. Both events will focus on targets such as 2,500 new parent-teacher relationships, 2,000 additional mentors, 50 new neighborhood homework sites, and 100 employers offering paid time-off for community service or parent-teacher conferences.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Governor of South Carolina will host a statewide event in the Spring of 1998. His initiative will focus broadly on all children's issues. They have not yet decided on a location but expect 5,000 to attend. They are also concentrating on particular groups whom they feel were not widely represented at the Summit (The South Carolina Association of Volunteer Administrators, local United Way directors, communities of faith, school-based programs), who are eager to join in at the state level. Jean Moore of the Governor's Office feels South Carolina has and will continue to enjoy strong support from corporations and retirees, noting especially the Telephone Pioneers, Nation's Bank, IBM, and Colonial Life as groups who help in programs assisting children.

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota's state delegation was comprised of staff from the Governor's office. The Governor's office reported their state office is not currently planning any statewide volunteer programs or activities, but that local efforts are growing.

TENNESSEE

Tennessee is planning a statewide summit in the winter. Their fall date has been post-poned. They expect 400-500 participants but are still in early planning stages. The Governor recently sent a large proclamation to their office offering his full support of their efforts. Some groups eager to be involved are the Retired Teachers Association, AARP and the Disabled Veterans.

TEXAS

The State Commission, requested by the Governor's office to head up Summit efforts, hosts regular conference calls with communities who attended the Summit, plus two new communities. The last conference call was on August 2nd. The Governor's Volunteer Leadership Conference, "Volunteerism: Another Mission in Texas" will be held September 21-23 in San Antonio, featuring Summit workshops. Following that conference will be a kick-off to gain momentum for the local and city summits. The Texas Commission will provide guides for hosting local summits. A statewide summit is slated for May-June of 1998.

UTAH

The Governor has already declared a "State of Alert" for Utah's children. The state is planning a summit, but no date has been set yet. A Steering Committee of about 100 members is in place with subcommittees that include corporate representatives. The event will involve up to 10,000 people and will take place simultaneously at 100 public high schools. The local ABC affiliate will broadcast (as a commitment) from one location to all the sites for one hour. The rest of the event will model town meetings with communities making their own specific goals or joining with the state goals.

VERMONT

The Vermont Commission on National and Community Service is planning a state summit which will coincide with the annual Governor's Prevention Conference on May 11-12, 1998. There will be a focus on mentoring. Vermont has already conducted an inventory of state resources to see where there are gaps in providing the five fundamental resources. They are working on keynote speakers and a publicity plan. Some private industries which have already expressed interest are the Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility, the Business Roundtable and the School-to-Work Collaborative. They are also working to incorporate the America Reads program into their state as one means to provide youth with a marketable skill and a caring adult. This fall they will begin training college students who will receive work-study funds to tutor in the public school system as well as two private schools. They will also look to tie Retired Senior Volunteer Program members into this project.

VIRGINIA

Virginia has already had their statewide kickoff event and is now counting on local areas to keep the momentum rolling with local events. "Connect Virginia," held on June 2nd, involved over 300 participants from Virginia. The Virginia Volunteer Association organized the summit through their contacts in the local communities and the Virginia Office on Volunteerism assisted with statewide PSA's and media outreach. The participants were selected with an eye towards those who represented "best practices" in each of the five resource areas. The participants also attended panel discussions about delivering the five resources. Each participant received a pledge form to commit to personally and organizationally achieving their share of the Summit's goal. This pledge form will also appear in the Office of Volunteerism's newsletter that has a circulation of 8,000 people.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

No information is available at this time.

WASHINGTON

The State Commission on National and Community Service is discussing a state summit to follow on the heels of a Youth Summit in Spokane and a local summit in Seattle. The state delegation identified job readiness and literacy as its priority objectives.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Governor is supporting local summits throughout West Virginia this summer. The State Summit is planned for October 5-6, 1997 at the Science and Cultural Center in Charleston. Participants at the summit will break into groups on the five fundamental resources. The counties will be charged to go back and plan their own local summits.

WISCONSIN

In a post-Summit meeting, the Wisconsin delegation committed to a statewide summit on October 6th. A member of the Governor's office will be working full-time as the summit coordinator. First Lady Sue Ann Thompson, who attended the Summit as a state delegate, is the chairperson of the state summit. The event will be held in Madison at the newly constructed Frank Lloyd Wright Convention Center. The expanded delegation has met regularly since the Presidents' Summit. Committees have formed to tackle the five resources, as well as media outreach, planning and public relations.

WYOMING

The Wyoming Commission for National Service will be holding the statewide Governor's Summit for Wyoming's Future on September 14, 1997 in Casper. This state summit will then merge with the Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth Conference which will be held September 15-16th. Approximately 200 delegates are expected to attend the summit. The Wyoming Commission plans to focus on the five fundamental resources and expects the delegates to leave the summit with a "Tool Kit" of information, skills and motivation to facilitate their local community processes.

COMMUNITIES OF PROMISE
Summits and Events

Communities across the country are beginning to answer the call to be a "Community of Promise." The events they are planning will have broadened the sphere of individuals and organizations committing time and resources to delivering on our promise for the year 2000.

ALABAMA

DECATUR

On October 30 and 31st Decatur will be holding a summit event at Calhoun Community College. The delegation is prepared to host as many as 4,500 participants, with delegations from a number of communities. The summit organizers are making quite an effort to incorporate teachers and youth. By September 1st the Community Communications plan will be developed to promote Summit outcomes, purpose, actions, and commitments.

BIRMINGHAM

There is no information available at this time.

MADISON COUNTY

According to the delegation's lead point of contact, Madison County is currently collecting information in order to plan a local event.

ALASKA

ANCHORAGE

The Anchorage delegation of Alaska's Promise is not currently planning an event but is instead addressing a Community Action Plan composed of a variety of action steps. They are focusing on expanding their steering committee, as well as using the five fundamental resources as a base for conducting surveys in order to achieve their goals.

ARKANSAS

PINE BLUFF

On September 16-17, 1997 the Pine Bluff delegation will host the Pine Bluff Youth Summit. The delegates will include leaders from government, business, labor, education, religious organizations, nonprofit sector, and youth. The goal of the local summit is to "plan a large-scale campaign of action to build a future of hope for young Arkansans."

ARIZONA

PHOENIX

On August 22, 1997 the Phoenix delegation will host the Presidential Summit Planning Forum at Phoenix City Hall. Expecting approximately 150 participants, the original delegation has already invited new delegations to attend. Phoenix has taken on such initiatives as establishing a "summit hotline." The mayor of Phoenix is involved with and will be speaking at the event.

TUCSON

On September 27, 1997 the Tucson delegation hopes to host 300-400 participants at the Tucson's Promise Summit. The delegation is currently working to acquire a local community center to host the summit. Though they have yet to invite delegations, they have established three goals for the Summit: 1) motivate and energize citizens to address the goals set out in the Presidential Summit; 2) provide the tools to address such goals; and 3) generate 200 commitments to be published in a Tucson Promise Book. Tucson has set the goal that 20,000 additional youth in Pine County will have access to one or more of the resources by the end of the year 2000.

CALIFORNIA

COACHELLA VALLEY

On November 12, 1997 the Coachella Valley delegation will be hosting a luncheon for 25 participants. Coachella Valley, a community not represented at the Summit, became a "Community of Promise" after following the Presidents' Summit through the media.

EUREKA

On November 15, 1997 the Eureka delegation will be hosting a youth summit event. Though still in the planning phase, the summit will be divided into two separate programs for the commitment makers and the delegations.

LODI

Currently, Lodi is not planning an event, but is investigating possible options for the future.

OAKLAND

According to the delegation's lead point of contact, Oakland is currently collecting information in order to plan an event. They are hoping for a summit to occur sometime in November.

RIVERSIDE

Riverside is planning three events. On August 28th the "Day of Collaboration" will allow citizens to map out resources and needs in the community. In November, Riverside will have a "Day of Service" similar to the Germantown event at the Presidents' Summit. Finally, a summit will occur in early February. The latter two events are in the planning phase, and locations have yet to be established. In June, Mayor Ron Loveridge and 100 community leaders announced the "Youth Action '97" initiative and set plans for the summit.

SAN DIEGO

The San Diego delegation is planning an event which has yet to be determined. The delegation has met several times since the Summit to discuss implementation of their action plan.

COLORADO

DENVER

On April 19th, 1998, during National Volunteer Week, the Denver delegation will hold its summit. According to the lead point of contact, the coordinators are hoping to host 500-1000 participants. at the summit.

CONNECTICUT

GREENWICH

On August 27-28, 1997 the Greenwich delegation will host approximately 100 youth at a Youth Forum. The event is geared toward leadership development and the creation of a mentoring program. There will be seven similar forums this year including national associations such as United Way and Boy Scouts. A discussion centered on youth issues will be included in the forum.

DELAWARE

WILMINGTON

On October 24-26th Wilmington will host a series of events to promote, celebrate, and improve volunteerism in Delaware. The next meeting of the Wilmington Summit team will be held on July 29th. Wilmington will explore how to increase: 1) the resources dedicated to serving youth; and 2) the effectiveness of youth services supported by the public sector, the private and non-profit sectors and through volunteerism. The Wilmington Summit will coincide with National Make A Difference Day and with YWCA's Week Without Violence. Many leading non-profits and public agencies are already involved in the planning of the Summit, including Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Delaware, Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council, Children and Families First, YMCA, YWCA, the United Way of Delaware, and the offices of Mayor James Sills and Governor Thomas Carper.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The DC delegation, led by the Greater DC Cares delegates, recently met and decided to become a Community of Promise. The delegation will continue to meet in order to develop a strategic plan to implement the five fundamental resources into their community.

FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE

"A Summit for Jacksonville's Future" is being held on September 19th at the Convention Center. Mayor Delaney is including a volunteer and youth program to his annual neighborhood summit to make it a larger event. The youth forum is made up of delegates only and each high school and home school will have a minimum of 4 delegates per school. Area college students will serve as facilitators to high school students on a retreat this August. The summit program will include a morning session designated for neighborhoods, an afternoon session designated for volunteer programs, while the youth program will run during both sessions.

MIAMI

There is no information available at this time.

ST. PETERSBURG

On July 9, 1997 the St. Petersburg delegation held a town meeting which was attended by 125 participants. The meeting was held in the Realtors Building of St. Petersburg. The delegation has plans for a youth summit but no date has been set. The town meeting was designed for community persons who come from agencies, business, youth, churches, and other sectors to learn more about becoming involved in post-summit initiatives.

ILLINOIS

DEKALB

DeKalb is planning a youth summit this November. There has been one meeting which divided everyone into committees based on the five fundamental resource areas that need to be covered. They will continue to meet and report to each other on developments.

IOWA

DES MOINES

There is no information available at this time.

SPIRIT LAKE

The Spirit Lake delegation is focusing on informing organizations and clubs about the Presidents' Summit and about fulfilling the goals of a Community of Promise. They are accomplishing this using a Speakers Bureau. As of July 25th, delegates from the Presidents' Summit have spoken to community organizations, such as the County Board of Supervisors, at six different events.

IDAHO

BOVILL

On October 28, 1997 the Bovill delegation will hold a summit at the University of Idaho. The event is still in the planning stage, so a variety of logistics have yet to be determined. Governor Batt will be involved with the summit, and attended a meeting on Monday, July 28, 1997 to further summit planning.

POCATELLO

The Pocatello delegation is currently working on developing an organization called C.A.N.: Children's Advocacy Network. The stated mission of CAN is to "unite our community and families to increase the well being of children and adolescents." To this end, their core values are encompassed in the following goals: 1) promote a safe and nurturing environment; 2) promote educational opportunities for families; and 3) advocate issues which value children. The delegation is hopeful for a South Eastern Idaho Summit to occur in the future and is working with "Idaho's Kid's Count!" toward that end.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO

The Chicago delegation has staged a variety of activities, meetings, and media events. In June they held a series of forums throughout the city. Specifically, the Metro Youth Bridges Forum occurred in South Chicago, as well as events in North Chicago, West Chicago, Northwest Chicago, and Southwest Chicago. On July 15th, the delegation had a meeting to plan for the future. On September 5-6th, team members will be involved in an event connecting tutors and mentors. Finally, they are looking toward a Metro Chicago Summit, though a date has not yet been determined.

DEKALB

The City Council of Dekalb passed Resolution #97-52 on June 23, 1997: "Promoting Improved Access For The Youth Residents To The Five Fundamental And Developmental Resources In Cooperation With The Dekalb Alliance For Youth." The delegation is well on its way in planning a local summit for November 1997 to implement its primary strategies of public awareness, youth involvement, needs assessment and localizing commitments.

SPRINGFIELD

On August 1, 1997 the members of the Springfield delegation are holding the Members Retreat of Delegates. The 30 participants, including youth, are hoping to develop a plan for a youth summit and a community summit.

INDIANA

ELKHART

Elkhart has established several steps to achieve its three goals. First, they are creating an after school program for 500 at-risk youth. So far, \$225,000 has been raised for free rent, transportation, and medical care. Secondly, the delegation is recruiting 100 new mentors for existing programs. Finally, they are working on three health care initiatives aimed at delivering immunizations, lice treatment, and dental care.

KANSAS

WICHITA

On Saturday, November 22nd "Wichita's Promise - The Alliance for Youth" is scheduled. Five resource councils have been meeting and will report back to the community. Fifteen to forty people are actively working in each resource council and the numbers continue to grow. There is also a youth group planning a part of the program. A Steering Committee is working to find a more efficient way to access the available resources in their community.

LOUISIANA

NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans is holding their summit on October 23-25, 1997 at the Riverfront Hilton Hotel. This community summit will involve approximately 2000 individuals, focusing on attendance at the grassroots level. The final day of the summit is modeled after the "Germantown Event" of the Presidents' Summit. The goals of the summit are to a) recognize the resources which already exist in the community, and b) connect those resources with needs of New Orleans youth.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE

"Baltimore's Promise" summit will be held on September 13th at the Baltimore Arena. At this point the final version of Baltimore's vision will be presented to the 5,000 expected participants. An outside facilitator will work with the audience to rank the 8-12 priorities presented in order to have community input. The Mayor's office, the Management Board, and Safe and Sound are all working together to have a successful summit and to help kick-off the state summit scheduled for October 9th in Baltimore.

SALISBURY

In preparation for a local summit this fall, Salisbury has established five task forces, one for each resource area, which are in the process of identifying existing programs and activities, establishing measurable goals, and developing plans to reach children and youth. A Youth Advisory Council is being established as one mechanism to provide a strong youth voice throughout the process.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK COUNTY

Aroostook has been meeting every two to three weeks. A questionnaire is being developed and will be circulated in the community. At this point Aroostook is not planning a local summit but rather working on the state summit.

KNOX COUNTY

On August 14th delegates will be addressing the Camden Rotary Club. At this point, efforts are being put into helping the state summit rather than holding a local summit.

PORTLAND

On June 9, 1997 the Portland delegation held the Mayor's Community Youth Summit at Portland Arts and Technology High School. Acknowledging that the Greater Portland community has several children's initiatives underway (America's Promise, Communities for Children, Healthy Families, Success by Age Six) community leaders were asked to discuss their thoughts on the best way to respond to the needs of children. John McDonough, the mayor of Portland, welcomed participants to the summit. Using the five goals as a base, the summit focused on what is working in the community to provide each resource for children and adolescents.

MASSACHUSETTS

SPRINGFIELD

The Springfield delegation is involved in an event on November 18th and 19th. The event is called "Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges" and is part of the 8th annual New England Community Service Learning Conference. A component of the conference will be a session on America's Promise. The event will be held in the Best Western Royal Hotel in Marlborough, Massachusetts. The event coordinators are expecting approximately 800-1000 participants. Senator Edward Kennedy and Bonnie Bernard will be the keynote speakers at the conference. The Springfield delegation is planning a summit for early January.

MICHIGAN

FLINT

The Flint delegation is planning to hold a summit in September or October of 1997. Currently, the delegation is still exploring possible options in regards to the summit and will keep America's Promise updated as to their activities.

MARQUETTE/ALGER COUNTIES

On August 18, 1997 the Marquette/Alger Counties delegation will be holding a summit at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. First Lady Michelle Engler is involved in the event which includes delegations from every county in the Upper Peninsula. The event, which will be attended by 750 people, will be followed by a luncheon that will be attended by approximately 1000 participants.

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS

On October 22, 1997 the Minneapolis delegation is hosting a Youth Summit. The Minnesota Alliance With Youth has a variety of follow-up events planned to further the message of the Presidents' Summit. October 22nd marks the Fall Kick Off, which is the first statewide conference. It will be held at the St. Cloud Civic Center. The event will coincide with the Pre-conference of Minnesota Education Association. Moreover, the United Way of Minneapolis has worked on community interpretations of the five goals. Specifically, they have been discussing formal and informal short-term and long-term goals to achieve the five goals.

MOOREHEAD

There is no information available at this time.

MISSISSIPPI

BOLIVAR COUNTY

The delegates from Bolivar County have been meeting regularly and are trying to work more at the local level. The state summit scheduled for November 4-5th is joining all forces together. Bolivar is planning to hold a local summit early next year. Combined with Washington County, they have set a goal of reaching 3,000 children by the year 2000.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

There is no information available at this time.

MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS

The long-run planning for St. Louis is well under way. There have already been two community/town forums and a promise book is being circulated. There is no local summit being considered in the near future because the long-term plan entails the initiative for "St. Louis 2004." They are working with all sectors of the community to make St. Louis a competitive city by 2004. They are integrating the language and intent of America's Promise into the document of St. Louis 2004, which will have community input before it is finally adopted. Former Senator Danforth is the chairman for St. Louis 2004.

MONTANA

ANACONDA

The Anaconda delegation held their local community/county-wide summit on Friday, May 30, 1997 with 28 individuals representing various youth agencies, organizations, and adult organizations with "youth" in their mission statements. After a presentation given by the five Presidents' Summit delegates, the group decided the best way to fully assess where the community is in addressing the five resources, is by a survey. A task force was established to develop the survey and gather the data from all groups and agencies in the county. The group met June 18th and July 15th to review the surveys. Everyone surveyed noted what they could do to expand services and address the five fundamental resources. As a result, the task force decided to build a Youth Yellow Pages document, describing the agencies and organizations and their commitment to the five fundamental resources. Finally, the school district may move to open an after-school program with mentors to address the gap in services and will report at the August 4th meeting on their options.

BILLINGS

Billings may plan an event in conjunction with the State summit. Commitment-maker meetings are already in progress. The delegation is deciding what their role and focus in the community should be.

HAMILTON

There is no information available at this time.

NEBRASKA

OMAHA

The Omaha delegation has designated August 22, 1997 as the tentative date for the Metropolitan Omaha's Promise For Youth Summit. Currently, the delegation has selected a cross-section of the community for summit planning. The delegation is working to secure funding and financial support in order to follow through with their summit.

NEW YORK

ALBANY

Albany has a strong commitment from a local news channel to run public service announcements and help provide publicity and support to the work of the delegation. Cameras will be running with the local summit on October 13, 1997, where Albany delegates will champion safety zones for youth, while working sessions focus on district action plans.

BUFFALO

Since the Presidential Summit, the Buffalo delegation has been involved in a number of activities. Their primary goal is to "rebuild the Asset-Base for youth on the lower Westside by a) supporting the development of safe places to play, and b) supporting the connection of youth to adults by increasing the number of active mentors." Moreover, they are focusing on supporting youth development programs.

NEW YORK CITY

This city has been very active with a 75 member task force already in place which includes non-profit, corporate and government representatives as well as parents and youth. Their campaign, tentatively scheduled to launch this October, is called "Caring Adults & Safe Places for New York City's Youth. The campaign has pledged to help 250,000 young people by the year 2001; including mentors for 30,000 children; after-school opportunities for 20,000 youngsters; community service opportunities for 3,000 young people, summer jobs for 15,000 teens; academic and social support programs for 35,000 students; peer health and violence reduction training programs for 5,000 young people; and vaccinations for 30,000 kids. The October event will be a rally format and serve to disseminate information, plans and opportunities as well as collect ideas.

PLATTSBURGH

The Plattsburgh/Clinton County Delegation has recently merged with a task force the local United Way recently established. The Success by Six/Partners for Children Task Force will be the lead group coordinating efforts and establishing new initiatives geared towards the young people of North County, New York. In addition to serving on this subcommittee, the delegation will also help coordinate the local Youth Summit on November 1st, hosted by the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. One focus of the Summit will be to improve communication between groups to better meet their needs.

ROCHESTER

There is no information available at this time.

SYRACUSE/ONONDAGA

Reverend Soaries will be the keynote speaker at the Dual County Summit to be held on September 27, 1997. The Summit members and the Mayor of Syracuse will blend corporate and community efforts in local volunteer projects. Also, a local youth media group will produce a video, "The Media Unit," to use during presentations for publicity purposes. The Local Youth Summit will be held on October 13th, giving local youths the opportunity to speak out and develop their own action plans.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In June, delegates from Westchester County submitted their Community of Promise Intent form. The lead point of contact indicated that information about the delegation's efforts will be submitted at a later date.

NORTH CAROLINA

ASHEVILLE AND BUNCOMBE COUNTIES

These counties are still in the initial meeting stages.

NORTH DAKOTA

FARGO

With the strong support of the Lieutenant Governor, Fargo will use its local summit on October 9-10, 1997 as a springboard for every region in the state to implement the action plans they have created. To stimulate corporate support, Fargo hosted a business luncheon for their efforts on July 28, 1997.

OHIO

TOLEDO

Toledo delegates have submitted their intent form to become a Community of Promise. No information has been submitted regarding a local summit or related events.

OKLAHOMA

TULSA

On October 3, 1997, the Tulsa delegation will host Tulsa's Promise, "It's All About Kids." The event will occur from 9:00am-8:00pm in the Gilcrease Museum. The delegation has designed a two-part agenda. In the morning, participants will assess the inventory of existing programs and list the current needs, and in the afternoon they will set goals to achieve those ends.

OREGON

EUGENE-LANE COUNTIES

The Eugene Lane Delegation will be holding a summit on October 10, 1997 at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Networkers for Youth, the convenors of the summit, are a local network of business, education, and community leaders. According to the delegation, Oregon's Promise is the first step to support, coordinate, refine, and expand the individual and organizational efforts serving the needs of youth in Lane County. Sponsoring the summit is Symantec, the Lane County Commission on Children and Families, Networking for Youth, and the Southern Willamette Private Industry Council.

PORTLAND

There is no information available at this time.

PUERTO RICO

SAN JUAN

There is no information available at this time.

RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE

Providence has merged with the state delegation. Please refer to the state summary.

SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARLESTON

The Charleston delegation recently met and decided to become a Community of Promise. The delegation will continue to meet to develop a strategic plan of providing the five fundamental resources in their community.

CHESTER COUNTY

As a result of the Philadelphia Summit and a meeting of delegates on May 29th, a regional volunteer roundup event has been scheduled for Sunday, September 14, 1997.

COLUMBIA

The town would like to use a volunteer showcase format at a day-long summit on November 20th to attract corporations interested in making commitments.

SOUTH DAKOTA

SIOUX FALLS

This community is having a pre-summit luncheon of 500 participants on July 29th to create interest in their fall Summit, "The Sioux Falls Promise: An Alliance for All of Our Youths." The Summit will be held on September 26-27th at the Coliseum and organizers expect 1000-2000 participants. A half hour talk show will start off the summit thanks to a local network station. The mayor and a 48 person planning group are spearheading the effort. They will conduct a Youth Summit side by side with their Summit. Youth members are actively planning this segment to include the summer's slate of activities leading up to the Summit. Planners have visited with youth from the lock-up Juvenile Detention Center to gain their input on how best to help at-risk youth.

TEXAS

EL PASO

The El Paso delegation is in the midst of planning an El Paso Summit for Youth, to be held September 17th or 18th. The delegation anticipates 600 young people from the area to participate in the event. The young people will be selected to participate in the event based on submitted essays, including students from elementary, middle and high schools, both public and private. The Summit for Youth will be held at the University of Texas and will include break out sessions and several speakers.

FORT WORTH

Fort Worth is planning their summit for November 8, 1997 at the Tarrant County Convention Center. They anticipate 3000-5000 participants from all sectors of the communities, not only from Fort Worth, but also neighboring Tarrant County. Since April, the Fort Worth delegation has formed task forces on the five fundamental resources. By the November summit these groups will have assessed both the strengths and gaps, and a duplication of efforts outlined in the Presidents' Summit and will present their plan to fulfill their goal related to the five fundamental resources. A directory of volunteer opportunities will be printed up and provided to each delegate.

HOUSTON

On September 20, 1997 the Houston delegation will hold a volunteer rally and commit over three thousand volunteer hours. They are planning a local summit to be chaired by President and Mrs. Bush.

VERMONT

BURLINGTON

Burlington delegates submitted their intent form to become a Community of Promise. No additional information is available at this time.

VIRGINIA

HAMPTON

No information is available at this time.

RICHMOND

Linda Robb, President of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, convened 300 participants at a local high school for "The Summit on Youth - Working Together for Change." Working papers on a variety of subjects sparked planning on critical issues incorporating resources such as youth assets mapping and volunteer organizing. A "Youth Yellow Pages" of information and helpful agencies was an important tool developed for attendees.

WASHINGTON

SEATTLE

The Seattle delegation has been at work on a variety of activities upon their return from the Presidents' Summit. In May of 1997, the delegation developed a Speakers' Bureau composed of delegation members to outreach into the greater community. On May 28, 1997, they held a delegation task force meeting with over 100 individuals to begin brainstorming the next steps for a local initiative. As for the future, the delegation plans to develop an information brochure that depicts the mission, goals, those who are involved, and what the initiative offers. Moreover, they are hoping to design a Community Summit and Service Celebration and barn-raising events which will occur in the third and fourth weeks of October. Finally, they are working on securing a loan executive.

WISCONSIN

GREEN BAY

A nationally televised football game will be the inaugural event for the Summit Fest on September 1-2, 1997. Organized by Green Bay's Promise and the Neighborhood Resource Board, the Summit Fest will convene community representatives through Neighborhood Family Resource Centers and Neighborhood Associations to offer them technical assistance with designing and implementing local plans. Green Bay has planned a Summit Celebration and Call to Action and held a committee session on July 28, 1997.

MILWAUKEE

Twenty-five non-profit mentoring organizations comprise one of the five resource teams that will help delegates organize around the goals featured in a local summit in the fall of 1997. In addition, the delegation has the commitment of an advertising agency to do pro bono work and undertake a youth mapping effort to identify needs. A preliminary goal is to add 500 local mentors to the ranks of volunteer groups.

WEST VIRGINIA

ATHENS

A Community Session will be held in Athens on September 5, 1997, to which they are inviting community planners and potential funders. Athens' main focus at present centers on the fifth resource. They have developed a concept paper and are looking for the necessary funding. Their goal includes creating a volunteer center and increasing the number of volunteers in the area.

CHARLESTON

The Valley Summit was held in the Charleston Civic Center on July 1, 1997. Local delegates continue to meet every two weeks. A Spring summit will be held to chart the progress made.

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May 21 1997	Kansas	Wichita	Other	Declaration of Interdependence Signing
May 29 1997	Connecticut		Other	Conference on Volunteerism
May 30 1997	Montana	Anaconda	Summit	
Summer 1997	South Carolina	Charleston	Other	State of the Children Address/Promise Book&Report Card Release
June 1997	Kentucky	Louisville	Summit	
June 1997	Minnesota	Moorehead	Other	Community Forum
June 1997	Washington	Spokane	Summit	Youth Summit
June 1997	Illinois	Springfield	Other	Summit Planning Retreat
June 1997	Florida	Tampa	Summit	
June 1997	New Jersey	Newark	Summit	
June 01 1997	West Virginia	Parkersburg	Summit	
June 02 1997	Virginia		Summit	Connect Virginia
June 04 1997	Michigan	Detroit	Summit	
June 05 1997	Michigan	Battle Creek	Summit	
June 07 1997	Connecticut	New London	Other	Youth Summit
June 09 1997	Maine	Portland	Summit	Mayor's Community Youth Summit
June 12 1997	Illinois		Other	Governor's Mansion Meeting
June 12 1997	Illinois	Champaign and Urbana	Summit	
June 13 1997	Pennsylvania	Scranton/ Wilkes-Barre	Other	Summit Kickoff
June 14 1997	Michigan	Lansing	Other	Youth Forum
June 18 1997	Georgia	Savannah	Other	Community Planning Session
June 18 1997	Pennsylvania	Butler County	Summit	Youth Summit
June 26 1997	West Virginia	Bluefield and Mercer Counties	Summit	

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July 1997	South Dakota	Oglala Sioux	Summit	
July 1997	New Hampshire		Other	Youth Summit
July 01 1997	West Virginia	Charleston	Summit	Valley Summit
July 02 1997	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Other	State Follow-Up Meeting
July 02 1997	Minnesota		Other	Presidents' Summit Youth Involvement Meeting
July 04 1997	Alaska	Fairbanks	Other	July 4 Celebration
July 09 1997	New Hampshire	Manchester	Summit	Greater Manchester Summit for Youth
July 09 1997	Florida	St. Petersburg/Pinella	Other	Town Meeting
July 14 1997	Tennessee	Northwest Tennessee	Summit	Northwest Tennessee Volunteer Summit
July 15 1997	Kansas	Topeka	Other	Volunteers Connect Topeka Campaign Kickoff
July 18 1997	Missouri		Other	State Roundtable Discussion-All Delegates
July 18-25 1997	South Dakota	Rose Bud Sioux	Summit	Youth Sobriety Campout
July 22 1997	Virginia	Richmond	Summit	The Summit for Youth--Working Together for Change
July 23 1997	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	Other	Summit Forum
July 25 1997	California	Fresno	Other	Task Force Status Report Meeting
July 28 1997	Alaska		Other	Statewide Delegate Meeting w/ Lt. Gov.
July 28 1997	North Dakota	Fargo	Other	Business Luncheon
July 29 1997	South Dakota	Sioux Falls	Other	Pre-Summit Kick-Off
August 1997	Illinois		Other	Public Meetings Series
August 1997	Alabama	Tallapoosa	Summit	
August 01 1997	North Carolina	Greenville and Pitt County	Summit	Local Summit
August 12 1997	California	Sacramento	Summit	Connect Sacramento Kickoff
August 18 1997	Michigan	Marquette and Alger	Summit	
August 18-20 1997	Ohio	Columbus	Summit	Words of Youth Retreat

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August 27-28 1997	Connecticut Greenwich	Other	Youth Forum
August 28 1997	Arkansas	Other	Governor's Announcement
August 28 1997	California Riverside	Other	"Day of Collaboration"-resource mapping
Fall 1997	South Carolina Charleston	Summit	
Fall 1997	Maryland Salisbury	Summit	
Fall 1997	New Mexico Albuquerque	Summit	
Fall 1997	Indiana Fort Wayne	Summit	
Fall 1997	Michigan Flint	Summit	
Fall 1997	Kentucky Madison County	Summit	
Fall 1997	New York New York City	Other	Kickoff / Youth Event
Fall 1997	Pennsylvania Harrisburg	Summit	
Fall 1997	Nevada Las Vegas	Other	One Day Call to Action
Fall 1997	Nevada	Other	Governor's Call to Action
Fall 1997	New Hampshire Manchester	Other	Agency/Business Commitment Workshop
September 1997	Texas Austin	Summit	
September 01-02 1997	Wisconsin Green Bay	Summit	SummitFest
September 05 1997	Georgia Athens	Other	Community Planning Session
September 06 1997	Texas Central Texas/Waco	Other	Central Texas Youth Volunteering Summit
September 13 1997	Maryland Baltimore	Summit	Baltimore's Promise Summit
September 14 1997	South Carolina Chester and Lancaster	Other	Regional Volunteer Roundup
September 15-16 1997	Wyoming	Summit	Governor's Summit for America's Future/HC/HYC Conference
September 15-16 1997	Iowa	Other	Conference & Summit Planning Session
September 16-17 1997	Arkansas Pine Bluff	Summit	Youth Summit
September 19 1997	Florida Jacksonville	Summit	Summit for Jacksonville's Future

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September 20 1997	Pennsylvania Philadelphia	Summit	Greater Philadelphia Alliance for Youth
September 20 1997	Texas Houston	Other	Volunteer Rally/Houston Industries Power of Houston Celebration
September 21-23 1997	Texas	Other	"Volunteerism: Another Mission in Texas" Conference
September 22 1997	Nebraska Omaha	Summit	Metropolitan Omaha's Promise For Youth Summit
September 24-26 1997	Tennessee Knoxville	Summit	
September 26 1997	Idaho Boise	Summit	Boise's Promise
September 26-27 1997	South Dakota Sioux Falls	Summit	South Dakota Volunteerism Summit
September 26-27 1997	Kentucky	Summit	"Governor's Summit for Kentucky's Kids"
September 26-28 1997	Pennsylvania Allentown	Summit	Lehigh Valley Summit
September 27 1997	Arizona Tucson	Summit	The Tucson Summit
September 27 1997	Indiana Indianapolis	Summit	Indy Summit 2000
September 27 1997	New York Syracuse/Onondaga	Other	Dual County Summit
September 27 1997	Pennsylvania Easton	Summit	Lehigh Valley Summit (Continued) / 2nd Annual Teen Summit
September 28-30 1997	Pennsylvania Bethlehem	Summit	
October 1997	Louisiana Baton Rouge	Summit	
October 1997	Washington Seattle	Summit	Community Summit and Service Celebration
October 1997	Connecticut Bridgeport and Fairfield Counties	Summit	The Alliance for Bridgeport Youth
October 1997	Maryland	Summit	
October 1997	New Mexico	Summit	
October 1997	Rhode Island	Summit	Youth Summit
October 1997	New Jersey Morris County	Summit	CONNECT MORRIS
October 1997	Minnesota Duluth	Other	Duluth Celebrates Mentoring
October 1997	Indiana	Other	State-wide Roundtable w/ Governor
October 1997	New York New York	Other	"Caring Adults and Safe Places for New York City's Youth"-Rally
October 01 1997	Texas Dallas	Other	Task Force Report/Community Plan Release

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October 03 1997	Oklahoma	Tulsa	Summit	It's All About Kids
October 05-6 1997	West Virginia		Summit	
October 06 1997	Wisconsin		Summit	
October 07 1997	Pennsylvania	Scranton and Wilkes-Barre	Summit	
October 09 1997	Maryland		Summit	Maryland's Promise
October 09-10 1997	North Dakota	Fargo	Summit	Local Summit
October 10 1997	Oregon	Eugene and Lane County	Summit	Oregon's Promise: A Summit for Youth
October 12 1997	Virginia	Virginia Beach	Summit	Youth Summit
October 13 1997	New York	Albany	Summit	Volunteer Summit
October 13 1997	New York	Syracuse	Other	Youth Summit
October 18 1997	Texas	Laredo	Summit	South Texas International Summit for America's Future
October 18 1997	Iowa	Page and Clay Counties	Summit	
October 18-23 1997	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	Summit	
October 20 1997	Michigan		Summit	The Emerging Patterns Of Volunteerism
October 22 1997	Louisiana		Summit	"Louisiana's Promise: The Summit for Youth"
October 22 1997	Minnesota		Other	Fall Kick-Off
October 22 1997	Minnesota	Minneapolis	Summit	Youth Summit/
October 23-25 1997	Louisiana	New Orleans	Summit	
October 24-26 1997	Delaware	Wilmington	Summit	Wilmington Volunteer Summit
October 25 1997	Wyoming	Cheyenne	Summit	Make a Difference Day / Volunteer Fair
October 25 1997	Arkansas	Little Rock	Summit	
October 25 1997	Illinois		Other	Make a Difference Day Kickoff Celebration
October 25-26 1997	Massachusetts		Summit	The Promise of Our Youth
October 28 1997	Idaho	Moscow	Summit	
October 28 1997	Idaho	Bovill	Summit	

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November 1997	Illinois	Dekalb	Summit	
November 1997	Connecticut	New London	Summit	
November 1997	California	Oakland	Summit	
November 1997	Connecticut	Gales Ferry	Summit	
November 1997	Rhode Island		Summit	
November 1997	California	Riverside	Other	"Day of Service"
November 1997	Florida	Miami	Other	Community Goals Announcement
November 01 1997	Illinois	Rockford	Summit	
November 01 1997	California	Long Beach	Summit	
November 01 1997	New York	Plattsburgh/ Clinton County	Other	Youth Summit
November 04-5 1997	Mississippi		Summit	
November 08 1997	Texas	Fort Worth	Summit	
November 11-14 1997	Oklahoma		Summit	
November 12 1997	California	Coachella Valley	Other	
November 15 1997	California	Eureka	Summit	Youth Summit
November 18-19 1997	Massachusetts	Springfield	Other	"Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges" of Service Learning Conf.
November 20 1997	South Carolina	Columbia	Summit	
November 22 1997	Kansas	Wichita	Summit	Wichita's Promise--The Alliance for Youth
Winter 1997	Washington		Summit	
Winter 1997	Puerto Rico		Summit	
Winter 1997	Tennessee		Summit	
December 1997	New Jersey		Summit	New Jersey Summit on Volunteerism
January 1998	Massachusetts	Springfield	Summit	
January 1998	North Carolina		Summit	Statewide Summit

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January 1998	Maine	Portland	Summit	
January 29 1998	California	San Pedro	Other	Community Conference
February 1998	California	Riverside	Summit	Riverside Summit
February 16 1998	Oregon	Bend	Summit	
Spring 1998	Idaho		Summit	
Spring 1998	North Carolina	Raleigh	Summit	
Spring 1998	Hawaii		Summit	
Spring 1998	Wisconsin	Madison	Summit	
Spring 1998	Arkansas		Summit	
Spring 1998	Kansas		Summit	
April 1998	New York		Summit	
April 1998	Oregon		Summit	
April 1998	Maine		Summit	
April 19 1998	Colorado		Summit	
May 1998	California		Summit	
May 1998	Florida		Summit	
May 1998	New Hampshire		Summit	
May 29 1998	Minnesota		Summit	Minnesota Volunteer Summit
June 1998	Illinois	Chicago	Other	Statewide Forums
June 1998	Texas		Summit	
June 15-16 1998	Montana		Summit	"The Summit to Build Montana's Future"
June 28-29 1998	Iowa		Summit	
September 17-18 1998	Texas	El Paso	Summit	El Paso Summit for Youth
Winter 1998	Kansas	Kansas City	Summit	Kansas City Summit for Children and Youth
Tba 1998	Utah		Summit	Governor's Statewide Summit

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San Diego

Summit

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Dear Ms. Galea,

I was one of the Notre Dame/AmeriCorps Members who attended the Presidential Radio Address on Netday in April, and I just received the pictures from that occasion in the mail yesterday. I was delightfully surprised to not only receive the posed shot, but four additional ones as well. I appreciate the time and effort that your office and the White House Staff made in this task. My family, friends, and co-workers can now more actively share in the excitement of that special morning with me.

It is great to know that former AmeriCorps members like yourself are continuing in your dedication to service. Keep up the good work!

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lara Bishop". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of "Lara" and "Bishop" being capitalized and prominent.

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Hi Kerry,

Thanks for the update, happy to be of assistance. We just had an opportunity to view those BEAUTIFUL pictures which you sent Lara Bishop last Friday, when we had an appreciation event in honor of the NDA members' service with us. Unfortunately Phyllis could not make it, so we have yet to see her pictures.

You guys have exhilarated our folks (and others involved) through this experience. I'm especially grateful because you sent the pictures so quickly... (unusual in this world!)

Take care
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A Formal Request to States from America's Promise

America's Promise believes that every state should be a **STATE OF PROMISE**, a state that actively supports communities in which all children and young people have access to the five fundamental resources: *a Caring Adult; a Healthy Start for a Healthy Future; Safe Places to Learn and Grow; Marketable or Career Skills; and An Opportunity to Give Back through Service.*

Therefore, America's Promise requests that each state agree to do the following:

- **Convene an America's Promise-endorsed State Summit**, bringing together community delegations and leaders from all sectors (e.g., corporate, education, communities of faith...) who commit to ongoing work to achieve the goals of the summit. Coordinate the timing of your summit with America's Promise to maximize the resources we can provide your state.
- **Establish a specific numerical state goal** for the number of additional young people who will have access to the five fundamental resources by the end of the year 2000. The target: 10% of a state's young people, with special emphasis on those most in need.
- **Generate local commitments** from all sectors to be featured in "State Promise Books".
- **Establish a contact point**, state summit chair and state "home" for communication and reporting of events, summit plans, commitments and progress to America's Promise.
- **Use standard measurement tools** provided by America's Promise to monitor our progress on an annual basis.

In recognition of your willingness to become a State of Promise, America's Promise will provide the following support: *Help identify and approach potential commitment-makers* for your State Summit and goals; *help secure celebrities and national leaders* for your State Summit and provide other opportunities for media connections; *help develop regional communication plans and provide products* that can be localized to raise public awareness and support; *establish mechanisms for ongoing contact with America's Promise*, including updated lists of commitment-makers by state and community; and *provide standard reporting and measurement tools* for tracking commitments and publicizing progress.

A Formal Challenge to Communities from America's Promise

Every county, city and town should be a COMMUNITY OF PROMISE, a place that claims all its children as its own and does for them what any loving parent would do — mentor, protect, nurture, teach, and inspire to serve.

America's Promise challenges every community that came to the Summit and every community that attended in spirit to commit to do four things:

- **Take responsibility for reaching a target number of young people** in neighborhoods and communities throughout their city and to provide them with the opportunity to enroll by name. (The target: 10% of a community's young people, with special emphasis on those most in need).
- **Secure commitments from all sectors** in providing the resources and in creating opportunities for young people to serve.
- **Establish a contact point and community home** for communication and reporting of events, plans, commitments and progress to America's Promise.
- **Use standard measurement tools** provided by America's Promise to monitor progress on an annual basis. [Tracking of local commitments made to young people, their impact on enrolled youth, and the overall health of young people and community.]

In addition, **America's Promise strongly encourages** Communities of Promise to:

- **Build on what works.** Map and assess the overextended and untapped resources in every neighborhood, identify and build on what is working in their communities and across the country, use the best methods available for generating commitments and cooperation, reaching young people and families, and tracking progress.
- **Convene a local Summit** bringing together all sectors in the community to generate local commitments. Build it into an ongoing plan to energize, mobilize, organize, and leverage real commitments and real changes.
- **Invest in neighborhoods.** Mobilize and coordinate resource through the development of "community hubs" (places such as schools where coordination and activities can occur) and "community coaches" (individuals trained and focused on connecting resources to young people and to all five fundamental resources).

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Please fill out the attached contact form and send or fax it back to us in order to update our files. Your governor will be designating



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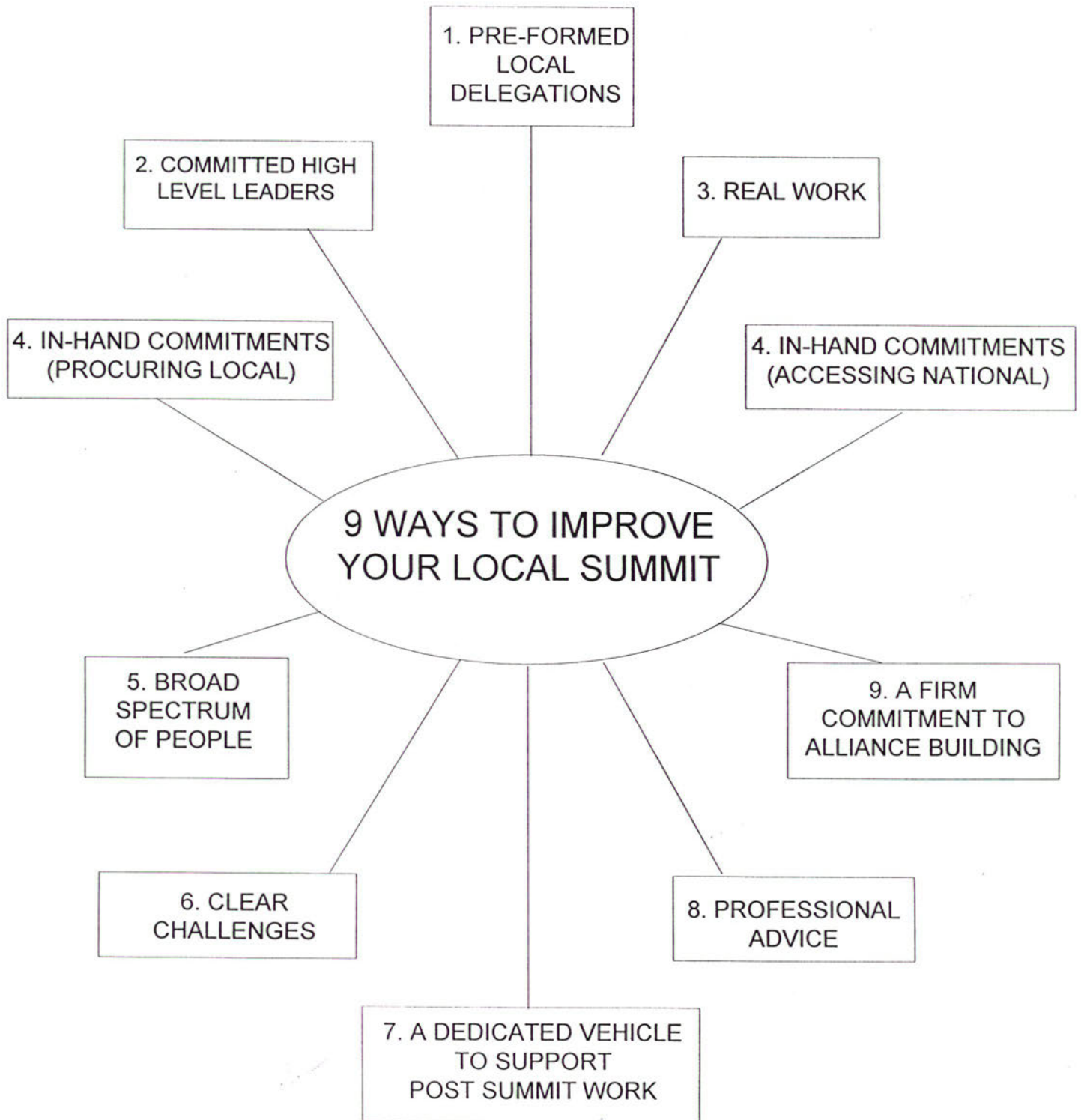
Under Construction...

Please excuse our informal look. Many things are under construction at America's Promise as we plan how best to work with you and help you work with other communities and commitment makers.

ACCELERATING THE MOMENTUM

HOW AND WHY TO HAVE A SUMMIT

Energize. Recognize. Galvanize. Mobilize. Organize.



9 Ways to Improve Your Summit

There are many possible ways that states and communities can craft public events to build on and expand the energy, enthusiasm, and commitment created in Philadelphia. We offer you our thinking on why the Presidents' Summit was as successful as it was and how, in hindsight, we think we could have made it better.

It is unlikely that any Summit will have all of these ingredients, but here are 9 we recommend. (You can decide how well we did).

Pre-formed State and Local Delegations. Neighborhood, county, or city delegations would be the equivalent of the local delegations invited to the Summit. In most cities or counties, it should be possible to invite delegations from every neighborhood, not just a sampling. The national commitment-makers and prominent speakers brought visibility and optimism to the Summit. The local and state delegations brought reality and perseverance.

- ▶ Decide how best to divide up your state, city or town (by neighborhood, district, precinct, county).
- ▶ Identify one or more types of organizations or associations that operate in most neighborhoods to use as a convener (e.g. neighborhood councils or associations, community centers, community development corporations, interfaith councils).
- ▶ Make sure the conveners understand the task: to convene a cross-section of the neighborhood to represent the neighborhood at the Summit -- working before the Summit to understand the neighborhoods assets, needs, issues and goals for its children and youth.
- ▶ Provide the delegations with information on the goals of the Summit and of America's Promise so that they come prepared. Keep delegations informed of the progress of the Summit.
- ▶ Be sure that the delegations understand the challenge to become "Communities of Promise" -- setting a target goal, enrolling young people by name, generating commitments from all sectors, measuring progress.

Committed High Level Leaders. The Summit brought together an unprecedented group of national leaders from across the sectors. Their combined power at the Summit was visible. What was less visible but no less important was the active involvement of a core group of public, private and corporate national leaders before the Summit and their commitment to continue to stay involved afterward. What brought this group together? The importance of the task, the clarity of the goals, the concreteness of the ideas of solid commitments and measurable accountability.

- ▶ Start with a list of who attended the Summit from your state and community and who made commitments. (America's Promise can help you with this).
- ▶ Decide who, in your state, are the natural champions of youth. Approach them to not only speak at the Summit, but join the permanent structure that will ensure the goals are met.
- ▶ Get leaders who own the goal, their personal enthusiasm and commitments will drive the Summit.

Real Work. One of the clear signs of success at the Philadelphia Summit was the level of engagement. The state and local delegations worked on plans. The national delegations convened in groups to discuss next steps. Everyone stopped to learn about programs that are working across the country. The Summit was about inspiration, celebration, and recognition, but it was also about planning, sharing and networking.

- ▶ Leave time for planning and small groups. Take these seriously, prepare worksheets. Have facilitators. Set the goal and work backwards. Have the neighborhood delegations leave with more inspiration, information, more connections and the beginning of a plan.
- ▶ Allow time for networking. Give city-wide associations, coalitions, funders, leaders opportunities to offer their own small events during the Summit or to attend special-focused events you develop. Make current and potential commitment makers feel needed. Have neighborhood delegations meet with other neighborhoods.

In-hand Commitments. The Summit was the celebration and public recording of significant, new commitments, commitments which escalated as the event approached. Over 300 commitments have come in since the Summit, suggesting that the momentum will continue. The commitment makers added a level of enthusiasm and optimism to the Summit that would have been difficult to achieve otherwise.

- ▶ Set the Summit date far enough in advance to ensure that you have some firm commitments in place.
- ▶ Build momentum by showcasing commitment makers in the media and starting a *Commitment Watch*.
- ▶ Compile a commitment book that is updated after the Summit.
- ▶ Put together a team to call potential commitment makers, don't wait for them to come to you.

A Broad Spectrum of People. Everyone at the Summit -- those whose names we recognize and those whose names we don't -- was there because they care about how we -- America's citizens young and old -- can make clear and make good on our promises to young people. Promises to mentor, nurture, protect, teach, and serve them and encourage them to do so for others. And everyone was there -- young people, citizen advocates, school superintendents, faith leaders, youth workers, parents, mayors, human service providers, small business owners.

- ▶ Ensure that the delegations, the panelists, the topics (within the five goals) reflect the spectrum of your state and communities.
- ▶ Plan with the participants in mind. Have a range of functions.

Clear Challenges. A call for significant, new voluntary action on the part of individuals and organizations in the five core sectors -- business, government, education, faith, non-profit to ensure that an additional 2 million young people have access to all five fundamental resources -- a caring adult, a healthy start, safe places and structured activities, education for marketable skills, opportunities for service. The significance of the challenge -- a numeric target, a commitment to ensure all five resources -- cannot be underestimated. State and local delegations were asked to commit to ensuring that an additional 10 percent of their young people have all five resources. States might break this goal down further to challenge counties, cities, towns and neighborhoods. Local summits should build on the plans and visions created in Philadelphia.

- ▶ Drive home the importance of the five resources and the five sectors. Repeat it over and over before the Summit in all materials. Use America's Promise materials as a basis for making your own or order them.
- ▶ Send the message that volunteering and voluntary action is important. Government has a vital role. They need to make voluntary commitments as well. The Summit is not about replacing government.
- ▶ Know the target for your state. Help set the target goal for the communities in your state. Hammer these home. Give delegations statistics on their numbers.

A Dedicated Vehicle to Support the Post-Summit Work. America's Promise -- The Alliance for Youth is the multi-year, national campaign that will propel the mission and goals of the Presidents' Summit forward. America's Promise will continue mobilizing national commitments from all sectors, as well as from states and communities; it will track, monitor, and publicly report progress toward the goals each year and carry out an extensive marketing and awareness effort to inspire new commitments and promote the five fundamental resources. We encourage state and local delegations to think about where and how to house the ongoing effort. Your state and local Summits are the beginning, not the end.

- ▶ Think now about what it will take to keep the momentum going and which organization(s) or collaborative(s) might play this role. (Use the City and County Planning Guide given your delegation at the Philadelphia Summit or call America's Promise to obtain copies.)
- ▶ Have the first three things you think should happen post-Summit planned *before* the Summit.

Professional Advice. The Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service, the official co-conveners of the Summit, brought together a wide-ranging group of paid and unpaid professionals to help them plan the Summit -- how to define the goals, shape the messages, select and prepare the delegations, how to organize the program, develop the media. We cannot underestimate the importance of this advice or the enthusiasm with which it was offered. We encourage state and local community delegations to reach out broadly as they plan.

- Don't underestimate what it takes to plan a meeting. Get PR firms, restaurants, the telephone company, planners involved as a part of their commitment. Call America's Promise if you need recommendations.
- Make a list of what you will need to have the Summit. Develop a separate Summit commitment-generating process.
- Think about what you found most valuable about the Philadelphia Summit. Start your program planning from there.

A Firm Commitment to Alliance Building. It is not just the promise that is important, it is how we work to keep it. Although the process is slower, America's Promise is dedicated to working with an expanding group of national organizations and associations to support state and communities' efforts.

- Identify the stakeholders, big and small. Invite them to think about how they can contribute direct resources to young people, resources that will help local organizations coordinate and maintain their work, and resources that will help the Alliance grow.
- Think about what is needed to get the job done. Build partnerships. Find ways to help all sectors feel a part of the movement. Do not position your alliance as a new competitor or a gatekeeper but as a facilitator.

4 Ways America's Promise Can Help

America's Promise does not have the capacity to help local communities plan or fund their Summits, but we do have some resources and contacts that can make the job easier:

Speakers. America's Promise can help identify national speakers knowledgeable about and connected to America's Promise, although we do not have funds to cover transportation and honorarium or electronic conferencing. America's Promise does not control General Powell's schedule, he remains a private citizen who has volunteered to commit a significant amount of his time to America's Promise. Because of the number of communities and states that will be having Summits, America's Promise cannot recommend that the General speak at particular Summits although we will inform him of the dates and agendas as soon as we know of them.

Materials. We can provide you with electronic copy of some of the word-processed documents used at the Summit that are available for reproduction and with estimates for the reprinting of formal documents such as the Five Fundamental Resources piece done by the Search Institute), and with bulk copies of some America's Promise documents (you will be billed for shipping and handling). Please allow three weeks for delivery.

Planning. Beverly Arsht and Marilyn Sifford, the consultants who helped plan the program for the Philadelphia Summit, participated in a workshop on How to Plan a Local Summit at the Points of Light National Community Service Conference at the end of June. They and the other facilitators who worked with the delegations are committed to this issue and for consulting with communities and states, as are several other organizations. America's Promise will continue to identify other individuals and organizations that can help communities plan their events. We are also prepared to connect you with the right person if you have specific questions.

How To's. A series of how-to-guides will be developed over the next few months -- How to plan a Summit, How to Work with Media, How to Generate Commitments. The guides will contain sample materials, recommendations for further assistance, and key contacts.

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May 21 1997	Kansas	Wichita	Other	Declaration of Interdependence Signing
May 29 1997	Connecticut		Other	Conference on Volunteerism
May 30 1997	Montana	Anaconda	Summit	
Summer 1997	South Carolina	Charleston	Other	State of the Children Address/Promise Book&Report Card Release
June 1997	Kentucky	Louisville	Summit	
June 1997	Minnesota	Moorehead	Other	Community Forum
June 1997	Washington	Spokane	Summit	Youth Summit
June 1997	Illinois	Springfield	Other	Summit Planning Retreat
June 1997	Florida	Tampa	Summit	
June 1997	New Jersey	Newark	Summit	
June 01 1997	West Virginia	Parkersburg	Summit	
June 02 1997	Virginia		Summit	Connect Virginia
June 04 1997	Michigan	Detroit	Summit	
June 05 1997	Michigan	Battle Creek	Summit	
June 07 1997	Connecticut	New London	Other	Youth Summit
June 09 1997	Maine	Portland	Summit	Mayor's Community Youth Summit
June 12 1997	Illinois		Other	Governor's Mansion Meeting
June 12 1997	Illinois	Champaign and Urbana	Summit	
June 13 1997	Pennsylvania	Scranton/ Wilkes-Barre	Other	Summit Kickoff
June 14 1997	Michigan	Lansing	Other	Youth Forum
June 18 1997	Georgia	Savannah	Other	Community Planning Session
June 18 1997	Pennsylvania	Butler County	Summit	Youth Summit
June 26 1997	West Virginia	Bluefield and Mercer Counties	Summit	

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June 14 1997	Michigan	Lansing	Other	Youth Forum
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July 1997	Indiana	Gary	Summit	
July 1997	South Dakota	Oglala Sioux	Summit	
July 1997	New Hampshire		Other	Youth Summit
July 01 1997	West Virginia	Charleston	Summit	Valley Summit
July 02 1997	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Other	State Follow-Up Meeting
July 02 1997	Minnesota		Other	Presidents' Summit Youth Involvement Meeting
July 04 1997	Alaska	Fairbanks	Other	July 4 Celebration
July 09 1997	New Hampshire	Manchester	Summit	Greater Manchester Summit for Youth
July 09 1997	Florida	St. Petersburg/Pinella	Other	Town Meeting
July 14 1997	Tennessee	Northwest Tennessee	Summit	Northwest Tennessee Volunteer Summit
July 15 1997	Kansas	Topeka	Other	Volunteers Connect Topeka Campaign Kickoff
July 18 1997	Missouri		Other	State Roundtable Discussion-All Delegates
July 18-25 1997	South Dakota	Rose Bud Sioux	Summit	Youth Sobriety Campout
July 22 1997	Virginia	Richmond	Summit	The Summit for Youth--Working Together for Change
July 23 1997	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	Other	Summit Forum
July 25 1997	California	Fresno	Other	Task Force Status Report Meeting
July 28 1997	Alaska		Other	Statewide Delegate Meeting w/ Lt. Gov.
July 28 1997	North Dakota	Fargo	Other	Business Luncheon
July 29 1997	South Dakota	Sioux Falls	Other	Pre-Summit Kick-Off
August 1997	Illinois		Other	Public Meetings Series
August 1997	Alabama	Tallapoosa	Summit	
August 01 1997	North Carolina	Greenville and Pitt County	Summit	Local Summit
August 12 1997	California	Sacramento	Summit	Connect Sacramento Kickoff
August 18 1997	Michigan	Marquette and Alger	Summit	
August 18-20 1997	Ohio	Columbus	Summit	Words of Youth Retreat

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August 22 1997	Arizona Phoenix	Summit	Summit Planning Forum
August 27-28 1997	Connecticut Greenwich	Other	Youth Forum
August 28 1997	Arkansas	Other	Governor's Announcement
August 28 1997	California Riverside	Other	"Day of Collaboration"-resource mapping
Fall 1997	South Carolina Charleston	Summit	
Fall 1997	Maryland Salisbury	Summit	
Fall 1997	New Mexico Albuquerque	Summit	
Fall 1997	Indiana Fort Wayne	Summit	
Fall 1997	Michigan Flint	Summit	
Fall 1997	Kentucky Madison County	Summit	
Fall 1997	New York New York City	Other	Kickoff / Youth Event
Fall 1997	Pennsylvania Harrisburg	Summit	
Fall 1997	Nevada Las Vegas	Other	One Day Call to Action
Fall 1997	Nevada	Other	Governor's Call to Action
Fall 1997	New Hampshire Manchester	Other	Agency/Business Commitment Workshop
September 1997	Texas Austin	Summit	
September 01-02 1997	Wisconsin Green Bay	Summit	SummitFest
September 05 1997	Georgia Athens	Other	Community Planning Session
September 06 1997	Texas Central Texas/Waco	Other	Central Texas Youth Volunteering Summit
September 13 1997	Maryland Baltimore	Summit	Baltimore's Promise Summit
September 14 1997	South Carolina Chester and Lancaster	Other	Regional Volunteer Roundup
September 15-16 1997	Wyoming	Summit	Governor's Summit for America's Future/HC/HYC Conference
September 15-16 1997	Iowa	Other	Conference & Summit Planning Session
September 16-17 1997	Arkansas Pine Bluff	Summit	Youth Summit
September 19 1997	Florida Jacksonville	Summit	Summit for Jacksonville's Future

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September 20 1997	Pennsylvania Philadelphia	Summit	Greater Philadelphia Alliance for Youth
September 20 1997	Texas Houston	Other	Volunteer Rally/Houston Industries Power of Houston Celebration
September 21-23 1997	Texas	Other	"Volunteerism: Another Mission in Texas" Conference
September 22 1997	Nebraska Omaha	Summit	Metropolitan Omaha's Promise For Youth Summit
September 24-26 1997	Tennessee Knoxville	Summit	
September 26 1997	Idaho Boise	Summit	Boise's Promise
September 26-27 1997	South Dakota Sioux Falls	Summit	South Dakota Volunteerism Summit
September 26-27 1997	Kentucky	Summit	"Governor's Summit for Kentucky's Kids"
September 26-28 1997	Pennsylvania Allentown	Summit	Lehigh Valley Summit
September 27 1997	Arizona Tucson	Summit	The Tucson Summit
September 27 1997	Indiana Indianapolis	Summit	Indy Summit 2000
September 27 1997	New York Syracuse/ Onondaga	Other	Dual County Summit
September 27 1997	Pennsylvania Easton	Summit	Lehigh Valley Summit (Continued) / 2nd Annual Teen Summit
September 28-30 1997	Pennsylvania Bethlehem	Summit	
October 1997	Louisiana Baton Rouge	Summit	
October 1997	Washington Seattle	Summit	Community Summit and Service Celebration
October 1997	Connecticut Bridgeport and Fairfield Counties	Summit	The Alliance for Bridgeport Youth
October 1997	Maryland	Summit	
October 1997	New Mexico	Summit	
October 1997	Rhode Island	Summit	Youth Summit
October 1997	New Jersey Morris County	Summit	CONNECT MORRIS
October 1997	Minnesota Duluth	Other	Duluth Celebrates Mentoring
October 1997	Indiana	Other	State-wide Roundtable w/ Governor
October 1997	New York New York	Other	"Caring Adults and Safe Places for New York City's Youth"-Rally
October 01 1997	Texas Dallas	Other	Task Force Report/Community Plan Release

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October 03 1997	Oklahoma	Tulsa	Summit	It's All About Kids
October 05-6 1997	West Virginia		Summit	
October 06 1997	Wisconsin		Summit	
October 07 1997	Pennsylvania	Scranton and Wilkes-Barre	Summit	
October 09 1997	Maryland		Summit	Maryland's Promise
October 09-10 1997	North Dakota	Fargo	Summit	Local Summit
October 10 1997	Oregon	Eugene and Lane County	Summit	Oregon's Promise: A Summit for Youth
October 12 1997	Virginia	Virginia Beach	Summit	Youth Summit
October 13 1997	New York	Albany	Summit	Volunteer Summit
October 13 1997	New York	Syracuse	Other	Youth Summit
October 18 1997	Texas	Laredo	Summit	South Texas International Summit for America's Future
October 18 1997	Iowa	Page and Clay Counties	Summit	
October 18-23 1997	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	Summit	
October 20 1997	Michigan		Summit	The Emerging Patterns Of Volunteerism
October 22 1997	Louisiana		Summit	"Louisiana's Promise: The Summit for Youth"
October 22 1997	Minnesota		Other	Fall Kick-Off
October 22 1997	Minnesota	Minneapolis	Summit	Youth Summit/
October 23-25 1997	Louisiana	New Orleans	Summit	
October 24-26 1997	Delaware	Wilmington	Summit	Wilmington Volunteer Summit
October 25 1997	Wyoming	Cheyenne	Summit	Make a Difference Day / Volunteer Fair
October 25 1997	Arkansas	Little Rock	Summit	
October 25 1997	Illinois		Other	Make a Difference Day Kickoff Celebration
October 25-26 1997	Massachusetts		Summit	The Promise of Our Youth
October 28 1997	Idaho	Moscow	Summit	
October 28 1997	Idaho	Bovill	Summit	

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October 30-31 1997	Alabama	Decatur	Summit
November 1997	Illinois	Dekalb	Summit
November 1997	Connecticut	New London	Summit
November 1997	California	Oakland	Summit
November 1997	Connecticut	Gales Ferry	Summit
November 1997	Rhode Island		Summit
November 1997	California	Riverside	Other "Day of Service"
November 1997	Florida	Miami	Other Community Goals Announcement
November 01 1997	Illinois	Rockford	Summit
November 01 1997	California	Long Beach	Summit
November 01 1997	New York	Plattsburgh/ Clinton County	Other Youth Summit
November 04-5 1997	Mississippi		Summit
November 08 1997	Texas	Fort Worth	Summit
November 11-14 1997	Oklahoma		Summit
November 12 1997	California	Coachella Valley	Other
November 15 1997	California	Eureka	Summit Youth Summit
November 18-19 1997	Massachusetts	Springfield	Other "Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges" of Service Learning Conf.
November 20 1997	South Carolina	Columbia	Summit
November 22 1997	Kansas	Wichita	Summit Wichita's Promise--The Alliance for Youth
Winter 1997	Washington		Summit
Winter 1997	Puerto Rico		Summit
Winter 1997	Tennessee		Summit
December 1997	New Jersey		Summit New Jersey Summit on Volunteerism
January 1998	Massachusetts	Springfield	Summit
January 1998	North Carolina		Summit Statewide Summit

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January 1998	Maine	Portland	Summit	
January 29 1998	California	San Pedro	Other	Community Conference
February 1998	California	Riverside	Summit	Riverside Summit
February 16 1998	Oregon	Bend	Summit	
Spring 1998	Idaho		Summit	
Spring 1998	North Carolina	Raleigh	Summit	
Spring 1998	Hawaii		Summit	
Spring 1998	Wisconsin	Madison	Summit	
Spring 1998	Arkansas		Summit	
Spring 1998	Kansas		Summit	
April 1998	New York		Summit	
April 1998	Oregon		Summit	
April 1998	Maine		Summit	
April 19 1998	Colorado		Summit	
May 1998	California		Summit	
May 1998	Florida		Summit	
May 1998	New Hampshire		Summit	
May 29 1998	Minnesota		Summit	Minnesota Volunteer Summit
June 1998	Illinois	Chicago	Other	Statewide Forums
June 1998	Texas		Summit	
June 15-16 1998	Montana		Summit	"The Summit to Build Montana's Future"
June 28-29 1998	Iowa		Summit	
September 17-18 1998	Texas	El Paso	Summit	El Paso Summit for Youth
Winter 1998	Kansas	Kansas City	Summit	Kansas City Summit for Children and Youth
Tba 1998	Utah		Summit	Governor's Statewide Summit

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June 1999	California	San Diego	Summit	

STATE SUMMITS AND RELATED EVENTS

State events and goals are painting the broad strokes that will fulfill the vision of providing every youth in America with the five fundamental resources for success. Our Chairman has asked every governor to commit his or her state to become a "State of Promise," to join with America's Promise to complete that vision -- one youth, and one state, at a time. Critical to that vision is the role of state summits and events like those presented below. There is no more important time than now to do all that we can to make each effort an historic opportunity.

ALABAMA

The governor's office is working with state and community delegates who attended the Presidents' Summit to develop a unified state plan. Many of the communities are forging ahead with local summit planning and needs assessment and will report back to the state.

ALASKA

A meeting was held by Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer for Monday, July 28, 1997, to bring together the state and Anchorage delegations and members of Alaska's Children's Cabinet. United Way representatives from across the state will also meet with the Lt. Governor at a luncheon on July 28th. Alaska is looking to form a statewide task force to address the five fundamental resources, as well as issues affecting young people. Volunteer opportunities in Alaska can now be found on the internet at <http://www.gov.state.ak.us/lrgov/home>. The state is developing an Alaska Promise Book of statewide commitments.

AMERICAN SAMOA

No information is available at this time.

ARIZONA

The Governor's Division for Children is organizing a state summit for the fall. Among the intended invitees to the event will be the Arizona Congressional Delegation, mayors and city council members, Members of County Boards of Supervisors, and delegates for 15 counties and 10 of the largest Arizona cities and towns. Attendance will be approximately 500-600 people. Governor Fife Symington will announce the statewide event at a press conference to be held later this summer.

ARKANSAS

On August 28, 1997, Governor Mike Huckabee will make an "Announcement on Arkansas' Promise to Youth: A Response to the Presidents' Summit for America's Future." A state summit has been tentatively scheduled for the spring of 1998. The Arkansas Division of Volunteerism (DoV) has played a lead role in organizing the state's efforts related to the Presidents' Summit goals. The DoV has developed a state-wide commitment form and is publishing a current listing of Arkansas' Commitments on the internet at www.state.ar.us/dhs/dhs1.html. A recent newspaper editorial highlighted volunteer opportunities in Arkansas, providing organization names and telephone numbers for those interested in volunteering.

CALIFORNIA

The Governor's Cabinet on Business and Employment and the California Commission on Improving Life Through Service have teamed up with the state delegates to begin organizing their state's efforts related to "California's Promise - Connections Through Service." The first step was sending out a survey to all community delegations in California that participated in the Presidents' Summit. The information has been posted on a website and includes information about each community, contact information, community partners, corporate commitments and information on upcoming events. Details on how to become a "Community of Promise" will soon be added to the site at SFISHER@CILTS.CA.GOV. A one day summit planning session will be added to a state conference in October. The state summit is tentatively slated for May 1998.

COLORADO

Colorado's state and community delegations have met several times since the Presidents' Summit. They sent a letter to each of the organizations listed in the Promise Book telling them how they could help Colorado's children. A media interest is in generating awareness of the need for volunteers. Communications links, such as a website, are being established to recruit volunteers and publicize both national and local commitments.

CONNECTICUT

The Corporation for National Service reported that a Conference on Volunteerism was held on May 29th, which attracted over 500 participants. The focus of discussion was how to implement the goals of the Summit. A wrap-up meeting was held on June 25, 1997. The state is working to implement the Governor's mentoring and tutoring initiatives for government employees.

DELAWARE

The State Delegation is focusing their efforts on the success of the Wilmington Summit in October, and will evaluate the impact on the local community and then assess what steps should be taken on a state-wide basis.

FLORIDA

Florida's state and local delegations wowed us at the Presidents' Summit by preparing a 22 page "Florida Delegate Handbook" which included a message from Governor Lawton Chiles, and summaries and pictures of each delegate. The Florida delegation also launched a public information campaign called "Volunteers Across Florida" which offers a toll-free number to learn more about volunteer opportunities in Florida (1-888-FL-SERVS).

A state-wide summit is in the works for May 1998. The Florida Commission on Community Service has offered to provide the leadership for the state summit and has played an integral role in coordinating community efforts. The Commission's summer edition of their publication "Florida Serves!" dedicated its cover story to the Presidents' Summit and included other articles about AP involvement across the state.

GEORGIA

The Corporation for National Service reported that the Georgia Commission met with the Governor to discuss initiatives of the summit and the need to convene a post-summit event for the state to encourage implementing the Presidents' Summit goals.

GUAM

A delegate from the D.C. area attended the Presidents' Summit on behalf of Guam. Guam is currently evaluating its response to the Summit. An update on their progress is expected in August.

HAWAII

Hawaii's state delegation and Honolulu's community delegations have merged to coordinate a statewide summit. The summit scheduled for the Spring of 1998 is still in the planning stages. Hawaii will invite delegations from each of the islands to participate in this event. The delegation has just created their own website entitled "America's Promise Hawaii," which includes information about the five fundamental resources. The group has two community volunteers, who attended the Summit as delegates, working on the state's efforts out of a summit office in the state capitol.

IDAHO

Three mini-summits are scheduled to kick-off the state's initiative in Idaho. Boise will be the host city for the first event on September 26, 1997, and Moscow is the site for an October 28, 1997, event. The third mini-summit will be held in eastern Idaho. A statewide summit is already planned for Spring 1998. Two television network affiliates are already on board to report on Idaho's progress towards reaching their goal. Presently, the delegation is concentrating on generating commitments statewide. Governor Philip Batt has also reported that "the state delegates came home with new enthusiasm and with a real commitment to contributing [the state's] share of mentors ..."

ILLINOIS

The Governor and First Lady hosted The Mansion Meeting on Volunteerism and Youth on June 12, 1997. Participants broke into five resource groups to evaluate what was needed to accomplish the goals set at the Presidents' Summit.

In August a series of public meetings will be held around the state to discuss what communities are doing, what has worked and what has not. From these meetings, state organizers will develop a unified state plan on service in conjunction with the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Commission on Community Service.

Make-A-Difference-Day, on October 25, 1997, will be the kick-off celebration for implementing what they learn at the public meetings in August.

INDIANA

At Indiana's State-wide Roundtable in October 1997, delegates from 130 communities will hear Governor O'Bannon give the charge and outline the five goals of the Presidents' Summit. Participants will break out into 16 geographic clusters of communities to define short-term goals and benchmarks. The state is in the process of developing its own "toolbox" which will include resources to accomplish goals and statistical information related to youth.

Leading by example, the Governor's office has selected a service project to which they will commit as a group and will encourage other state agencies to follow. The Governor has also made the commitment to provide one paid day per year to state employees who wish to participate in a volunteer program.

Indiana is also planning to design a website and an 800-number listing organizations needing volunteers, business entities who want to sponsor volunteer efforts, and information on the "how-to's" of developing mentoring programs and other related activities.

IOWA

On September 15-16, 1997, Governor Branstad will host the Conference on Volunteerism and Community Service at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. The second day of the conference will focus on Iowa's response to the Presidents' Summit. In a town meeting format, the Governor will lead a panel of experts who will address the five resource areas. Afterward, the Governor will facilitate the town meeting. Representatives of the counties will be selected to attend the conference and return to their counties to serve as a catalyst to assemble the teams that will attend the summit and to begin local needs assessment.

The Iowa state summit is planned for June 1998.

KANSAS

Kansas is looking forward to their state summit in the Spring of 1998. The state delegation is focusing its efforts on the success of local summits around the state, will evaluate the impact on the local community, and then assess what steps should be taken on a statewide basis.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky will host a statewide "Governor's Summit for Kentucky's Kids" designed to heighten the importance of community service and volunteerism. Its goal is to improve the quality of life for 30,000 young people, especially those at-risk, by the year 2000. Its vision is that by 2010 every child in Kentucky will have access to the five fundamental resources. Governor Paul Patton and Lt. Governor Steve Henry will serve as Honorary Chair and General Chair for this event, which will be held September 26-27, 1997, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Louisville. Governor Patton is the first Governor in the history of Kentucky to host a community service summit focusing on measurable goals and objectives.

There will be 1,200 participants with all the county judges and executives asked to bring five community delegates who represent each of the resource areas. Delegates will work with their county judge or executive to develop community action plans. The private sector and statewide organizations will also be represented. The Summit coordinators are the Office of the Governor, the Kentucky Community Service Commission, and the Kentucky PTA.

To emphasize the importance of this initiative, they have sent out a wide mailing which includes a statistical summary of where Kentucky ranks nationally in terms of delivering the five resources.

LOUISIANA

Over 300 delegates from the state will gather in Baton Rouge on October 22, 1997, at the Governor's mansion to kick-off the state summit entitled "Louisiana's Promise: The Summit for Youth." Led by Honorary Co-Chairs including Governor Foster, Representative Livingston and Lt. Governor Blanco, the event will stimulate local action plans and launch a state effort to provide 33,000 youth with all five resources by the year 2000.

MAINE

The State Commission on National and Community Service is leading the planning for a state summit in April 1998. The summit will commence with a gala celebration of service and proceed to a second day of working sessions covering the local meaning of the five resources and needs by geographic area. State planners are considering forming a "Maine's Promise" group in advance of the event.

MARYLAND

Maryland is planning a state summit: "Maryland's Promise: Alliance for Youth," at the Baltimore Convention Center on October 9, 1997. There will be 1000 participants. They will focus on all five resources, particularly after-school activities and high quality service learning. They have already had a leadership briefing with 80 attendees from Philadelphia from a broad range of sectors. The Maryland Youth Service Action Committee (MYSAC) will be holding a series of youth-led workshops at the state summit. They and their partners will bring 300-400 youth from across the state to the summit.

MASSACHUSETTS

After a successful press conference with former Governor Weld and Colin Powell, state planners have set lofty goals of doubling the number of safe places, providing health care for every uninsured child, mobilizing to double the number of AmeriCorps members and youth volunteers, adding 50,000 mentors, and doubling the number of individuals and organizations participating in school-to-work and remedial reading programs. Bill Cosby and Father Donald Monan, Chancellor of Boston College, will be Co-Chairs of the event on October 25-26, 1997, entitled "The Massachusetts Summit: The Promise of Our Youth."

MICHIGAN

"Connect Michigan" will be the overall theme of a state effort to build problem-solving partnerships with leading organizations around a state summit on October 20, 1997. An alliance that includes the United Way of Michigan, the Volunteer Centers and the Michigan Non-Profit Association meets every month to develop state strategies that have resulted in potential commitments from Pfieser Corporation, a state consumer power organization, and a commitment request from First Lady Michelle Engler to every board member of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. State organizers have proposed a long range plan to private funders that includes a public awareness campaign and volunteer training, and have a planning session on July 30, 1997. The summit itself will convene 500 representatives and feature leaders from various state agencies.

MINNESOTA

Minnesota is all set with their fall kick-off event scheduled for October 22, 1997. Six smaller mini-summits will follow at a rate of 1-2 per week around the state throughout November and December. May 29th, is the date selected for the statewide summit. Minnesota has set a goal of including 250 communities in their statewide effort by the year 2000. A steering committee to coordinate the summit and summit-related events has representatives from all sectors, including corporate, non-profit, education, youth, communities of faith, and government. The committee hopes to invite 3-5 representatives from each county and anticipates between 700 and 1,000 participants.

MISSISSIPPI

Delegates from Mississippi plan as a state-wide group. The state delegation has now expanded to incorporate six committees. A summit has been announced for November 4 -5, 1997. "The Summit For Mississippi's Future," to be held in Jackson, is aimed at "bringing Mississippi to a new level of commitment to volunteer service, especially targeting the challenges facing [the] state's children and youth." Five living governors have already agreed to attend, along with state and U.S. legislators. The delegates have set a goal of obtaining \$50,000 to \$100,000 in corporate sponsorship for the event. Delegations will be invited from the 82 counties and 50 of the largest cities in the state. A press conference launching the state's plan will be held in August.

MISSOURI

All state and local delegates from Philadelphia met on July 18th for a roundtable discussion of what coordinated statewide action they should pursue.

MONTANA

"The Summit to Build Montana's Future" on June 15-16, 1998 will be a major initiative of Lieutenant Governor Judy Martz. The state will add its own goals to the five fundamental resources, among them a strong emphasis on the role of family. The steering committee has reached out to tribes, community groups, businesses and government agencies. A steering committee which will include several youth members is being formed.

NEBRASKA

The state is planning to create a Nebraska Promise Book containing commitments for youth services. Meanwhile, delegates are meeting to decide on the proper interplay between state and local summits. Planners are considering using a pilot project named "Safe Night" as a model for communities looking to coordinate access to every essential resource for youth.

NEVADA

General Powell met with Governor Bob Miller after speaking about America's Promise and community service at a Reno event. The governor gave his support to America's Promise during his speech and announced that the state would hold a "one day call to action" in the fall. Information about Nevada and Las Vegas' delegations can be found on the internet at www.interact.k12.nv.us/success/summit/entry.html.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

State organizers hope to build on the momentum created by a Youth Summit in July by staging a state summit in May 1998.

NEW JERSEY

A Post-summit leadership committee has been meeting to plan the statewide New Jersey Summit on Volunteerism in December 1997. The committee is comprised of the Governor's delegation, including its members from the State Commission. They are now conducting a survey of over 7,000 resources to see which relate to the goals of the Presidents' Summit. The State Commission is also working on a Pledge Book for the state of New Jersey.

NEW MEXICO

The state delegation has held several meetings since the Presidents' Summit. No information on future plans is available at this time.

NEW YORK

A State Summit has been planned for April 1998. City delegations will be brought together with community organizations from around the state to facilitate communication between the groups and to highlight what is already occurring and what still needs to be improved in the service structure of New York state. The Governor's Office has committed to helping recruit 140,000 volunteers by the year 2000.

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina has pushed back the date for their state summit until late January in order to lay more serious groundwork. Governor Hunt and General Colin Powell have spoken about a statewide organizational meeting which will be held in the fall. Committees are being formed for the major planning areas including: logistics, programming, marketing and commitments. The governor is considering asking each of the state's counties to become Communities of Promise and to send delegates to the summit. He will also declare 1998 "The Year of the Volunteer."

NORTH DAKOTA

A local summit in Fargo on October 9-10, 1997 will offer a chance for each state region to translate the plans they have written into productive events and goals. The Lieutenant Governor will also look to use this summit to build momentum for statewide action.

THE NORTH MARIANA ISLANDS

No information is available at this time.

OHIO

The Governor's office will focus on more long-term alliance building within the state. Headed by the State Commission, Ohio will work to tie in several on-going initiatives in order to fulfill the goal of the Summit. They will build a state steering committee comprised of community and state delegates as well as those involved with the following on-going programs: Families and Children First Initiative, Jobs for Grads, School-to-Work, ReClaim Ohio, Adopt-A-School, Children's Trust Fund, and Seniors in Schools. They also hope to tie some of the national commitments with an Ohio presence into supporting Ohio efforts.

OKLAHOMA

The business, education and community of faith sectors are convening a state summit on November 13, 1997 that will include all state and local delegates and representatives from over 30 other communities. In all, approximately 400 delegates will participate in working sessions with goals such as the recruitment and training of local service organizers. Their efforts are supported by major commitments for school internet access from the Oklahoma Publishing Company and program support and volunteer hours in the five resources areas from Southwestern Bell.

OREGON

Different Oregon communities are gathering local community pledges. The Commission on Children and Families is planning to have a statewide summit in April 1998. They anticipate as many living governors attending as possible. An exact date has yet to be decided.

PENNSYLVANIA

No state summit is planned at this time, but state organizers are encouraging events at the regional level.

PUERTO RICO

General Powell joined Governor Pedro Rossello at a press conference in early July to discuss Puerto Rico's efforts related to children's issues. Puerto Rico's summit, projected for November 1997 or January 1998, is in the planning stages, with significant youth involvement and participation, and will concentrate on an initiative which was launched in April known as "Putting Our Kids First Congress [Congreso Nuestros Ninos Primero]." The Governor has pledged to provide access to the five fundamental resources to 100,000 young people in Puerto Rico by the year 2000. Since the Summit in Philadelphia, plans to implement Big Brother & Big Sister programs have been initiated.

RHODE ISLAND

For the first time, the state will conduct an inventory of resources and volunteers that are available to youth and compile a "Youth Resource Bank," in preparation for a state summit in November 1997. This will follow on the wake of a Youth Summit in October. Both events will focus on targets such as 2,500 new parent-teacher relationships, 2,000 additional mentors, 50 new neighborhood homework sites, and 100 employers offering paid time-off for community service or parent-teacher conferences.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Governor of South Carolina will host a statewide event in the Spring of 1998. His initiative will focus broadly on all children's issues. They have not yet decided on a location but expect 5,000 to attend. They are also concentrating on particular groups whom they feel were not widely represented at the Summit (The South Carolina Association of Volunteer Administrators, local United Way directors, communities of faith, school-based programs), who are eager to join in at the state level. Jean Moore of the Governor's Office feels South Carolina has and will continue to enjoy strong support from corporations and retirees, noting especially the Telephone Pioneers, Nation's Bank, IBM, and Colonial Life as groups who help in programs assisting children.

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota's state delegation was comprised of staff from the Governor's office. The Governor's office reported their state office is not currently planning any statewide volunteer programs or activities, but that local efforts are growing.

TENNESSEE

Tennessee is planning a statewide summit in the winter. Their fall date has been post-poned. They expect 400-500 participants but are still in early planning stages. The Governor recently sent a large proclamation to their office offering his full support of their efforts. Some groups eager to be involved are the Retired Teachers Association, AARP and the Disabled Veterans.

TEXAS

The State Commission, requested by the Governor's office to head up Summit efforts, hosts regular conference calls with communities who attended the Summit, plus two new communities. The last conference call was on August 2nd. The Governor's Volunteer Leadership Conference, "Volunteerism: Another Mission in Texas" will be held September 21-23 in San Antonio, featuring Summit workshops. Following that conference will be a kick-off to gain momentum for the local and city summits. The Texas Commission will provide guides for hosting local summits. A statewide summit is slated for May-June of 1998.

UTAH

The Governor has already declared a "State of Alert" for Utah's children. The state is planning a summit, but no date has been set yet. A Steering Committee of about 100 members is in place with subcommittees that include corporate representatives. The event will involve up to 10,000 people and will take place simultaneously at 100 public high schools. The local ABC affiliate will broadcast (as a commitment) from one location to all the sites for one hour. The rest of the event will model town meetings with communities making their own specific goals or joining with the state goals.

VERMONT

The Vermont Commission on National and Community Service is planning a state summit which will coincide with the annual Governor's Prevention Conference on May 11-12, 1998. There will be a focus on mentoring. Vermont has already conducted an inventory of state resources to see where there are gaps in providing the five fundamental resources. They are working on keynote speakers and a publicity plan. Some private industries which have already expressed interest are the Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility, the Business Roundtable and the School-to-Work Collaborative. They are also working to incorporate the America Reads program into their state as one means to provide youth with a marketable skill and a caring adult. This fall they will begin training college students who will receive work-study funds to tutor in the public school system as well as two private schools. They will also look to tie Retired Senior Volunteer Program members into this project.

VIRGINIA

Virginia has already had their statewide kickoff event and is now counting on local areas to keep the momentum rolling with local events. "Connect Virginia," held on June 2nd, involved over 300 participants from Virginia. The Virginia Volunteer Association organized the summit through their contacts in the local communities and the Virginia Office on Volunteerism assisted with statewide PSA's and media outreach. The participants were selected with an eye towards those who represented "best practices" in each of the five resource areas. The participants also attended panel discussions about delivering the five resources. Each participant received a pledge form to commit to personally and organizationally achieving their share of the Summit's goal. This pledge form will also appear in the Office of Volunteerism's newsletter that has a circulation of 8,000 people.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

No information is available at this time.

WASHINGTON

The State Commission on National and Community Service is discussing a state summit to follow on the heels of a Youth Summit in Spokane and a local summit in Seattle. The state delegation identified job readiness and literacy as its priority objectives.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Governor is supporting local summits throughout West Virginia this summer. The State Summit is planned for October 5-6, 1997 at the Science and Cultural Center in Charleston. Participants at the summit will break into groups on the five fundamental resources. The counties will be charged to go back and plan their own local summits.

WISCONSIN

In a post-Summit meeting, the Wisconsin delegation committed to a statewide summit on October 6th. A member of the Governor's office will be working full-time as the summit coordinator. First Lady Sue Ann Thompson, who attended the Summit as a state delegate, is the chairperson of the state summit. The event will be held in Madison at the newly constructed Frank Lloyd Wright Convention Center. The expanded delegation has met regularly since the Presidents' Summit. Committees have formed to tackle the five resources, as well as media outreach, planning and public relations.

WYOMING

The Wyoming Commission for National Service will be holding the statewide Governor's Summit for Wyoming's Future on September 14, 1997 in Casper. This state summit will then merge with the Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth Conference which will be held September 15-16th. Approximately 200 delegates are expected to attend the summit. The Wyoming Commission plans to focus on the five fundamental resources and expects the delegates to leave the summit with a "Tool Kit" of information, skills and motivation to facilitate their local community processes.

COMMUNITIES OF PROMISE
Summits and Events

Communities across the country are beginning to answer the call to be a "Community of Promise." The events they are planning will have broadened the sphere of individuals and organizations committing time and resources to delivering on our promise for the year 2000.

ALABAMA

DECATUR

On October 30 and 31st Decatur will be holding a summit event at Calhoun Community College. The delegation is prepared to host as many as 4,500 participants, with delegations from a number of communities. The summit organizers are making quite an effort to incorporate teachers and youth. By September 1st the Community Communications plan will be developed to promote Summit outcomes, purpose, actions, and commitments.

BIRMINGHAM

There is no information available at this time.

MADISON COUNTY

According to the delegation's lead point of contact, Madison County is currently collecting information in order to plan a local event.

ALASKA

ANCHORAGE

The Anchorage delegation of Alaska's Promise is not currently planning an event but is instead addressing a Community Action Plan composed of a variety of action steps. They are focusing on expanding their steering committee, as well as using the five fundamental resources as a base for conducting surveys in order to achieve their goals.

ARKANSAS

PINE BLUFF

On September 16-17, 1997 the Pine Bluff delegation will host the Pine Bluff Youth Summit. The delegates will include leaders from government, business, labor, education, religious organizations, nonprofit sector, and youth. The goal of the local summit is to "plan a large-scale campaign of action to build a future of hope for young Arkansans."

ARIZONA

PHOENIX

On August 22, 1997 the Phoenix delegation will host the Presidential Summit Planning Forum at Phoenix City Hall. Expecting approximately 150 participants, the original delegation has already invited new delegations to attend. Phoenix has taken on such initiatives as establishing a "summit hotline." The mayor of Phoenix is involved with and will be speaking at the event.

TUCSON

On September 27, 1997 the Tucson delegation hopes to host 300-400 participants at the Tucson's Promise Summit. The delegation is currently working to acquire a local community center to host the summit. Though they have yet to invite delegations, they have established three goals for the Summit: 1) motivate and energize citizens to address the goals set out in the Presidential Summit; 2) provide the tools to address such goals; and 3) generate 200 commitments to be published in a Tucson Promise Book. Tucson has set the goal that 20,000 additional youth in Pine County will have access to one or more of the resources by the end of the year 2000.

CALIFORNIA

COACHELLA VALLEY

On November 12, 1997 the Coachella Valley delegation will be hosting a luncheon for 25 participants. Coachella Valley, a community not represented at the Summit, became a "Community of Promise" after following the Presidents' Summit through the media.

EUREKA

On November 15, 1997 the Eureka delegation will be hosting a youth summit event. Though still in the planning phase, the summit will be divided into two separate programs for the commitment makers and the delegations.

LODI

Currently, Lodi is not planning an event, but is investigating possible options for the future.

OAKLAND

According to the delegation's lead point of contact, Oakland is currently collecting information in order to plan an event. They are hoping for a summit to occur sometime in November.

RIVERSIDE

Riverside is planning three events. On August 28th the "Day of Collaboration" will allow citizens to map out resources and needs in the community. In November, Riverside will have a "Day of Service" similar to the Germantown event at the Presidents' Summit. Finally, a summit will occur in early February. The latter two events are in the planning phase, and locations have yet to be established. In June, Mayor Ron Loveridge and 100 community leaders announced the "Youth Action '97" initiative and set plans for the summit.

SAN DIEGO

The San Diego delegation is planning an event which has yet to be determined. The delegation has met several times since the Summit to discuss implementation of their action plan.

COLORADO

DENVER

On April 19th, 1998, during National Volunteer Week, the Denver delegation will hold its summit. According to the lead point of contact, the coordinators are hoping to host 500-1000 participants. at the summit.

CONNECTICUT

GREENWICH

On August 27-28, 1997 the Greenwich delegation will host approximately 100 youth at a Youth Forum. The event is geared toward leadership development and the creation of a mentoring program. There will be seven similar forums this year including national associations such as United Way and Boy Scouts. A discussion centered on youth issues will be included in the forum.

DELAWARE

WILMINGTON

On October 24-26th Wilmington will host a series of events to promote, celebrate, and improve volunteerism in Delaware. The next meeting of the Wilmington Summit team will be held on July 29th. Wilmington will explore how to increase: 1) the resources dedicated to serving youth; and 2) the effectiveness of youth services supported by the public sector, the private and non-profit sectors and through volunteerism. The Wilmington Summit will coincide with National Make A Difference Day and with YWCA's Week Without Violence. Many leading non-profits and public agencies are already involved in the planning of the Summit, including Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Delaware, Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council, Children and Families First, YMCA, YWCA, the United Way of Delaware, and the offices of Mayor James Sills and Governor Thomas Carper.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The DC delegation, led by the Greater DC Cares delegates, recently met and decided to become a Community of Promise. The delegation will continue to meet in order to develop a strategic plan to implement the five fundamental resources into their community.

FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE

"A Summit for Jacksonville's Future" is being held on September 19th at the Convention Center. Mayor Delaney is including a volunteer and youth program to his annual neighborhood summit to make it a larger event. The youth forum is made up of delegates only and each high school and home school will have a minimum of 4 delegates per school. Area college students will serve as facilitators to high school students on a retreat this August. The summit program will include a morning session designated for neighborhoods, an afternoon session designated for volunteer programs, while the youth program will run during both sessions.

MIAMI

There is no information available at this time.

ST. PETERSBURG

On July 9, 1997 the St. Petersburg delegation held a town meeting which was attended by 125 participants. The meeting was held in the Realtors Building of St. Petersburg. The delegation has plans for a youth summit but no date has been set. The town meeting was designed for community persons who come from agencies, business, youth, churches, and other sectors to learn more about becoming involved in post-summit initiatives.

ILLINOIS

DEKALB

DeKalb is planning a youth summit this November. There has been one meeting which divided everyone into committees based on the five fundamental resource areas that need to be covered. They will continue to meet and report to each other on developments.

IOWA

DES MOINES

There is no information available at this time.

SPIRIT LAKE

The Spirit Lake delegation is focusing on informing organizations and clubs about the Presidents' Summit and about fulfilling the goals of a Community of Promise. They are accomplishing this using a Speakers Bureau. As of July 25th, delegates from the Presidents' Summit have spoken to community organizations, such as the County Board of Supervisors, at six different events.

IDAHO

BOVILL

On October 28, 1997 the Bovill delegation will hold a summit at the University of Idaho. The event is still in the planning stage, so a variety of logistics have yet to be determined. Governor Batt will be involved with the summit, and attended a meeting on Monday, July 28, 1997 to further summit planning.

POCATELLO

The Pocatello delegation is currently working on developing an organization called C.A.N.: Children's Advocacy Network. The stated mission of CAN is to "unite our community and families to increase the well being of children and adolescents." To this end, their core values are encompassed in the following goals: 1) promote a safe and nurturing environment; 2) promote educational opportunities for families; and 3) advocate issues which value children. The delegation is hopeful for a South Eastern Idaho Summit to occur in the future and is working with "Idaho's Kid's Count!" toward that end.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO

The Chicago delegation has staged a variety of activities, meetings, and media events. In June they held a series of forums throughout the city. Specifically, the Metro Youth Bridges Forum occurred in South Chicago, as well as events in North Chicago, West Chicago, Northwest Chicago, and Southwest Chicago. On July 15th, the delegation had a meeting to plan for the future. On September 5-6th, team members will be involved in an event connecting tutors and mentors. Finally, they are looking toward a Metro Chicago Summit, though a date has not yet been determined.

DEKALB

The City Council of Dekalb passed Resolution #97-52 on June 23, 1997: "Promoting Improved Access For The Youth Residents To The Five Fundamental And Developmental Resources In Cooperation With The Dekalb Alliance For Youth." The delegation is well on its way in planning a local summit for November 1997 to implement its primary strategies of public awareness, youth involvement, needs assessment and localizing commitments.

SPRINGFIELD

On August 1, 1997 the members of the Springfield delegation are holding the Members Retreat of Delegates. The 30 participants, including youth, are hoping to develop a plan for a youth summit and a community summit.

INDIANA

ELKHART

Elkhart has established several steps to achieve its three goals. First, they are creating an after school program for 500 at-risk youth. So far, \$225,000 has been raised for free rent, transportation, and medical care. Secondly, the delegation is recruiting 100 new mentors for existing programs. Finally, they are working on three health care initiatives aimed at delivering immunizations, lice treatment, and dental care.

KANSAS

WICHITA

On Saturday, November 22nd "Wichita's Promise - The Alliance for Youth" is scheduled. Five resource councils have been meeting and will report back to the community. Fifteen to forty people are actively working in each resource council and the numbers continue to grow. There is also a youth group planning a part of the program. A Steering Committee is working to find a more efficient way to access the available resources in their community.

LOUISIANA

NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans is holding their summit on October 23-25, 1997 at the Riverfront Hilton Hotel. This community summit will involve approximately 2000 individuals, focusing on attendance at the grassroots level. The final day of the summit is modeled after the "Germantown Event" of the Presidents' Summit. The goals of the summit are to a) recognize the resources which already exist in the community, and b) connect those resources with needs of New Orleans youth.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE

"Baltimore's Promise" summit will be held on September 13th at the Baltimore Arena. At this point the final version of Baltimore's vision will be presented to the 5,000 expected participants. An outside facilitator will work with the audience to rank the 8-12 priorities presented in order to have community input. The Mayor's office, the Management Board, and Safe and Sound are all working together to have a successful summit and to help kick-off the state summit scheduled for October 9th in Baltimore.

SALISBURY

In preparation for a local summit this fall, Salisbury has established five task forces, one for each resource area, which are in the process of identifying existing programs and activities, establishing measurable goals, and developing plans to reach children and youth. A Youth Advisory Council is being established as one mechanism to provide a strong youth voice throughout the process.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK COUNTY

Aroostook has been meeting every two to three weeks. A questionnaire is being developed and will be circulated in the community. At this point Aroostook is not planning a local summit but rather working on the state summit.

KNOX COUNTY

On August 14th delegates will be addressing the Camden Rotary Club. At this point, efforts are being put into helping the state summit rather than holding a local summit.

PORTLAND

On June 9, 1997 the Portland delegation held the Mayor's Community Youth Summit at Portland Arts and Technology High School. Acknowledging that the Greater Portland community has several children's initiatives underway (America's Promise, Communities for Children, Healthy Families, Success by Age Six) community leaders were asked to discuss their thoughts on the best way to respond to the needs of children. John McDonough, the mayor of Portland, welcomed participants to the summit. Using the five goals as a base, the summit focused on what is working in the community to provide each resource for children and adolescents.

MASSACHUSETTS

SPRINGFIELD

The Springfield delegation is involved in an event on November 18th and 19th. The event is called "Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges" and is part of the 8th annual New England Community Service Learning Conference. A component of the conference will be a session on America's Promise. The event will be held in the Best Western Royal Hotel in Marlborough, Massachusetts. The event coordinators are expecting approximately 800-1000 participants. Senator Edward Kennedy and Bonnie Bernard will be the keynote speakers at the conference. The Springfield delegation is planning a summit for early January.

MICHIGAN

FLINT

The Flint delegation is planning to hold a summit in September or October of 1997. Currently, the delegation is still exploring possible options in regards to the summit and will keep America's Promise updated as to their activities.

MARQUETTE/ALGER COUNTIES

On August 18, 1997 the Marquette/Alger Counties delegation will be holding a summit at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. First Lady Michelle Engler is involved in the event which includes delegations from every county in the Upper Peninsula. The event, which will be attended by 750 people, will be followed by a luncheon that will be attended by approximately 1000 participants.

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS

On October 22, 1997 the Minneapolis delegation is hosting a Youth Summit. The Minnesota Alliance With Youth has a variety of follow-up events planned to further the message of the Presidents' Summit. October 22nd marks the Fall Kick Off, which is the first statewide conference. It will be held at the St. Cloud Civic Center. The event will coincide with the Pre-conference of Minnesota Education Association. Moreover, the United Way of Minneapolis has worked on community interpretations of the five goals. Specifically, they have been discussing formal and informal short-term and long-term goals to achieve the five goals.

MOOREHEAD

There is no information available at this time.

MISSISSIPPI

BOLIVAR COUNTY

The delegates from Bolivar County have been meeting regularly and are trying to work more at the local level. The state summit scheduled for November 4-5th is joining all forces together. Bolivar is planning to hold a local summit early next year. Combined with Washington County, they have set a goal of reaching 3,000 children by the year 2000.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

There is no information available at this time.

MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS

The long-run planning for St. Louis is well under way. There have already been two community/town forums and a promise book is being circulated. There is no local summit being considered in the near future because the long-term plan entails the initiative for "St. Louis 2004." They are working with all sectors of the community to make St. Louis a competitive city by 2004. They are integrating the language and intent of America's Promise into the document of St. Louis 2004, which will have community input before it is finally adopted. Former Senator Danforth is the chairman for St. Louis 2004.

MONTANA

ANACONDA

The Anaconda delegation held their local community/county-wide summit on Friday, May 30, 1997 with 28 individuals representing various youth agencies, organizations, and adult organizations with "youth" in their mission statements. After a presentation given by the five Presidents' Summit delegates, the group decided the best way to fully assess where the community is in addressing the five resources, is by a survey. A task force was established to develop the survey and gather the data from all groups and agencies in the county. The group met June 18th and July 15th to review the surveys. Everyone surveyed noted what they could do to expand services and address the five fundamental resources. As a result, the task force decided to build a Youth Yellow Pages document, describing the agencies and organizations and their commitment to the five fundamental resources. Finally, the school district may move to open an after-school program with mentors to address the gap in services and will report at the August 4th meeting on their options.

BILLINGS

Billings may plan an event in conjunction with the State summit. Commitment-maker meetings are already in progress. The delegation is deciding what their role and focus in the community should be.

HAMILTON

There is no information available at this time.

NEBRASKA

OMAHA

The Omaha delegation has designated August 22, 1997 as the tentative date for the Metropolitan Omaha's Promise For Youth Summit. Currently, the delegation has selected a cross-section of the community for summit planning. The delegation is working to secure funding and financial support in order to follow through with their summit.

NEW YORK

ALBANY

Albany has a strong commitment from a local news channel to run public service announcements and help provide publicity and support to the work of the delegation. Cameras will be running with the local summit on October 13, 1997, where Albany delegates will champion safety zones for youth, while working sessions focus on district action plans.

BUFFALO

Since the Presidential Summit, the Buffalo delegation has been involved in a number of activities. Their primary goal is to "rebuild the Asset-Base for youth on the lower Westside by a) supporting the development of safe places to play, and b) supporting the connection of youth to adults by increasing the number of active mentors." Moreover, they are focusing on supporting youth development programs.

NEW YORK CITY

This city has been very active with a 75 member task force already in place which includes non-profit, corporate and government representatives as well as parents and youth. Their campaign, tentatively scheduled to launch this October, is called "Caring Adults & Safe Places for New York City's Youth. The campaign has pledged to help 250,000 young people by the year 2001; including mentors for 30,000 children; after-school opportunities for 20,000 youngsters; community service opportunities for 3,000 young people, summer jobs for 15,000 teens; academic and social support programs for 35,000 students; peer health and violence reduction training programs for 5,000 young people; and vaccinations for 30,000 kids. The October event will be a rally format and serve to disseminate information, plans and opportunities as well as collect ideas.

PLATTSBURGH

The Plattsburgh/Clinton County Delegation has recently merged with a task force the local United Way recently established. The Success by Six/Partners for Children Task Force will be the lead group coordinating efforts and establishing new initiatives geared towards the young people of North County, New York. In addition to serving on this subcommittee, the delegation will also help coordinate the local Youth Summit on November 1st, hosted by the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. One focus of the Summit will be to improve communication between groups to better meet their needs.

ROCHESTER

There is no information available at this time.

SYRACUSE/ONONDAGA

Reverend Soaries will be the keynote speaker at the Dual County Summit to be held on September 27, 1997. The Summit members and the Mayor of Syracuse will blend corporate and community efforts in local volunteer projects. Also, a local youth media group will produce a video, "The Media Unit," to use during presentations for publicity purposes. The Local Youth Summit will be held on October 13th, giving local youths the opportunity to speak out and develop their own action plans.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In June, delegates from Westchester County submitted their Community of Promise Intent form. The lead point of contact indicated that information about the delegation's efforts will be submitted at a later date.

NORTH CAROLINA

ASHEVILLE AND BUNCOMBE COUNTIES

These counties are still in the initial meeting stages.

NORTH DAKOTA

FARGO

With the strong support of the Lieutenant Governor, Fargo will use its local summit on October 9-10, 1997 as a springboard for every region in the state to implement the action plans they have created. To stimulate corporate support, Fargo hosted a business luncheon for their efforts on July 28, 1997.

OHIO

TOLEDO

Toledo delegates have submitted their intent form to become a Community of Promise. No information has been submitted regarding a local summit or related events.

OKLAHOMA

TULSA

On October 3, 1997, the Tulsa delegation will host Tulsa's Promise, "It's All About Kids." The event will occur from 9:00am-8:00pm in the Gilcrease Museum. The delegation has designed a two-part agenda. In the morning, participants will assess the inventory of existing programs and list the current needs, and in the afternoon they will set goals to achieve those ends.

OREGON

EUGENE-LANE COUNTIES

The Eugene Lane Delegation will be holding a summit on October 10, 1997 at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Networkers for Youth, the convenors of the summit, are a local network of business, education, and community leaders. According to the delegation, Oregon's Promise is the first step to support, coordinate, refine, and expand the individual and organizational efforts serving the needs of youth in Lane County. Sponsoring the summit is Symantec, the Lane County Commission on Children and Families, Networking for Youth, and the Southern Willamette Private Industry Council.

PORTLAND

There is no information available at this time.

PUERTO RICO

SAN JUAN

There is no information available at this time.

RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE

Providence has merged with the state delegation. Please refer to the state summary.

SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARLESTON

The Charleston delegation recently met and decided to become a Community of Promise. The delegation will continue to meet to develop a strategic plan of providing the five fundamental resources in their community.

CHESTER COUNTY

As a result of the Philadelphia Summit and a meeting of delegates on May 29th, a regional volunteer roundup event has been scheduled for Sunday, September 14, 1997.

COLUMBIA

The town would like to use a volunteer showcase format at a day-long summit on November 20th to attract corporations interested in making commitments.

SOUTH DAKOTA

SIOUX FALLS

This community is having a pre-summit luncheon of 500 participants on July 29th to create interest in their fall Summit, "The Sioux Falls Promise: An Alliance for All of Our Youths." The Summit will be held on September 26-27th at the Coliseum and organizers expect 1000-2000 participants. A half hour talk show will start off the summit thanks to a local network station. The mayor and a 48 person planning group are spearheading the effort. They will conduct a Youth Summit side by side with their Summit. Youth members are actively planning this segment to include the summer's slate of activities leading up to the Summit. Planners have visited with youth from the lock-up Juvenile Detention Center to gain their input on how best to help at-risk youth.

TEXAS

EL PASO

The El Paso delegation is in the midst of planning an El Paso Summit for Youth, to be held September 17th or 18th. The delegation anticipates 600 young people from the area to participate in the event. The young people will be selected to participate in the event based on submitted essays, including students from elementary, middle and high schools, both public and private. The Summit for Youth will be held at the University of Texas and will include break out sessions and several speakers.

FORT WORTH

Fort Worth is planning their summit for November 8, 1997 at the Tarrant County Convention Center. They anticipate 3000-5000 participants from all sectors of the communities, not only from Fort Worth, but also neighboring Tarrant County. Since April, the Fort Worth delegation has formed task forces on the five fundamental resources. By the November summit these groups will have assessed both the strengths and gaps, and a duplication of efforts outlined in the Presidents' Summit and will present their plan to fulfill their goal related to the five fundamental resources. A directory of volunteer opportunities will be printed up and provided to each delegate.

HOUSTON

On September 20, 1997 the Houston delegation will hold a volunteer rally and commit over three thousand volunteer hours. They are planning a local summit to be chaired by President and Mrs. Bush.

VERMONT

BURLINGTON

Burlington delegates submitted their intent form to become a Community of Promise. No additional information is available at this time.

VIRGINIA

HAMPTON

No information is available at this time.

RICHMOND

Linda Robb, President of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, convened 300 participants at a local high school for "The Summit on Youth - Working Together for Change." Working papers on a variety of subjects sparked planning on critical issues incorporating resources such as youth assets mapping and volunteer organizing. A "Youth Yellow Pages" of information and helpful agencies was an important tool developed for attendees.

WASHINGTON

SEATTLE

The Seattle delegation has been at work on a variety of activities upon their return from the Presidents' Summit. In May of 1997, the delegation developed a Speakers' Bureau composed of delegation members to outreach into the greater community. On May 28, 1997, they held a delegation task force meeting with over 100 individuals to begin brainstorming the next steps for a local initiative. As for the future, the delegation plans to develop an information brochure that depicts the mission, goals, those who are involved, and what the initiative offers. Moreover, they are hoping to design a Community Summit and Service Celebration and barn-raising events which will occur in the third and fourth weeks of October. Finally, they are working on securing a loan executive.

WISCONSIN

GREEN BAY

A nationally televised football game will be the inaugural event for the Summit Fest on September 1-2, 1997. Organized by Green Bay's Promise and the Neighborhood Resource Board, the Summit Fest will convene community representatives through Neighborhood Family Resource Centers and Neighborhood Associations to offer them technical assistance with designing and implementing local plans. Green Bay has planned a Summit Celebration and Call to Action and held a committee session on July 28, 1997.

MILWAUKEE

Twenty-five non-profit mentoring organizations comprise one of the five resource teams that will help delegates organize around the goals featured in a local summit in the fall of 1997. In addition, the delegation has the commitment of an advertising agency to do pro bono work and undertake a youth mapping effort to identify needs. A preliminary goal is to add 500 local mentors to the ranks of volunteer groups.

WEST VIRGINIA

ATHENS

A Community Session will be held in Athens on September 5, 1997, to which they are inviting community planners and potential funders. Athens' main focus at present centers on the fifth resource. They have developed a concept paper and are looking for the necessary funding. Their goal includes creating a volunteer center and increasing the number of volunteers in the area.

CHARLESTON

The Valley Summit was held in the Charleston Civic Center on July 1, 1997. Local delegates continue to meet every two weeks. A Spring summit will be held to chart the progress made.

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Harris Wofford, CEO

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*Letter
to Steve
Routledge
11/18/97*

TO: Steve Silverman

LOCATION: _____

FAX #: 456-6704 PHONE #: _____

FROM: Joe Bongiovanni

FAX #: (202) 565-2784 TELEPHONE #: (202) 606-5000, Ext. 546

COMMENTS:

Steve - per our conversation, here is
some information about what I do
here at the Corporation. If you could help,
that would be great. If not, I understand

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*and will do whatever I can to brief
the appropriate people as to what
the Corporation and AmeriCorps are doing
in terms of youth outreach.*

Thanks - Joe

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Joe Bongiovanni
Special Assistant to the CEO
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Joe Bongiovanni grew up in Philadelphia where he participated in many community service projects, including an after-school "adopt-a-grandparent" program, BINGO with physically disabled students, swim lessons for the physically handicapped, and various Saturday service events in the City of Philadelphia. When he enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania, he continued this service experience through Gateway: Adult Literacy and after-school tutoring programs. During his second year, Joe began service-learning program at Turner Middle School through a Learn and Serve America grant at the Corporation for National Service. This grant enabled the University of Pennsylvania to work with parents, community members and teachers to adopt this middle school and develop a curriculum that supplemented their classroom learning. He continued this service-learning experience throughout college, including an intensive summer learning institute for these middle school students.

Upon graduation in May 1995, Joe interned at the Corporation for National Service with Learn and Serve America: Higher Education. He spent the summer researching service-learning curricula. In the fall of 1995, he was hired as a Program Assistant with Learn and Serve America: Higher Education.

In the Spring of 1996, Joe began working with Harris Wofford as his Special Assistant, where among other things, Joe prepares briefing materials for meetings and travel and works on special projects for the CEO -- including youth outreach. With his own service experience and leadership, Joe has been coordinating youth outreach throughout the country. Some of the initiatives that he was responsible for include: the internship program of the Corporation for National Service, the youth track at the Presidents' Summit in Philadelphia -- engaging over 300 youth attendees in meaningful workshops designed to further the goals of the summit, and the follow-up response by the young people at the Summit. Through his youth perspective, Joe has been a solid youth voice to the Corporation and its many program areas -- especially AmeriCorps and our service-learning initiatives. He is also a resource for young people throughout the country in terms of way in which they can connect to National Service.

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed
Steve Silverman

SUBJECT: Harris Wofford's Proposal to Resume Points of Light Awards

Background: Harris Wofford has written to urge that you resume former President Bush's "Daily Points of Light" awards. He proposes to rename the awards the "Presidents' [plural] Points of Light," with you and President Bush as co-sponsors. Rather than having the White House take responsibility for selecting and vetting the winners on a daily basis, as was the case under President Bush, Harris proposes that the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service take on this responsibility. The Knights of Columbus have agreed to fund the costs of this program for one year.

One factor complicating the decision is that Harris has had extensive conversations with the Points of Light Foundation and with President Bush himself on this proposal. Apparently Harris has made it clear that he favors this idea and that the decision rests with the White House. Harris indicates that President Bush will be deeply disappointed if we decide not to resume the awards.

One other timing issue is that you are scheduled to attend the dedication of President Bush's library on November 6. If we decide to reinstate this program, that event would be an opportunity to announce it, especially given the former President's attachment to the Points of Light program.

Arguments For:

- Reinstating the awards is an easy way to keep the issue of service and volunteerism before the public on a daily basis. It would continue to repair the rift between the AmeriCorps concept of service and the more traditional volunteer sector, just as the Philadelphia summit did. Also, AmeriCorps members would be eligible for the awards.
- President Bush very much wants the Administration to do this. He will be very disappointed if we do not, and he will see it as the White House's decision because of Harris' conversations with him.

Arguments Against:

- The benefits of resuming the awards are minimal. Our efforts to reach out to the volunteer sector at the Philadelphia summit were so successful that it is not clear what this would add. In addition, some would react negatively to

such a decision, since the original Points of Light program was derided by many as an empty gesture.

- The daily responsibility of selecting and vetting winners will be time-consuming for White House staff, and not worth the effort. Although theoretically we could assign responsibility for vetting the award winners to the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service, from a practical standpoint we would probably still feel the need to do a legal and/or political check on award winners.

Options:

- Resume the awards as Wofford proposes.
- Decline to resume the awards.
- Recommended Option: Reestablish these awards as the "Daily Points of Light" awards, rather than the "Presidents' Daily Points of Light" awards, to be administered by the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation, with no formal connection to the President or the White House.

Harris believes that this plan would be acceptable to former President Bush as long as we do not appear to be distancing ourselves from the awards. To that end, he suggests we announce this at the dedication of the Bush library, and advise former President Bush in advance of our action. He also suggests that we invite a group of the first winners to the White House during National Volunteer Week in April, along with former President Bush, and that we use inclusive language in talking about the awards, such as "We join former President Bush in congratulating the winners." Such actions seem like a reasonable compromise on this issue.

Recommendation on Harris's Reauthorization Memo:

Harris Wofford also wrote you on October 3 urging that we make reauthorization of AmeriCorps a high priority. He argues that we should send the Corporation's reauthorization proposal to the Hill before adjournment this year, with the goal of getting AmeriCorps reauthorized by the first anniversary of the Presidents' service summit next April. AmeriCorps has never been reauthorized and is now operating without any authorization. Harris argues that we must seek to firmly establish AmeriCorps' existence, preferably beyond the end of your term, and that this is the best time to do it.

The Corporation has made strides, particularly since the service summit, in getting Congress to support or at least not attack AmeriCorps. This year, for the first time, Congress did not launch an effort to eliminate the core AmeriCorps programs during the appropriations process, and it appears we will secure funding at last year's levels plus an increment for America Reads, although a smaller one than we requested.

We recommend that we launch the reauthorization in a high-profile way as Harris requests, but wait until the final phase of this year's appropriations battle is complete. The VA-HUD appropriations bill that is coming to you for signature includes funding for core AmeriCorps programs as well as \$25 million for America Reads. However, we are still fighting to get more funds for AmeriCorps' portion of America Reads as part of the Labor-HHS appropriations bill, and we believe it would be prudent to wait until this is resolved. It is possible that Labor-HHS will not be settled until just before recess, which would frustrate Harris's goal of sending this proposal to the Hill prior to adjournment. Nevertheless it would be prudent to wait.

As the memo to you on Presidents' service summit follow-up suggests, one option is to launch the reauthorization in a radio address right before Thanksgiving, which would come just before Powell's summit update on November 25.

TO: Ann Lewis
Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Steve Silverman
Maria Echaveste
Melanne Verveer
Susan Liss
Diana Fortuna

FROM: John Gomperts, Chief of Staff

DATE: October 16, 1997

SUBJECT: President's Participation in Make a Difference Day

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Attached is a letter to the President and Mrs. Clinton asking for their participation in Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October 25, 1997, which coincides with the six month anniversary of the Presidents' Summit in Philadelphia. Make a Difference Day is an annual volunteer day sponsored and heavily promoted by *USA Weekend*. Across the country, over a million volunteers and national service participants will be serving together on community projects. The Corporation for National Service and AmeriCorps participants are playing leading roles in many of these volunteer activities.

In contrast to past years, this year there will be considerable activity in Washington DC. Harris Wofford is already scheduled to join Marcia Bullard of *USA Weekend*, Bob Goodwin from Points of Light Foundation, Colin and Alma Powell, Bill and Elayne Bennett, and Katherine Shindle (the newly crowned Miss America) in six projects involving over a thousand volunteers.

The Make a Difference Day organizers would be delighted to have the participation of the President and First Lady and the Vice-President and Mrs. Gore. The President (or others) could participate in the morning rally and volunteer send-off or he could join AmeriCorps members and community volunteers in hands-on service projects. The sponsors are happy to assist in any way to coordinate activities that would accommodate the President.

Although the time is relatively short, I wanted you to be aware of this opportunity for the President and key members of the Administration, including the Cabinet, to demonstrate support for and to participate in national service and community volunteering.

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October 8, 1997

The President and Mrs. Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20036

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton:

On behalf of USA WEEKEND and The Points of Light Foundation, we invite you to join our staffs and more than one million Americans nationwide volunteering on Make A Difference Day, Saturday, October 25.

You and Mrs. Clinton know the value of community service and its impact on America. Your participation in our nation's annual day of doing good would inspire Make A Difference Day volunteers across the country, and encourage and educate the millions of Americans who want to lend a hand, but don't know how to begin.

This year, hundreds of organizations, corporations and at least seven states are planning to kick off or reinforce commitments made at the Presidents' Summit for America's Future. Here in Washington, D.C., we are coordinating and volunteering in six projects, each addressing one of the five fundamental resources identified in Philadelphia as vital to a healthy and prosperous future for our children and young people.

Among our project partners are Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Best Friends, America's Promise — The Alliance For Youth, the District of Columbia, Americorps, and KaBOOM. We are expecting approximately 1,000 volunteers to fan out to our six project sites that day. Among those volunteers will be General Colin Powell and Mrs. Powell, and Kate Shindle, the newly crowned Miss America. We would be honored if you could join us, too.

If your schedule takes you out of Washington on that day, there are thousands of projects going on in communities across America that could use your help. We would be happy to provide further information about those events.

I hope you will be able to join us on this very special day. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Lohman at The Points of Light Foundation at 202-223-9186, or Pam Brown at USA WEEKEND at 703-276-4531.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Marcia Bullard

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Rationale: Communities need to provide all young people with sustained adult relationships through which they can experience support, care, guidance and advocacy. Support and caring within the family and beyond the family ties fosters the development of good social skills, positive values, positive self esteem and an avoidance of destructive behaviors. It is important that in addition to parents, young people develop sustained relationships with extended family members, neighbors and parents of friends and neighbors, teachers, coaches, mentors, child care workers and employers.

In support of Resource 1 - Ongoing Relationships with Caring Adults we have planned the following project:

What: "Friendship and Fun" A day pairing adults and children in friendly, competitive games
Activities to include: Video of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Basketball Toss, Three- Legged Races, other field activities and a service project

Where: Amidon Elementary School
4th & I Streets, SW
Washington, DC

Partners in the day: Big Brothers/ Big Sisters
Expected Attendance: 200

Resource 2 Safe Places and Structured Activities to Learn and Grow

Young people need to be physically and emotionally safe, and in structured activities that benefit them during their free time. Clubs, teams and organizations in schools, youth programs and places of worship connect children with caring adults, expand young people's skills and sense of responsibility, protect youth from violence and other negative influences, create positive social interactions, advance academic performance and provide opportunities for young people to give back to their communities through service. Unsupervised time provides open opportunities for juvenile crime, negative influences, and vulnerability to other dangerous situations.

In support of Resource 2 - Safe Places and Structured Activities to Learn and Grow we have planned the following project

What: A community playground build



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Where: J.C. Nalle Elementary School
50th & C Sts.
Washington, DC

Partners in the day: KaBoom, Freddie Mac, Marshall Heights Community Development, J.C. Nalle Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, Children's Aid Society
Expected Attendance: 300

Resource 3 A Healthy Start for a Healthy Future

Children and young people need to live healthy lives that prepare them for a healthy adulthood. While a healthy start includes preschool needs such as prenatal care, immunizations and proper nutrition, there is also the urgency to sustain a healthy lifestyle into adulthood. In addition to prenatal care and affordable and accessible health care, young people need health and nutrition education, exercise, safety and economic security.

What: A community health fair to include: vision screenings, preventative child safety programs, programs promoting fitness and healthy living

Partners in the day: LensCrafters, Kids One
Expected Attendance: 150-200

Resource 4 Marketable Skills Through Effective Education

Young people need to be prepared for the realities of today's workforce requirements. Employers increasingly need workers who are technically proficient, can learn new skills rapidly, can creatively solve problems and work in teams. Whether or not a young person chooses higher education, marketable skills are required to make the transition from school to work. Among the skills required to be successful in the workplace are: a foundation in the basic skills of reading, math, writing and communication; thinking skills such as decision making, creativity, problem solving and reasoning; and personal attitudes and attributes such as responsibility, initiative, integrity and ambition.

In support of Resource 4 - Marketable Skills Through Effective Education we have planned the following project:

What: "The Inside Scoop on College and Career Planning" A community fair teaching job related skills, providing career workshops and college panels for young people.
Workshops to include: Choosing Service As A Career, Planning Your Own Service Project, Entrepreneurship, Music Careers



Where: Hine Junior High School
8th and Pennsylvania Streets, SE
Washington, DC

Partners In The Day: AmeriCorps Alums, The Washington Center, The Fishing School, National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurs
Expected Attendance: 200

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Resource 5 Opportunities to Serve Site One

Young people are part of the solution, not part of the problem. Research shows that service experiences enhances self-esteem, improve academic performance, instill a sense of confidence and competence and foster the growth of social responsibility as a life long value. Giving children and adolescents the opportunity to serve takes many forms -- families in service together, service-learning in schools, service through religious congregations or affiliations, service clubs, and neighborhood activities. There are so many opportunities for young people to serve...and the rewards benefit the community both now and in the future.

What: "Revitalization of Randall Recreation Center" A day of working together to restore a neighborhood. Activities to include: cleaning, painting, mulching, and planting.

Where: Randall Recreation Center
South Capital & I Street, S.W.

Partners in the day: Best Friends, Department of Recreation and Parks, Ruppert Landscaping, USDA, Corporation for National Service
Expected Attendance: 200

Site Two

What: "Preservation of a National Treasure" - The National Trust of Historic Preservation has listed the Congressional Cemetery as one of America's most endangered historic sites because of problems with theft, vandalism and neglect. In these 33 acres are interned many personages of national and local historical renown including John Philip Sousa, David Herold executed as one of the Lincoln assassination conspirators, Matthew Brady, J. Edgar Hoover, Vice President Eldridge Gerry, suffragette Adelaide Johnson and others.



Where: The Congressional Cemetery
1801 E Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Partners in the Day: Corporation for National Service, Service and Conservation Corps, The Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery

Expected Attendance: 500

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A national call to action

All Americans are challenged to plan a volunteer project for Saturday, October 25, 1997.

■ **USA WEEKEND** announces 1997's Make A Difference Day in the August 8-10 issue to 41.7 million readers of 496 newspapers.

■ **The Points of Light Foundation** coordinates announcements through its network of 501 Volunteer Centers around the country.

Make A Difference Day inspires projects that address specific needs of communities. Volunteers find solutions as ambitious as a city-wide clean-up, or as personal as tutoring a child. Volunteers might chop vegetables at a soup kitchen, refurbish a house for a homeless family, do chores for a sick, elderly person. Everyone can help, and every project counts.

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■ **10 National Awards.** Project organizers receive \$2,000 donations to the charity of their choice from USA WEEKEND magazine. Honorees are featured in an April 17-19, 1998, special issue of the magazine coinciding with National Volunteer Week, and are honored in Washington, D.C., that same week.

■ **50 Special Awards.** Projects receive \$2,000 awards, donated to the charity of their choice, from Paul Newman and Newman's Own Inc. (Newman's Own donates 100% of the company's after-tax profits to charity.)

■ **Repeated Excellence Awards.** Past national honorees that have increased their Make A Difference Day impact may receive a donation to their charity of choice from USA WEEKEND and Gannett Foundation.

■ **Hundreds of local honorees.** Each is reported in the pages of USA WEEKEND, and on the Web site www.usaweekend.com.

Make A Difference Day and the Presidents' Summit for America's Future

This spring, Colin Powell announced a new effort to increase volunteering in the USA. In Philadelphia at the Presidents' Summit for America's Future, hundreds of communities, corporations and groups pledged to increase their levels of volunteering. This autumn, Make A Difference Day provides a ready-made opportunity for those new volunteer efforts. Organizers may use the day to kick off new efforts, recruit volunteers, or focus attention on ongoing efforts in your community.



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TO: Erskine Bowles
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FROM: Harris Wofford 

RE: America Reads and the Appropriation for National Service

DATE: September 15, 1997

As we all know, the America Reads initiative faces major obstacles at this time. Current prospects for an authorization bill are not as strong as we would like. However, the soon to be considered Conference Reports on the VA/HUD and Labor-HHS appropriations bills offer the opportunity to win a measure of success for the President's initiative. They may also be the only realistic chance to provide the Corporation and AmeriCorps with needed new resources. House/Senate Conferees on the VA/HUD appropriation are likely to meet this week. So we need to move quickly to seize this opportunity, and we will need high level White House support and assistance to win these additional resources.

Background on Appropriations Status

Funding for the service programs the Corporation runs comes from two appropriations. The VA/HUD appropriation supports AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America. Funds for VISTA and the Senior Corps come from the Labor-HHS appropriation.

Level funding for AmeriCorps is relatively secure. In all likelihood we will get the same \$400 million as in FY 96 and FY 97. Further, indications are that the Conference Report may give the Corporation additional flexibility in using the \$400 million, which will help us to continue our effort to improve the administration of the agency. Similarly, the funding the Corporation receives from Labor-HHS appropriation is quite solid.

Funding for the Corporation's role in America Reads is in great danger. The House VA/HUD bill contains no money for America Reads. (In fact, the House bill contains only \$200 million for AmeriCorps, so House Conferees are unlikely to take the initiative in getting additional America Reads funds for the Corporation.) The Senate VA/HUD bill contains \$20 million earmarked for America Reads, as a result of the Mikulski, Bond, Daschle amendment. Both the House and Senate Labor-HHS bills include modest increases for our senior programs and the Senate bill includes \$4 million for AmeriCorps*VISTA, also earmarked for America Reads. Thus, under the current bills, the Corporation might best hope to receive between \$20 - 30 million of new money for literacy-oriented programs.

From the beginning of this year when the President's budget tied the Corporation's increase to America Reads, we have assumed that America Reads would be the vehicle for

increasing AmeriCorps' appropriation. This fits perfectly with the "service as a strategy" approach that we have been taking toward expansion. By proving that service is an effective means to "get things done" we can expand the reach of our programs. America Reads is the embodiment of that strategy.

What We Propose

While enthusiasm for America Reads may be muted on Capitol Hill, the local and state response to the President's initiative has been very strong. I have attended several launches of local America Reads type efforts, the largest in Houston, and have found a high degree of enthusiasm and commitment to the idea. What people in the field are most looking for is not necessarily new federal legislation, but help in recruiting, training and organizing volunteers. That is precisely what our national service participants can do.

Winning the resources to make good on this initiative will take strong help from the White House in the days and weeks ahead. Specifically, to enhance the investment in America Reads, we recommend the following steps:

1. The White House press for an additional \$30 million (over the \$20 million already in the Senate bill) for America Reads in the VA/HUD appropriation. This would mean a total of \$50 million in new money for America Reads in the VA/HUD appropriation.
2. The Corporation earmark \$15 million from our current appropriation (the \$400 million) for literacy-related activities.
3. The White House also seek small increases for Corporation programs funded through the Labor/HHS appropriation. The bill currently includes approximately \$18 million in new money for literacy activities. We suggest pushing for a total of \$35 million for senior programs and VISTA in the Labor-HHS bill.

If we succeed with all three of these efforts, then the Corporation would have a \$100 million investment in the America Reads program, half of the \$200 million the Administration originally sought for the Corporation's role in America Reads.

To capitalize on this opportunity, we will need substantial and insistent support from the White House. Neither the VA/HUD nor the Labor-HHS Conferees seem rigidly opposed to the idea of literacy-related activities, but they do feel very pressed for resources. Without White House intervention, it is not likely that we will even get the \$20 million in the Senate VA/HUD bill.

As always, we stand ready to discuss the approach outlined above, and to provide any back-up material you believe would be helpful. I will follow-up to get your reaction to this proposal, and to see how we might move forward to win this victory for the President, America Reads and AmeriCorps.

CC: Jack Lew
Diana Fortuna
Steve Silverman

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FROM: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

DATE: 9/16/97

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(E) **Eli Segal Welfare-to-Work Update** -- Your St. Louis visit was "a huge success." After your visit a Richard Wirthlin survey showed 66% of the local business community felt the city was heading in the right direction on welfare issues -- up from 52% before. Now has 2,500 "partners" -- a long way from the 5 you announced in the State of the Union; hopes to have 5,000 by year's end; notes positive NYT piece on changing attitudes; hopes you'll do an additional event this fall; suggests San Francisco in November. Also sends along two items: "A Blueprint for Business" and "St. Louis Welfare to Work Service Providers." *Items on file.*

(N) **British Labor Party Campaign Video from Paul Begala** -- Says, "Anyone who says free TV time will fill the airwaves with crap has never seen what they run in Great Britain . . . If our energy -- and money -- were free to go towards creativity instead of time-buying, our campaigns could look more like this too." He's sending dubs of the video to Les Moonves and Norm Ornstein. *The video is included herewith.*

We have also received the following items:

Note from McCurry on NYT's Photo Use Policy -- Mike says in the wake of Princess Diana's death, the NYT is reconsidering its use of photos like the one it published of you and the First lady on the beach in Martha's Vineyard. He will keep you updated.

Harris Wofford Letter with Americorps Orientation Video -- Says, "As you return to this not so playful city, this may lighten your step." Also requests a meeting with you at your convenience. *Video is on file with Cabinet Affairs.*

Cong'l Correspondence from Susan Brophy -- Two items: (1) Note from Sen. Dale Bumpers; he and Betty were "immensely gratified by your remarks at the immigration announcement" because of their "love for you and because [their] children and grandchildren were present." Says, "such exhilarating moments, when one realizes that he or she has affected so many lives for the good, make public service a high calling." (2) Note from Sen. Jack Reed; "Thanks so much for visiting with us on Block Island. It was a great honor having you. The response was extraordinary. I hope you can visit again and stay longer."

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September 9, 1997

President William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President,

As you return from your island vacation to this not so playful city, the enclosed video may lighten your step. It is the new AmeriCorps orientation video that will be shown to all new AmeriCorps members this fall. We like it so much that we may also intend to use it for recruiting and other promotional activities.

When you have the opportunity, I'd like very much to spend a little time with you plotting how we take the next steps to create even more service opportunities, including especially reauthorization of AmeriCorps and the Corporation's other service programs.

With best wishes,



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WASHINGTON

June 30, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: ANN F. LEWIS
SUBJECT: WOFFORD MEMO

Sorry for the delay and this may be too late, but this request raises very real concerns:

- Does this mean giving out daily Points of Light awards, with “a major portion of the staff commitment . . . devoted to working with media . . .” while the President’s Service award is given out once a year? What will be the impact on our effort to emphasize service?
- Do we have any realistic expectation that agreeing to the proposal would result in more bipartisan support for AmeriCorps? Or, does it dilute the value of AmeriCorps by highlighting more traditional volunteer programs?
- How far down the road has this traveled? Do we really have an option on how to respond?

cc: Bruce Reed
Steve Silverman ✓



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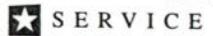
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I hope you can give me the
green light.

Yours,
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PROPOSED REVIEW PROCESS FOR DAILY POINTS OF LIGHT

During the selection process, Points of Light Foundation staff will research backgrounds of all finalist nominees. Staff will call Volunteer Centers, Corporation state offices, those within the Corporation's network, references provided by nominators, and any others that can provide further background information on the potential Points of Light. In addition, they will conduct a Lexis Nexis search on all finalists and analyze the results to learn what's already publicly known about them. This process, which we've employed for a number of years in the President's Service Awards program, has helped eliminate several potential problem nominees.

Levels of Clearance

For the daily Points of Light Program, there are at least three possible levels of clearance.

Level one: The Foundation conducts the same types of background checks and Lexis Nexis reviews that it has conducted on the President's Service Award nominees, for both individual and organizational nominees.

Level two: In addition to the Foundation's background checks, the White House Counsel reviews all finalists.

Level three: After the above two processes, all finalists are passed on to the FBI for further background checks.

Proposed White House Recognition for Honorees

We're proposing a relatively basic level of recognition by the White House for the daily Points of Light – a personalized letter from President Clinton to each individual or group. This is a process we can work out with the correspondence office where the Foundation provides them weekly with names, addresses and a paragraph about each of the honoree's activities. These letters would be similar to ones that the correspondence office prepares routinely for organizations' special events, individuals' birthdays and anniversaries, etc.

If the White House is agreeable, some of the Points of Light awardees could also be invited to public events (airport arrivals, etc.) when the President and/or Mrs. Clinton travel to the communities.

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We want to make this process as foolproof as possible and ensure that the honorees are legitimate and won't cause embarrassment either to the White House or to the Foundation or Corporation or President Bush. At the same time, we don't want the process to be labor-intensive for the White House staff.

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YOUTH SERVICE: A POWERFUL RESOURCE FOR ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE SUMMIT

Service should be the common expectation and a defining experience of growing up in America. All young people should be challenged and inspired and given opportunities to serve through their families, schools, communities of faith, youth corps and community organizations. Young Americans can play a vital part in reaching the goal of 2 million additional youth with all five resources and 5 million connected to at least one. They can do so very directly by becoming champions for young children as tutors, mentors and coaches. As Martin Luther King said, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve." A key part of America's Promise is that every young person must be challenged and inspired to discover and realize that greatness. All young Americans must see themselves—and be seen—as resources and leaders, not just as problems or victims.

Service experiences, in order to be of the highest quality, should be sustained over time, have identifiable results, help solve real community problems and be structured to include preparation, action and reflection. Providing more high quality opportunities for young people to serve will pay multiple dividends:

- ◆ The sixty million students from kindergarten through college represent a powerful resource. Research shows that engaging older students, including those in high school and middle school, in tutoring younger students improves both students' performance; college students mentoring at-risk youth encourages young people to set higher aspirations; and peer mediation and conflict resolution can be effective in preventing violence among young people.
- ◆ High quality service is a vital way to learn citizenship, responsibility and discipline; to build skills, enhance self-esteem, develop problem-solving abilities, introduce new career options and prepare young people for future work; to improve academic motivation, school attendance and performance; and most importantly, to establish a pattern of future service that will continue through adulthood.
- ◆ Service answers the need that all people, rich and poor, have for practical experience and an understanding of democratic values in action; and the need to learn how to work with people of different backgrounds and experiences.

THE CHALLENGE

- ◆ Let us challenge two million additional young people by the year 2000 to provide 100 hours each year or more of service through high quality programs.
- ◆ Let's challenge 100,000 young people to become service leaders by providing 1,000 hours or more of high quality service each year.
- ◆ Let's challenge colleges and universities—and students—to commit at least half of the nearly 1 million work study positions to community service.

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