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11. MONTAGUE, WILSHIRE DISTRICT. ONCE A WELL KNOWN R&B DJ IN LA, MONTAGUE MOVED ON THE CHICAGO WHERE HE ALSO BECAME FAMOUS. AND IT WAS THERE HE WAS BITTEN BY THE BUG, THE COLLECTORS BUG. HE BEGAN BUYING AND COLLECTING ART BY AFRICAN-AMERICANS. OVER THE YEARS HIS COLLECTION BECAME AN OBSESSION, UNTIL IT GREW TO BECOME ONE OF THE FINEST AND MOST EXTENSIVE GENRE COLLECTIONS ANYWHERE. MONTAGUE NOW OPERATES THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN ART MUSEUM IN THE WORLD. IT'S LOCATED ON WILSHIRE BOULEVARD RIGHT NEXT TO THE PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM.

12. MEGA FOSTER FAMILY. ROGER AND GLENDA GILLIS ARE NOT YOUR AVERAGE FOSTER PARENTS WHO TAKE ON A CHILD OR TWO FOR AWHILE. THEY HAVE CARED FOR MORE THAN 400 FOSTER CHILDREN AND ARE CONSIDERED IDEAL FOSTER PARENTS IN A COUNTY PROGRAM FILLED WITH PROBLEMS. HE IS AN LA FIRE CHIEF, SHE DEVOTES FULL TIME TO PARENTING. THE KIDS THEY CARE FOR ARE MOST OFTEN THE "HARD TO PLACE" KIDS. WE HAVE PERMISSION TO SHOW THE KIDS.

THE FINAL 12.....(NOT IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

1. LORNA HAWKINS, LYNWOOD. HAWKINS LOST TWO SONS TO GANG VIOLENCE. SOMEHOW SHE SURVIVED THE PAIN AND ANGER AND DECIDED TO DEDICATE HER LIFE TO STOPPING VIOLENCE AND HELPING FAMILIES WHO LOSE CHILDREN SURVIVE THE SHOCK AND GO ON WITH THEIR LIVES. AFTER 7 YEARS "DRIVE-BY-AGONY", A NON-PROFIT RESOURCES CENTER SHE FOUNDED FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES, IS FLOURISHING AND HAS EXPANDED TO CLASSROOMS AND OTHER COMMUNITIES INCLUDING, PASADENA AND EVEN AS FAR AWAY AS WISCONSIN.

2. WILLIAM JENSON, GLENDALE FIRE DEPT. JENSEN PERHAPS BEST EXEMPLIFIES THE DEDICATION AND HEROISM OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTERS. ONE OF THE HEROES OF THE RECENT MALIBU FIRES, JENSEN NEARLY LOST HIS LIFE. WITH THE HELP OF THE SHERMAN OAKS BURN CENTER AND THE PRAYERS OF THOUSANDS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS HE'S NOT ONLY SURVIVED BUT HE MAY WELL BE BACK AT HIS JOB IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. JUDGE ROOSEVELT DORN, SUPERVISING JUDGE, JUVENILE COURT INGLEWOOD. ADVOCATE OF TOUGH LOVE APPROACH TO JUVENILE CRIME. JUDGE DORN HAS AN OPEN DOOR POLICY FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE OUT OF CONTROL. THAT ALLOWS PARENTS TO BRING CHILDREN WHO ARE TRUANT, HABITUAL RUNAWAYS, OR DISOBEDIENT TO HIM FOR DISCIPLINE. AND HUNDREDS DO. HE HAS SAVED COUNTLESS YOUNG LIVES AND HE'S REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST ENLIGHTENED JUDGES IN THE U.S. RARE COURTROOM AND CHAMBER TAPE.

4. GENNARO CORTEZ, CANOGA PARK. A FREELANCE CARPENTER USED PERSEVERANCE, PERSPIRATION AND WHAT LITTLE MONEY HE HAD TO START A SOCCER LEAGUE OF MORE THAN 500 KIDS IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD. BUT THE OPERATION, WHICH RUNS ON A SHOESTRING, WAS IN DANGER OF BEING SHUT DOWN BECAUSE PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICIALS WANTED TO MAKE ROOM FOR ADULT SOFTBALL, WHICH BRINGS IN MORE REVENUE. HE APPEALED TO LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILWOMAN, LAURA CHICK, AND NOW THERE'S A COMPROMISE THAT WILL ALLOW GENNERO AND HIS KIDS TO PLAY SOCCER ALL YEAR LONG.

5. RABBI MARVIN HIER, WEST LOS ANGELES. HIER HAS DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO ROOTING OUT INTOLERANCE AND SHOWING IT FOR THE EVIL THAT IT IS. HE'S BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE SIMON WEISENTAL CENTER AND THE MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE. BOTH ARE MONUMENTS TO THE STRENGTH OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

6. ANDY VARGAS. IN 1985 ANDY VARGAS "ADOPTED" GLEN ALTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS. HIS FIRST GIFT WAS UNIFORMS FOR THE DRILL TEAM, WHICH HE MADE AT HIS CLOTHING STORE. 3 YEARS LATER ANDY HIT THE LOTTERY...HE DONATED 20-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE SCHOOL AND HASN'T STOPPED GIVING SINCE. HE ALSO SPONSORS AN ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. ANDY VARGAS IS THE INSPIRATION FOR ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAMS NATIONWIDE.

7. SAM GENENSKY. WHEN HE WAS A DAY OLD A NURSE PUT THE WRONG DROPS IN HIS EYES...HE LOST MOST OF HIS VISION. STILL HE WENT ON TO BECOME A MATHEMATICIAN, AN AUTHOR , A SCIENTIST AND AN INVENTOR. HE IS THE FOUNDER OF THE NATIONALLY RENOWNED "CENTER FOR THE PARTIALLY SIGHTED."

HIS INVENTIONS INCLUDE SPECIAL COMPUTERS AND A CLOSED CIRCUIT TV TO HELP LEGALLY BLIND PEOPLE READ NEWSPAPERS AND WRITE LETTERS. EVEN THE SPECIAL SIGNS YOU SEE ON RESTROOMS, CIRCLE FOR WOMEN AND TRIANGLES FOR MEN, ARE HIS DESIGN. HE HAS HELPED THOUSANDS WITH HIS INVENTIONS AND NOW, AT THE AGE OF 60, HE'S UNDERGONE RETINAL TRANSPLANTS, ALLOWING HIM TO "SEE" HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER'S FACE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

8. MICKEY JACKSON, HOLLYWOOD. AFTER ONE OF HER FRIENDS DIED OF AIDS, SHE QUIT HER JOB IN ADVERTISING AND DESIGN TO DEVOTE ALL OF HER ENERGIES TO A SERVICE AS SIMPLE AND NECESSARY AS LAUNDRY. SHE FOUNDED AND RUNS "AUNT BEE'S" THRIFT SHOP IN HOLLYWOOD. IT'S A RESALE CLOTHING STORE AND ALL THE PROFITS GO TO RUN A LAUNDRY SERVICE FOR HOMEBOUND AIDS PATIENTS. HER VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF PICK UP SOILED LAUNDRY..WASH, DRY, FOLDED IT, DELIVER IT.....ALL FOR FREE !

9. GARY STEWART, SENIOR VP. RHINO RECORDS. RHINO IS ONE OF THE HOTTEST LABELS IN THE BI Z. UNDER GARY'S LEADERSHIP THE COMPANY HAS TAKEN A LEADING ROLE IN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY WITH A REGULAR COMMITMENT OF MONEY AND "TIME" TO LOCAL GRASSROOTS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. RHINO REQUIRES ALL EMPLOYEES TO DO 16 HOURS A YEAR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND THEY PAY THE EMPLOYEES BACK IN TIME OFF. THE COMPANY ALSO GIVES 2% OF ITS PROFITS TO CHARITY. NO SMALL SLICE SINCE THEY'RE A \$60-MILLION DOLLAR A YEAR CONCERN. AND BESIDES ALL THAT RHINO ALSO ORGANIZES SPECIAL EVENTS FOR KIDS, GIVES SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROVIDES JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

10. MARK DURRELL, LAPD. A FULL TIME COP... MARK USED EVERY SPARE MOMENT AND ALL THE ENERGY HE COULD MUSTER TO BRING LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TO HIS COMMUNITY (LA-LONG BEACH). HE LOBBIED THE NAT'L LITTLE LEAGUE ASSOC., THE LA DODGERS, THE HILTON AMATEUR ATHLETIC FOUNDATIONS, LA PARKS AND RECS AND HIS NEIGHBORS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. NOW THE KIDS HAVE AN OFFICIAL LITTLE LEAGUE PARK AT 39TH AND WESTERN AND IT'S PLAY BALL.

Video Remarks of Hillary Rodham Clinton
New World Foundation Take Actions Awards Ceremony

March 13, 1997

I am pleased to have this opportunity to thank Colin Greer and The New World Foundation, as well as Lee Kravitz, editor of *react* magazine, for making this first annual Take Action Awards Ceremony possible. I would also like to thank your hosts, Senator Bradley and Miss America, Tara Holland, for supporting your efforts to promote and encourage community service among our young people. Special thanks also go to the Kids in Distressed Situations Foundation for generously providing \$25,000 in toys and clothing to the winners and 10 runners-up for distribution in their communities so that they will experience the rewards of philanthropy as well as community activism.

Those you honor today with scholarships of \$20,000 each, represent the very best our young people have to offer. They have encouraged racial harmony, mobilized environmental action and promoted student activism and safety. Michael Tan, Aaron Gordon, Melissa Poe, Anisa (Ah-NEE-sah) Kintz (like chintz), and Rosina (roh-SEE-nah) Roibal (roy-BALL), remind us of the youthful resources of creativity, tenacity and boundless energy that can be rallied toward making better lives for others.

One of the President's proudest moments was when he signed the bill creating the Corporation for National Service and AmeriCorps. And on April 27th, in Philadelphia, he will convene the President's Service Summit. Our goal is to mobilize America's citizen power in a united effort to solve our common problems, especially those that threaten our youth.

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EDITORIAL

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(SEE "ADD GRAFT.")

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PROTECT OUR HOMES AND PROPERTY....
TO THE POLICEMEN AND WOMEN ALL ACROSS AMERICA WHO PUT
THEMSELVES IN HARMS WAY TO PROTECT OUR LIVES.**

HRC VIDEO REQUEST FORM

DATE TO BE RECORDED 3/5

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ORGANIZATION	KCBS-TV
DATE OF EVENT	March 31
LOCATION	Los Angeles, CA
EVENT	1st annual KCBS TV Community serv. Award
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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS TO THE 1ST ANNUAL
KCBS-TV COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS
MARCH 5, 1997

Thank you for this celebration / comm. service.
I am delighted to salute those of you gathered here tonight to celebrate a commitment to serving your communities. I am especially pleased to applaud those of you being honored for your efforts to make your neighborhoods a safer and better place to live.

help salute men + women who have devoted themselves to
Much of the work of America cannot be done by government alone. Part of the solution to strengthening our families and ensuring our children's future lies in people, like those being honored here tonight. As Martin Luther King Jr. reminded us, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve". You have proven your greatness through your willingness and enthusiasm to serve your communities. *service, community, responsibility -- as these*

compassion, conduct
Your selflessness and generosity embody all that is good about the human spirit. You are helping build the foundation of our nation as a "village", serving as examples to your neighbors on what the practice of community is all about. *honored tonight*

wants
The President and I remain dedicated to the idea that citizen service is essential to our democratic way of life. In cooperation with programs like AmeriCorps, our national service program, the President intends to mobilize and train a citizen army of one million volunteer reading tutors. The President will also convene the first President's Summit on Citizen Service with President Bush next month. Their goal is to mobilize America's citizen power in a united effort to solve our common problems, especially those threatening our young people. *threatening*

9 I would also like to commend KCBS-TV for taking the initiative to recognize tonight's honorees for having made Southern California a better place to live. I hope you will continue the tradition of honoring the spirit of giving with your Annual Community Service Award. *re honorees*

While all of you being honored here tonight come from different backgrounds and different perspectives, you represent the best in all of us. I thank you for your efforts to better your communities and ultimately, our country.

Congratulations on this deserving award.

2 Today, we live in a time of great opportunity + great challenge. And as we face a new century, it will take all of us working together to

3 The heart of our democracy throughout our history has been civic involvement -- the willingness of the American people to serve others.

next time more challenges + size more opportunities

VIDEO REQUEST PROPOSAL

TODAY'S DATE 02/25/97

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TO: Stephanie Streett and Anne Hawley
Co-Directors of Scheduling & Advance

FROM: Mike McCurry
Press Secretary

REQUEST: A video for the first annual KCBS TV
Community Service Awards in Los Angeles,
California.

PURPOSE: For the President to emphasize community
service and salute those who are being
honored by KCBS-TV.

DATE AND TIME: Video will air March 31, 1996.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT: KCBS - TV,

BACKGROUND: The President's video would kick off the First
Annual KCBS-TV Community Service Awards which
will air March 31 immediately following the
NCAA Basketball Championship. The broadcast
will last 90 minutes and will honor 12 people
who have made Southern California a better
place to live. The honorees share a wide
range of occupations such as firefighters,
teachers, and ordinary citizens who make a
difference.

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DURATION: 1 minute.

REMARKS ATTACHED: Suggested script attached.

STAFF CONTACT: Lorrie McHugh/Laura Schwartz x67150

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL: Lisa Caputo



*KCBS background
BVS of 12 final winners
Criteria to Award*

EDITORIAL

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for taking a moment to read this letter.

Like many Americans we agree with your call to all of us that we become more involved with our communities. The spirit of volunteerism that you've talked about is a necessary first step in resolving many of the ills that plague America, from high crime rates to low scholastic results.

To that end, we at KCBS-TV, Los Angeles, have instituted a Community Service Award honoring the strength and beauty of the human spirit.

Our first annual KCBS-TV Community Service Award presentation will air Monday night, March 31st, immediately following the NCAA Basketball Championship. The broadcast will last 90 minutes and will honor 12 people who have made Southern California a better place to live. From firefighters, to teachers, to ordinary citizens who make a difference.

Our recipients include Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the Wiesenthal Center, Firefighter William Jensen, one of the heroes of the recent Malibu fires, Lorna Hawkins, who lost two sons to gang violence and now dedicates her life to helping others who have lost loved ones to violence, to name a few.

To Lisa
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from
John Cullis



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nation's black physicians, 80 percent of our African American federal judges, 75 percent of our black PhDs, 50 percent of our black business executives and elected officials all were educated at HBCUs.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities have served with distinction, of course, in terms of their contributions to our administration: Our former Secretary of Energy, Hazel O'Leary; former Surgeon General, Dr. Joycelyn Elders; the Director of Presidential Personnel, Bob Nash; and, of course, as the Vice President said, Alexis Herman, who is here with us today and who did a superb job for us as Director of Public Liaison -- and, with your help, will be a great Secretary of Labor, and I want your help. (Applause.)

Over the last four years, we have put in place a comprehensive college opportunity strategy to make college available to every American citizen. I directed the Department of Education and the White House Initiative on Historical Colleges to work to increase funding to HPCUs. We've made student loans less expensive and much easier to obtain under the Direct Student Loan Program. AmeriCorps, our national service program, has given tens of thousands of young people the chance to earn college tuition while serving in their communities. We have created already in the last budget 200,000 more work-study positions to help students work their way through college, and in the new budget there is another 100,000, which will mean we will go from 700,000 to 1 million work-study slots in only four years. (Applause.)

We know that financial aid is critically important. But some of your colleges, as many as 90 percent of the students, receive financial aid. Last year, we increased the Pell Grant program by 20 percent, taking the maximum grant up to \$2,700 from about wherever it was \$2,460. That was the biggest increase in 20 years.

This year's budget is bigger still. It increases Pell Grants by another 25 percent, the largest increase again in well over 20 years; and increases the maximum Pell Grant award to \$3,000 per year. It expands the program to include older students who are starting college late or returning to school. It raises the maximum family income level to include hundreds of thousands of families who did not qualify for Pell Grants before. In total, these changes will help almost 350,000 more families send a family member to college.

The balanced budget also includes a \$10,000 tax deduction to help families pay for college, and a \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship tax credit, which is enough to pay for the tuition at the typical community college in America for two years.

This college opportunity agenda will open the doors of college wider than ever before. Now we need to work to make sure that the Congress, without regard to party, will enact these changes into law.

Before I answer questions now, I'd like to ask for your help with one more thing. We all know that literacy is the basic tool of learning. But 40 percent of our children cannot read

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

January 24, 1997

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT CLINTON
FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH ,
GENERAL COLIN POWELL, AND SECRETARY HENRY CISNEROS
IN NATIONAL SERVICE SUMMIT ANNOUNCEMENT

The East Room

2:52 P.M. EST

PRESIDENT CLINTON: I thank the Vice President and the First Lady for their remarks. Obviously, I am delighted to have President Bush, General Powell, and Secretary Cisneros back. Henry's only been off the payroll a day or two. (Laughter.) I didn't really know if he'd come. (Laughter.)

I thank so many people here who have advocated national service and citizen service of various kinds for a long time. Especially I'd like to acknowledge, in addition to Harris Wofford and Bob Goodwin, Eli Segal and Ray Chambers; Al From with the Democratic Leadership Council; Charles Moskos, the national scholar of citizen service, who was for all this years before the rest of us knew it was an issue. Thank you, sir, for all your lifetime of work devoted to the proposition that the American people can forge their own destiny and solve their own problems. We thank you.

This is an extraordinary collection of Americans who have gathered here, not only on the stage but out here in the room, to advance the cause of citizen service. Much of the work of America cannot be done by government. Much other work cannot be done by government alone. The solution must be the American people through voluntary service to others.

The challenges we face today, especially those that face our children, require something of all of us -- parents, religious and community groups, business, labor organizations, schools, teachers, our great national civic and service organizations, every citizen.

One of my proudest moments as President was signing the bill creating the Corporation for National Service and AmeriCorps. During the last three years, about 50,000 Americans have earned aid for college by serving in their communities, doing real work to address critical

problems, cleaning up rivers, working with the police to make the streets safe, helping children learn to read, and doing many, many more things in every state in the country.

These AmeriCorps members and even larger numbers of Senior Service Corps and student volunteers have really helped to revive the spirit of service in America. I noticed just a few days before the Inauguration the publication of a national poll -- I can mention that now and you think I have not self-interest, you see -- (laughter) -- the publication of a national poll that said that young people are serving in their communities in far higher percentages than just a few years ago.

I think is a culmination of years and years of effort. When President Bush held this office, he understood that so much of what is good in America has to be done, and is being done, by people who are outside Washington and outside the federal government. And we share his hope that by holding up examples of ordinary Americans engaged in extraordinary service, by holding up those 1,000 Points of Light, they will grow by the power of their example into millions of points of light. And we thank you for that. (Applause.)

Citizen service belongs to no party, no ideology. It is an American idea which every American should embrace. Today I am pleased to announce that we are taking an important step to give more Americans the opportunity to fulfill that promise.

On April 27th, in Philadelphia, with the support and leadership of the Corporation For National Service, the Points Of Light Foundation, General Colin Powell and Secretary Henry Cisneros, President Bush and I will convene the first President's Summit On Citizen Service. Our goal is to mobilize America's citizen power in a united effort to solve our common problems, especially those that threaten our young people.

Leaders from a broad spectrum will come with commitments in hand, concrete pledges of support and volunteers to solve their local problems. In preparation for the summit some of our most prominent corporations and service organizations have already stepped forward. Big Brothers-Big Sisters has pledged to double their mentoring relations, matching 200,000 deserving young people with caring adults through the 2000. And they have pledged to compound their efforts by having these adult volunteers actually do other citizen service projects with the young people they mentor. They not only will be serving the young, but calling on the young to serve.

Lens Crafters will provide one million needy Americans, especially children, with free vision care by the year 2003. Columbia HCA, a leading health care company, has committed to immunize one million children through their health care facilities by the year 2000. And that is just the beginning.

I am delighted that General Colin Powell, who has served our country in so very many ways, has agreed to serve once again, this time as general chair of the summit.

General, we're grateful that you're joining us. And I remember well when you had your

retirement ceremony, you said that you were going to devote more of your life to helping young people to have better lives and better futures. There is nothing, nothing you could do that would have a bigger impact on that goal than this. And we are very grateful to you, sir. (Applause.)

All of you know that I believe Henry Cisneros is the finest HUD Secretary who ever served our country. He had a special way of getting people to take responsibility for their own lives of generating real interpersonal human contacts in places where they had been too long absent. He just has a great new leadership job at Univision, and I am very grateful that he was willing to take substantial time out of an already very busy schedule in a new and fulfilling in some ways more rewarding life -- (laughter) -- to do what I know he loves best, which is to help people realize their own promise. Thank you, Henry, for doing that. (Applause.)

Finally, let me say I am deeply honored to be embarking on this joint venture with President Bush. As far as I know, there's not much of a precedent for this sort of thing, at least in recent history, but there should be. It must be true that the things which unite us as citizens are bigger than any one person, one party, one election, or one ideology. They can only be solved if we come together in partnership to lift each other up -- a person at a time a family at a time, a neighborhood at a time, a school at a time.

The organizers of this effort have wisely chosen Philadelphia as the site of the summit, for the reasons that the Vice President said.

I'm reminded at the close of the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin made an observation about a design of the sun that was hanging low on the horizon in the chair that General Washington sat in to preside over the Convention. And after the Constitutional Convention was over, he said there had been a lot of speculation about whether it was a rising or a setting sun; having seen the Constitution he could say that it was definitely a rising sun.

I believe we can look at this assemblage today, look forward to Independence Hall in Philadelphia, and say this is a rising sun.

I thank all of you. I thank especially those who are here on this platform. And I'd like to ask all of you to join me as we hear from our speakers. First, President Bush; to be followed by General Powell and Henry Cisneros.

Mr. President, welcome back. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT BUSH: Thank you, all. Mr. President, thank you, sir. (Applause.) Thank you all very much. Mr. President, thank you, sir, and Hillary -- Mrs. Clinton, our First Lady, for this wonderful welcome back and for your extraordinarily kind and overly generous remarks.

Of course, I'm pleased to be here, joining the President, Colin Powell -- my old dear friend, comrade-in-arms, you might say -- and, of course, Henry Cisneros, who I knew before most of you did, back when he was the Mayor of San Antonio -- to salute all on this Summit on Volunteerism. Of course, we have here volunteer organizations. And I wish I could single out

bring into the classroom in their early lives. Many times, as General Becton indicated, we need more help from the parents at home. Many times the parents themselves need help to learn to read well enough to read to their children.

So we know that this is a complicated problem. That does not, however, relieve us of the burden of solving it. In fact, what it does is impose upon more of us the responsibility to help to solve it. One of things -- I'm glad to see my friend Bill Miliken (phonetic) here and I was glad to hear General Becton recognize the Cities and Communities in Schools Program because they have for years -- in small rural cities in my home state and in big urban places like Washington -- tried to remind the community that our children are everyone's responsibility and there must be a community approach to dealing with this.

And that's what we're here to talk about today with regard to a simple but profoundly important goal -- that every 8-year-olds must be able to read independently. We intend to use thousands of AmeriCorps volunteers to mobilize and train a citizen army of one million reading tutors. We want at least 100,000 college students to help, to build our army of reading tutors on college campuses all across America. That's what the America Reads program Secretary Riley and Carol Rasco are spearheading is all about.

Last fall, I worked with the Congress to create over 200,000 new work-study jobs on America's college campuses, the program that enables young people to work their way through college. My present budget calls for another 100,000 work-study positions to be made available to our college campuses. I want a portion of those new positions to be devoted to community service -- to letting people work not just on the campus, but, more importantly, in the community and especially teaching our children to read.

College presidents nationwide have answered the call. Many of them are here today -- the local college presidents behind me, others in the audience. They have pledged thousands of their work-study students and thousands who do not receive work-study assistance to serve for one year as reading tutors.

The District of Columbia is rising to meet that challenge. Today, thanks to the support of General Becton and the willing leadership of the university presidents behind me, over the next five years, thousands of college students, AmeriCorps participants, volunteers, parents and teachers will work together to help D.C.'s children learn to read so that they can meet that national goal.

The presidents of seven D.C. area colleges and universities -- American, Catholic, Gallaudet, Georgetown, George Washington, Howard and Trinity -- have pledged nearly 700 students next year and thousands of students over the next five years to serve as reading tutors in D.C.'s public schools. And we should all thank them for it. (Applause.) And we should note, too, that there are several hundred students from these seven schools who are already working in our city as tutors and as other public servants.

These new tutors, the vast majority of whom will be work-study students, will begin in the 18 District schools General Becton has identified as most in need of this kind of partnership, including Garrison. But we hope the effort will expand to many more of D.C.'s schools. In each of the 18 schools we will place two AmeriCorps participants who will work full time to coordinate the effort and recruit more volunteers.

I might say that one of the things I have learned in visiting schools all across America, in all different kinds of settings, is that it requires an organized effort by the schools to effectively use the volunteers -- and sometimes volunteers aren't in the schools simply because the school either hasn't taken the time or doesn't have the resources to organize bringing them in and using them effectively. So that's one of the things that we hope we can accomplish with our AmeriCorps volunteers.

Finally, with the help of AmeriCorps and D.C. businesses, General Becton will open a family resource center in each school so that parents have the support and assistance they need to read to their own children, so that they can be the first and best teachers for our students.

After Hillary and I read the book to the 6-year-olds today -- out of the mouths of babes -- the children came up to see us. The first question they asked was, now, did you read to your daughter when she was a little girl? (Laughter.) Every night, I said. And the second question was, now, did your parents read to you when you were a little boy? The first two questions they asked. So we do have to make it possible for these parents to do their jobs.

That's another thing I've noticed over the years: Almost every parent, no matter how young they might be, no matter how uneducated they might be, desperately wants to do a good job. And we have to give them the resources to do it and the strength and self-confidence to do it.

Now, as I said, we're plotting out a race here for a tortoise, not a hare. This is not going to be done overnight. Children are not built in a day. But it is a very important start. To truly renew our capital city, we clearly have to start with our children. With the creation of this new D.C. Reads partnership, thousands of college students and volunteers will help our public school children learn to read. In so doing, they'll be taking more responsibility for their city that has given them an opportunity to get an education. They'll be creating more opportunity for the children who live here. They'll be building a stronger and a better-prepared community for the 21st century.

I believe they will inspire this community to pitch in and work together to lift up the children of the District of Columbia and make this Capital worthy of its great heritage and the bright future of our nation. We want to do more to improve education throughout the District. We'll offer more support to the Department of Education, to the District schools, sharing our expertise in a broad range of areas. Our Cabinet agencies will build on the many partnerships