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MRS. CLINTON: Good afternoon. Good afternoon, and welcome to the White House for the fifth anniversary celebration of AmeriCorps. And I am so pleased to see all of you here. We apologize for the delay. The weather delayed a lot of people, we just got our last guests in and seated. And we're so grateful that all of you could make it here for this very important celebration.

It was an idea, but it became a reality five years ago when the first AmeriCorps members stood on the White House lawn and really became the embodiment of a cherished idea of the President and so many others throughout our country: the idea that America's young people were not cynics or slackers; they were instead idealists and patriots, and among the greatest American generations we have had. (Applause.) The idea that young people did want to be part of something bigger than themselves, to take responsibility and make a difference in their communities.

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We only needed to find a way to unleash that potential. And national service -- giving more Americans the opportunity to serve their communities and to earn money for their own college educations -- was one of the reasons that my husband ran for President. It remains one of his proudest achievements, and today we can see why. In just five years, 150,000 Americans have joined AmeriCorps. (Applause.) These AmeriCorps members have helped to immunize more than 1 million people; taught, tutored or mentored 4.4 million children; built some 11,000 homes; and have truly led our nation in a true season of service.

All across the country, I have seen AmeriCorps in action. And I've met some extraordinary people -- people like Loc Truong, who came to America as a refugee from Vietnam and joined AmeriCorps to mentor at-risk teenagers so that he could give something back to the country that had helped his family in their neediest hours. Or Ashley Dumas, who, after graduating from college taught GED classes and provided child care in a shelter for single mothers in South Boston. Or Colin Yost, who taught needy families how to conserve energy and prevent lead poisoning in Portland, Oregon and used his AmeriCorps award to help pay for law school.

In short, the young people of AmeriCorps are getting things done. But even more than getting things done, they are strengthening our democracy and building our society so that it continues into the 21st century as strong as ever. You know, in America, citizenship has always meant more than paying taxes, more than going to work, more than obeying the law. Citizenship is built on the belief that we are all responsible for one another, that we meet our challenges, not through government alone or as isolated individuals, but as a true community working together.

Over the years, I've been to many countries where I've had the privilege of representing the United States -- places where people are just beginning to understand the benefits and responsibilities of freedom. And wherever they go I'm asked, how has America made it work for so many years. And I tell them about citizen service, and I tell them about AmeriCorps, how the young people in AmeriCorps are learning firsthand the power of civic action.

They see playgrounds controlled by drug dealers or neighborhoods devastated by tornadoes. And rather than throwing up their hands in despair, or waiting for someone else to take care of things, they roll up their sleeves and get to work -- because they know they can help.

And they're learning that much more unites us than divides us. By serving together, suburban teenagers next to young kids from the inner city next to kids who grew up on farms, AmeriCorps members are learning that what matters is not your politics or the color of your skin, but your ability to get things done and get along with one another. It doesn't matter whether you're a Republican or a Democrat or an independent, from California or Maine or Florida. If you can hammer a nail or teach a child to spell, you have the kind of open heart and extended hand that AmeriCorps needs.

So I thank all of you for helping to rekindle the spirit of democracy. And particularly to the AmeriCorps members who are here with us today, and the new members who will be sworn in at the end of the ceremony, you truly do represent the spirit of citizenship and service that has always made America unique. And we are grateful for your willingness to serve.

In order to take the message of AmeriCorps far beyond the confines of this tent or the White House, or the Congress, or the specific places where you work, we've been very fortunate to have created some videos that we'll be running on TV to educate more Americans about AmeriCorps. Because one of AmeriCorps's great strength is that it's not just a government program, but it's a partnership, with states and localities, with not-for-profits and community organizations, and with private sector donors.

And a year ago, a group of those private sector donors, friends of AmeriCorps, joined together to see what they could do to make sure that this celebration really counted in making AmeriCorps part of the American fabric of our lives. That group was led by Eli Segal, Alan Solomont and Dan Dutko. Sadly, our friend, Dan Dutko, died in a tragic accident this summer. We miss his wisdom, his energy and his commitment to this cause. But I know he is here with us in spirit.

The Anniversary Committee has partnered with Yahoo to develop a new website celebrating AmeriCorps, and the ads we are about to see are the result of their work with GSD&M from Austin, Texas; and Peter Hart and Associates from here in Washington. These ads feature what I think is the perfect slogan for AmeriCorps -- "Taking Responsibility Personally" -- because that is what every AmeriCorps member does every single day. I hope you'll pay attention to these ads and I hope you'll see them often on your TV screens and I hope they will spread the word about what AmeriCorps means.

Let's look at them now.

(The videos were shown.)

MRS. CLINTON: I'm hoping that by the end of the ceremony we'll have the sound working and we maybe can show those again, because I think that the message of the ads is one that truly does represent what all of you have done.

The next young man who will be speaking -- actually speaking -- is going to express in words better than any of us can what it has meant to be part of AmeriCorps. And it is an honor to introduce Andre Crisp -- (applause) -- a young man with a great deal of courage, hard work and spirit, who is literally changing the world and transforming his own life through AmeriCorps. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Well, Andre, thanks to you no one has to wonder about what AmeriCorps's all about. I thank you for your introduction. I thank you for your service to AmeriCorps and your country. And I thank you for the power of your example. And I hope, maybe more than anyone else who speaks today, your voice and your story will be told out of this great anniversary meeting.

I want to thank all the other people here who helped to make this day possible. I want to thank Deb Jospin for her leadership; Senator Harris Wofford; Eli Segal for what he did to help us get started -- (applause) -- and all of them. Let's give them all a hand. (Applause.)

I want to thank Hillary for always believing in this, and for taking it on as a personal goal that we would do something about the fact that when we had 100,000 people in AmeriCorps, and everybody who knew about it loved it, but most people didn't know about it, she decided she would change that. And Eli, and Alan Solomont, and our friend Dan Dutko and others agreed to help. And I thank her for her passionate support during these years when we believed in AmeriCorps when it was just sort of an idea. And she has done a wonderful job. Thank you. (Applause.)

I want to thank the members of Congress who are here, who were here: Senator Specter, Congressman Quinn and Congressman Payne, three who represent the bipartisan support that we have enjoyed. I thank James Lee Witt, Jack Lew, Janice LaChance and others in the administration who have helped us. I want to thank our presenters, whom I will introduce in just a moment; General Colin Powell, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Sargent Shriver and the Governor of Utah,

Mike Leavitt, for being here. And I want to thank the Howard University Choir. They're going to sing for us and with us in a few moments.

You know, it seems impossible to me that it was five years ago on the North Lawn of the White House that we led the first class of AmeriCorps members in the AmeriCorps pledge. It wasn't very long before that that I had the privilege of signing the legislation creating AmeriCorps with the same pen that President Kennedy had used to sign the legislation creating the Peace Corps.

I always believed that you would elevate the cause of citizen service in America, that you would make America a better place. But on that day five years ago, AmeriCorps was still just an idea with a good plan, built on the remarkable path-breaking efforts of Sargent Shriver with the Peace Corps and VISTA; built on the remarkable service corps I had seen in Boston and Los Angeles and San Antonio, and other cities; championed by some of the most thoughtful and passionate citizens of both parties; energized by -- even then -- 20,000 young people who were raring to give something to their country, and wanted to be part of AmeriCorps.

But still it was just an incandescent idea. Today we celebrate -- thanks to you and your predecessors -- a glowing success. AmeriCorps members are living up to the highest obligations of our citizenship. They are creating opportunities for others, taking responsibility for themselves, and fostering a community of all Americans. They are our best builders, building that bridge to the new century.

You can see it in the way their optimism inspires others to also lend a hand and volunteer in their communities. You can see it in the remarkable teamwork and camaraderie that I have personally witnessed and felt, all over this country, in so many different activities. You can see it in the way they work together across the lines that would normally divide AmeriCorps members, and eliminate the alienation that too many of our young people experience today.

You can see kids who went to Ivy League schools and kids who dropped out of high school working side by side, serving together, giving together, and treating each other as equals, proving that Dr. King's dream of a beloved community is alive and well in the hearts and lives of the AmeriCorps volunteers.

I could just give you one illustration among thousands. On his very first day as an AmeriCorps member in a small town in southern West Virginia,

Scott Finn heard that local residents had a dream of cleaning up a boarded-up old schoolhouse and turning it into a community center. The school had no electricity; it had no running water. It was a complete wreck, inside and out, an eyesore and a place that invited drugs and crime and mischief.

So Scott, fresh out of Harvard -- a long way from a little town in West Virginia -- put together a team of volunteers and sparked a new determination to get things done. They hauled water out of a nearby creek to mop the floors. They negotiated a lease. They raised \$50,000 in grant money. And today that sorry old school is a beautiful new community center, with a lending library, a gym and a safe playground. That's AmeriCorps at its best. (Applause.)

That new community center is a meeting place for dances, for gospel concerts, for after-school programs and a Boy Scout troop. It's a tremendous source of community pride. Scott is one of the 21 remarkable AmeriCorps members and alumni who will receive one of our All-AmeriCorps awards. They'll all be introduced later. But I just wanted you to think about that.

When AmeriCorps members like Scott first took their pledge, they promised -- and I quote -- "to carry this commitment with me, this year and beyond." Today we will help them fulfill the second part of that pledge, for today I'm asking the Corporation for National Service to develop a new initiative to connect former AmeriCorps members with service opportunities wherever they live -- Habitat for Humanity, the Red Cross, the Boys and Girls Clubs, America's Promise, the Points of Light Foundation, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, the United Way, the National Mentoring Partnership. They've all signed on to help, all to use the incredible experience and commitment of our former AmeriCorps members.

Like returned Peace Corps volunteers and military veterans, those of you who are AmeriCorps members and alums represent an enormous national pool of know-how and can-do. You are already 150,000 strong and growing stronger. I hope soon we'll be adding 100,000 new members to your ranks every single year. (Applause.)

There is no question that you are now an indispensable force for change in America. After years of fights over funding and purpose in AmeriCorps, peace is breaking out all over in Washington. (Laughter.) A major factor lifting AmeriCorps out of the realm of partisan politics here is the support of people and leaders and especially governors of both parties, like Governor Leavitt, out in the country who

have seen firsthand how AmeriCorps members are setting off chain reactions of civic involvement, civic progress and civic pride.

In state after state, in community after community, AmeriCorps volunteers prove daily they're one of the best and smartest investments our country ever made. They're showing us here in Washington what you can do when you stop talking past one another and start working with each other. Right now, in the middle of this battle over the budget, we need more reminders like this.

Today, I had the honor of signing the budget for VA and HUD, for the EPA, for the National Science foundations -- programs to help the homeless, to give housing vouchers to empower the poor; programs for our empowerment zones, that the Vice President has led; and for the first step in my New Markets Initiative, to give investors in this country the same incentives to invest in poor communities in America, where many of you work, that we give them today to invest in poor communities in Latin America and Asia and Africa. This is important. (Applause.)

I hope this is just the beginning, and that we will do the same when it comes to the education of our children. AmeriCorps volunteers have been in the forefront of a lot of our education efforts, and I hope that the spirit you bring will infect the spirit of our deliberations here. We know that our children can have a good future if we work together across party lines the way you do.

Let me just say, before I introduce the distinguished Americans who will present the All-AmeriCorps Awards, once again how profoundly grateful I am to every person here who has helped to lift AmeriCorps beyond the pale of a partisan political fight. I especially thank those who had genuine reservations five years ago and didn't have the follow through and the courage and the openness to take an honest look at AmeriCorps in action and to help us to improve some of our actions, which we also did.

Most of all, I want to express my gratitude to the AmeriCorps members and their leaders throughout this country who have lived up to their pledge and so much more. By taking your responsibility personally, as the advertising campaign says, you are breathing new life into our old, old democracy, sparking a new patriotism among a new generation of Americans -- a patriotism of the home front rooted in the knowledge that our nation's strength and security, and our individual possibilities are all determined in no small measure by whether all of us have a chance to live up to our God-given potential.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. (Applause.)

I'm going to introduce our four presenters and they, in turn, will come to the microphone and do their jobs.

From the moment her husband was struck down on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, Coretta Scott King determined that it was up to her to keep the dream alive. Despite her grief, she got on a plane for Memphis to address the same striking sanitation workers her husband had gone there to help. She told them, we are going to continue this work to make all people truly free.

She has done that in every possible way: by leading marches and giving impassioned speeches for racial justice, human rights; an end to discrimination based on sexual orientation; by founding the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change; by leading the efforts to create a national holiday in her husband's memory; and by helping to turn that holiday into a day of service, not a day of rest. There is no one in America who is better suited to present the All-AmeriCorps Common Ground Award, and we welcome her here today. (Applause.)

Sargent Shriver often describes himself as a lucky man, having been graced with the remarkable and wonderful family he has. I might say, the rest of us think he's lucky because, among other things, he's the youngest and healthiest man his age on the face of the planet. (Laughter.)

But our luck is just as profound, for America has never in its long history had a more compassionate and passionate man more devoted to public service. He was the founder of the Peace Corps and the VISTA. He served the Navy in World War II, created Head Start and the Job Corps, and Legal Services. He led the Special Olympics, served as Ambassador to France, led the Chicago Board of Education; fostered civil rights early, when it wasn't so popular; and economic opportunity for the poor, all growing out of his profound religious faith and his deep patriotism.

On top of all that, he is one of the most warm and genuinely unassuming people you will ever meet. We are honored to have him here today to present the All-AmeriCorps Award for strengthening communities. One of the greatest public servants in the history of the United States, Sargent Shriver. (Applause.)

Whenever I speak about Mike Leavitt, the governor of Utah and the new Chairman of the National Governors' Association -- one of the most popular

leaders in Utah history -- I am reluctant to say anything nice about him because his state is so Republican I'm afraid I'll hurt him and knock him down a peg or two back home if it gets out that I'm bragging on him. (Laughter.) But his complete commitment to service and his generous support of AmeriCorps is one of the reasons that we are where we are today, with the breadth and depth of support for this program.

Two years ago, at a rally with General Powell, Governor Leavitt helped to launch Utah's Promise, a statewide effort to mobilize all the citizens of that state to action. Already it is yielding remarkable results -- increasing literacy; creating new service teams; recruiting and training more caring foster parents, a big issue for Hillary and for me.

Governor Leavitt has been a great champion of Utah's schoolchildren, reducing class size, increasing teacher pay, equipping Utah's classrooms for the 21st century. It is only fitting that he present the All-AmeriCorps Award for leadership, because he is truly an All-American leader.

Thank you, Governor Leavitt. (Applause.)

And, finally, General Colin Powell. In 1993, General Powell, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the architect of America's victory in Desert Storm, retired from his extraordinary military career. I was one of many Presidents who benefited immensely by his service.

But that was just the first act in Colin Powell's remarkable life of service. He has gone on to serve our country as the leader of America's Promise, his national crusade to give every child the nurturing and support he or she needs, and to give every young person the opportunity to serve. Already, General Powell and his troops, including many AmeriCorps members, have touched the lives of millions of children.

General Powell used to say in a characteristically modest way that he was, first and foremost, an infantryman. Ladies and gentlemen, I begin by introducing you to the infantryman who is leading the charge toward America's Promise, General Colin Powell. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Now, I think our presenters did a wonderful job. Let's give them all a hand again. They were great. We thank them for their time. (Applause.)

I want to leave you with this thought, and then ask the new class to stand and join me in the AmeriCorps promise. And then we will hear from and sing with the Howard University Choir in "America The Beautiful."

When you leave here today and you remember how you felt, and you remember the stories of the people we honored, I want you to think of the future you would like to build for America and the 21st century. I want you to think about what you'd like this country and this world to be like when your children are your age, when your grandchildren are your age.

If I ask you to write down what you think the new century will hold, depending on your background, you might say, well, we're going to finally solve all the mysteries of the human gene -- which is true -- and then mothers will go home from the hospital with their newborn babies with a little map of their future and it will tell you, individualized, what kind of food your children should eat, what kind of exercise regimes they should have, what they should avoid, how you can maximize the quality of their lives.

Or if you're into computers, you might talk about the next generation of the Internet and how, in no time at all, the number of Internet users will be as dense as the number of telephone users in America; and how the Internet might allow children in the poorest villages of the world to skip a whole generation of educational and economic development. Or you might think about how these two things will join together, and we'll be able to put little digital, electronic impulses in various parts of people's bodies that will help them overcome paralysis, and have medical miracles.

Or if you're interested in outer space, you might say you look forward to the discovering of billions of new galaxies, and finding out what's really in those big black holes in outer space.

Isn't it interesting -- when you think about all this modern, exciting stuff; the most sweeping discoveries the world has ever known -- don't you think it's interesting that the biggest problems we have in this country, and throughout this world, relate not to some modern problem -- although there are modern problems, like sophisticated weapons -- but they're rooted in the oldest, most primitive problem of human societies: We're still afraid of people who are different from us, who look different from us, who act different from us, who have different views about how to worship God or live their lives.

That's why AmeriCorps is so important. For all the

things I've been involved in all these years as President, all the things I've worked to do, I really believe -- looking toward the future -- if every young person has a chance to be a good citizen -- and we don't give up on anybody, we'll always give them a chance to come back, here. We had a lot of comeback kids here today, talking -- and if America can remain committed to building one America across all the lines that divide us, recognizing that our differences make life more exciting, but what's important is our common humanity -- if those two things can prevail, more than any modern discovery, you'll be proud of the America your children and grandchildren have.

That's why AmeriCorps matters, and why I'm so grateful to you. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

Now, I want to ask the newest class of AmeriCorps volunteers to stand up and repeat the oath after me. Raise your right hand.

"I will get things done for America to make our people safer, smarter and healthier. I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities. Faced with apathy, I will take action. Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground. Faced with adversity, I will persevere. I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond. I am an AmeriCorps member. And I will get things done."

Congratulations. (Applause.)

Now, I would like to ask you, in advance, to give a warm round of applause to the Howard University Choir. They've waited through this whole thing to sing "America The Beautiful" with us. Thank you and God bless you. (Applause.)

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TALKING IT OVER

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

October 20, 1999

When Robert Kennedy was a member of the U.S. Senate, he spoke to a group of college students in South Africa. What he said is as important today as it was then:

"Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

This week at the White House, in celebration of the fifth anniversary of AmeriCorps, the President and I were joined by Sargent Shriver, Colin Powell, Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt and Coretta Scott King to honor 21 Americans who have sent out ripples of hope -- ripples that are breaking down barriers and raising up lives. They are graduates of AmeriCorps, and these are some of their stories:

While serving with the Idaho Immunization Project, Christine Packer helped launch a statewide effort that boosted the immunization rate for 2-year-olds from 50 to 70 percent, and drew her to a career in public health. A lawyer in Los Angeles, Lin Min Kong helped low-income residents of run-down public housing projects purchase their buildings and renovate them into safe and affordable housing.

Marine Corps veteran James Boland worked with the National Collaboration for Homeless Veterans in West Haven, Conn., to develop mentoring, family and crisis programs in the very facility that had helped him 12 years earlier when he was a homeless and addicted vet. Working with other AmeriCorps members and in collaboration with victims' advocates, social service and law enforcement, Tera Oglesby developed the Seattle Police Department's first victim-support team, offering a range of emergency and long-term services for victims of crime and abuse.

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During her first year with AmeriCorps, Byrnadett Frerker developed Literacy Avengers, a computer literacy development program for middle-schoolers, who in turn taught the skills to their parents. In her second year, Byrnadett worked with the Safety Service Corps Emergency Response Team, providing disaster relief to families and communities in the wake of wildfires in Florida, a hurricane in Mississippi, floods in Missouri and, most recently, Hurricane Floyd in North Carolina. On the South Side of Chicago, Mark Payne recruited young African-American males to volunteer and serve as role models for others in their neighborhood.

And as an 18-year-old volunteer in Pine Island, Minn., Jason Lupeituu knew he wanted to provide a safe and stable place for young people to feel accepted and have the chance to develop their hopes, dreams and goals for the future. Working with local youth, he raised the start-up funding to turn an old laundromat into the youth center of his dreams, Pine Island Union of Youth, Inc.

Whenever you hear negative stories about today's young people, I hope you'll remember these men and women. They represent just a fraction of the 150,000 dedicated Americans who have served their country since 1994 when the President swore in the first AmeriCorps class. Working in more than 4,000 communities across the country, they have tutored and mentored more than 4 million children, developed after-school programs for more than a million young people, helped build more than 11,000 homes, and recruited more than 2 million volunteers.

Not only have AmeriCorps members changed the communities they've worked in for the better -- sending ripples of hope across America -- they've earned money for college and learned important lessons about themselves in the process. According to Andre Crisp, a 19-year-old second-year Corps member who spoke at the White House this week, "It's a chance to push yourself past limitations and to do what you never knew you could do."

Controversial when my husband first proposed it, AmeriCorps has won the enthusiastic support of leaders across the political spectrum. When asked about AmeriCorps at the National Governors Association conference last month, Colin Powell said, "It is a tremendous investment in young people, a tremendous investment in the future."

Montana Gov. Marc Racicot concurs: "When AmeriCorps was created, some feared it might replay the worst of the welfare state -- an entrenched, expensive, Washington-run program. Many feared, even more, that it would undermine traditional volunteers with yet another federal program. I can say from experience that the fears were misplaced. I am convinced national and community service promotes core values -- hard work, self-discipline, civic duty, personal responsibility -- that we too often sadly find lacking."

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January 6, 1999

When my husband was elected in 1992, he struck a deal with the American people -- to create a government that would give them the tools to solve their own problems and live their own dreams. This is what AmeriCorps is all about. This is why we support it. And this is why we salute it on this, its fifth anniversary.

For more information about the fifth anniversary of AmeriCorps, you can visit this web site:
<http://promotions.yahoo.com/promotions/mericorps/index.html>

To find out more about Hillary Rodham Clinton and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1999

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

EDUCATION EVENT

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 202/669-9336 CELL

MILLENNIUM BALL

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PREV RON The White House

9:30am- **DROP-BY WOMEN WAGING PEACE EVENT**
9:40am Presidential Hall, OEOB
 CLOSED PRESS/WH PHOTO

FORMAT:

-Swanee Hunt makes brief remarks and introduces HRC.

-HRC makes very brief, informal remarks.

-Upon conclusion, HRC departs.

PARTICIPANTS: 150 guests

9:40am **PROCEED** to Room 459

9:45am- **VIDEOS**
10:15am Room 459, OEOB
 CLOSED PRESS/WH PHOTO

10:20am **DEPART** West Executive Drive
 VIA Motorcade
 EN ROUTE Senate Dirksen Building
 [Drive time: 10 minutes]

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LIMO: HRC

STAFF VAN: ABEDIN, O'LEARY, COHEN, RABNER, PHOTOGRAPHER

10:30am **ARRIVE** Senate Dirksen Building

GREETER:

Representative TBD, Sergeant At Arms Office

10:35am-

EDUCATION EVENT

11:30am

Room 192, Senate Dirksen Building

HRC Hold: Room 196

Phone: 202/224-6280

Fax: 202/426-6017

OPEN PRESS/WH PHOTO

FORMAT:

-Senator Daschle makes welcoming remarks and introduces Krystal Wells, Teacher.

-Krystal Wells makes remarks and introduces HRC.

-HRC makes remarks and introduces Senator Patty Murray.

-Senator Patty Murray makes remarks and introduces Senator Barbara Boxer.

-Senator Barbara Boxer makes remarks and introduces Senator Tom Harkin.

-Senator Harkin makes remarks and introduces Senator Edward Kennedy.

-Senator Kennedy makes concluding remarks.

-Upon conclusion, HRC departs.

PARTICIPANTS: no audience

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11:35am **DEPART** Senate Dirksen Building
 VIA Motorcade
 EN ROUTE South Portico
 [Drive time: 10 minutes]

11:45am **ARRIVE** South Portico

11:45am-
12:35pm **DOWN TIME**

12:35pm-
12:50pm **BRIEFING [w/POTUS]**
 Red Room
 CLOSED PRESS/WH PHOTO

12:50pm-
1:00pm **MEET AND GREET [w/POTUS]**
 Blue Room
 CLOSED PRESS/WH PHOTO

PARTICIPANTS: 5-10 people

1:00pm-
4:00pm **WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON PHILANTHROPY [w/POTUS]**
 East Room
 POOL PRESS/WH PHOTO

FORMAT:

-The President and HRC are announced to Honors into the East Room and proceed to the stage.

-HRC makes remarks and introduces the President.

-The President makes remarks and opens the discussion.

[2:55pm] -The President departs and HRC continues the discussion.

-HRC concludes the discussion and departs.

PARTICIPANTS: 240 guests

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4:00pm- **DOWN TIME**
8:15pm

8:20pm **DEPART** South Portico
VIA Motorcade
EN ROUTE British Embassy
[Drive time: 10 minutes]

8:30pm **ARRIVE** British Embassy

GREETERS:
Sir Christopher Meyer
Lady Catherine Meyer

8:30pm- **MILLENNIUM BALL**
10:00pm Ballroom
British Embassy
HRC Hold: Library
Phone: 202/588-5062
Fax: 202/588-7894
Attire: Black Tie
POOL PRESS/WH PHOTO

FORMAT:

-HRC proceeds to her seat for dinner.

[9:30pm] -Upon conclusion of dinner, Sir Christopher Meyer makes welcoming remarks and introduces Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sports.

-Chris Smith makes remarks and introduces HRC.

-HRC makes remarks.

-Upon conclusion, HRC departs.

PARTICIPANTS: 110 guests

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10:05pm **DEPART** British Embassy
 VIA Motorcade
 EN ROUTE South Portico
 [Drive time: 10 minutes]

10:15pm **ARRIVE** South Portico

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MEMORANDUM FOR HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

FROM: MaryEllen McGuire
SUBJECT: Briefing Materials for the White House Conference on Philanthropy:
Gifts to the Future

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- “Philanthropy Takes the Bully Pulpit,” The Chronicle of Philanthropy, October 21, 1999
- “Moving Giving off the Dime,” The Chronicle of Philanthropy, October 21, 1999

VIII. General Articles on Philanthropy

- “Venture Capitalists Alter Face of Charity,” Chicago Tribune, August 22, 1999
- “Cyber Rich Folks Being Taught the Basics of Philanthropy,” San Francisco Chronicle, October 13, 1999
- “Charity Begins Online,” The Washington Post, October 20, 1999
- “Ranks of Volunteers Swell to a Record but Donations Dip, Survey Finds,” The Chronicle of Philanthropy, October 21, 1999
- “Future Grantmakers of America,” Foundation News and Commentary, September/October 1998

- “A Rainbow of Community Funds,” Responsive Philanthropy Special Report, Spring 1999
- “Passing of the Plate and Feeding the Spirit,” Responsive Philanthropy Special Report, Spring 1999
- “Payback Time for Women’s Groups?,” Responsive Philanthropy Special Report, Spring 1999

IX. Remarks

-To be forwarded

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 21, 1999

**WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE
ON PHILANTHROPY: GIFTS TO THE FUTURE**

DATE: October 22, 1999
LOCATION: State Floor
TIME: 12:30pm
FROM: Ellen McCulloch-Lovell
Shirley Sagawa

I. PURPOSE

You and the President will participate in the first White House Conference on Philanthropy. You will make welcoming remarks and provide the context for the day's discussions, which you will moderate. In addition to providing recognition to America's philanthropic and nonprofit leaders, this conference will encourage all Americans to think of themselves as philanthropists, increase their giving and leave a legacy to future generations of volunteering and giving. Prior to the event you will meet with the panelists, conference supporters, and the outstanding individual philanthropists – the “heroes of philanthropy” – who are profiled in the introductory video to be shown to East Room and satellite audiences.

II. BACKGROUND

The White House Conference on Philanthropy is a three hour discussion with twenty discussants and a live audience of approximately 200 that will be broadcast from the East Room of the White House to downlink sites across the country. The first session will cover the ways we can teach or transmit the philanthropic tradition to future generations, and the second session will explore how changing demographics, the transfer of wealth and new technologies will transform American philanthropy in the years ahead. These panels will be followed by an open discussion with some pre-determined participants in the audience. This conference was conceived by the Office of the First Lady and the White House Millennium Council in consultation with experts from foundations, leading nonprofits, and researchers.

The conference will begin with a four minute introductory video shown to the East Room and the satellite audiences. This video will profile eleven "heroes" of American philanthropy from a wide range of backgrounds. The video makes the point that *all* Americans can be philanthropists and that American philanthropy will reflect the demographic changes transforming America in the 21st century. The first panel, "Expanding the American Tradition of Giving," features four panelists who represent new research, community foundations, youthful donors, and experts who are working with youth. The purpose of this session is to explore how the ethic of giving can best be taught and to highlight some imaginative current efforts to involve youth.

The second panel, "New Philanthropy in the New Millennium," features three outstanding new donors and philanthropists who are actively promoting more giving by entrepreneurs, the newly wealthy, and ordinary Americans. The third segment of the program will feature an open discussion which you will moderate. Observing and participating in the discussion will be an audience of some 200 leaders from philanthropic institutions, nonprofit organizations, youth groups, and researchers, educators and innovative new donors.

The first two hours of the conference will be broadcast by satellite by South Carolina Educational Television. Over 3,443 sites will receive the signal, and several public broadcasting networks will transmit it as well. Public access and cable channels will reach a potential audience of 10.5 million cable viewers, and South Carolina ETV's own network will reach 1,200 schools and other sites. 153 sites, in 42 states, have registered at our online website. Many of these local sites will sponsor their own conferences or forums in conjunction with our event. The American Red Cross and United Way cooperated to organize a number of these local conferences, but other groups – the Forum of Regional Association of Grantmakers, the National Committee on Planned Giving, and the National Association of Fund-Raising Executives also are planning special events around the broadcast. The American Red Cross will host one large forum at its national headquarters on 17th Street.

The conference provides a forum for announcing a series of action steps from both the government and our private sector partners.

Government:

- The President will announce the creation of a new Interagency Task Force on Nonprofits and Government. This Task Force will be charged with studying ways to improve collaboration between the nonprofit sector and federal agencies. The Interagency Task Force will be co-chaired by the National Economic Council, the Domestic Policy Council, and your Chief of Staff.
- The Department of Treasury will sponsor a follow-up forum with representatives of the nonprofit sector to discuss issues affecting the charitable sector.

- The Council of Economic Advisers will be charged with preparing an analysis of research on the economic impact of the nonprofit sector and new studies of possible governmental measures that could increase private giving.
- The Corporation for National Service is sponsoring a youth roundtable this morning to discuss ways that young people can be encouraged to become more active donors and volunteers.

Private Sector:

- The National Charities Information Bureau, in cooperation with AOL, charitableway.com and Greatergood.com, and with participation by officials from the Office of the Vice President, the Department of Commerce, and the White House Millennium Council, is sponsoring a second roundtable on e-philanthropy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The President of NCIB will announce a commitment to hold follow-up forums and that the participating corporations have agreed to four principles that should guide online philanthropy.
- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will announce that it will support the costs of a follow-up meeting with youth organizations to discuss how they can work together to promote youth philanthropy.
- The Girl Scouts of America has announced the creation of a new patch program, the Strength and Sharing Girl Scouts Philanthropy Patch program.
- The AOL Foundation just launched its online philanthropy portal, www.helping.org which provides potential donors information about hundreds of thousands of nonprofit organizations. Steve Case, CEO of AOL, is on the second panel of the conference.

The White House Conference on Philanthropy is sponsored by the White House Millennium Council in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities. Major support comes from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation which is providing funds to South Carolina Educational TV for the cybercast and satellite broadcast. Additional support comes from Jill Iscol and the Iscol Family Foundation, the Marcie Polier Family Foundation, the J. Paul Getty Trust, and the Community Foundation-Silicon Valley. The American Red Cross and United Way of America have provided significant in-kind support by organizing a nationwide network of downlink sites to receive the satellite signal.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing Participants:

The President

The First Lady

Ellen McCulloch-Lovell

Shirley Sagawa

Meet and Greet:

The President

The First Lady

Speakers:

Emmett D. Carson, President and CEO, The Minneapolis Foundation

Justin Randall Timberlake, N'SYNC

Peter D. Hart, Founder, Peter D. Hart Research Associates

Dorothy A. Johnson, President, Council of Michigan Foundations

Steve Case, Co-Founder, Chairman and CEO, America Online, Inc.

Catherine (Cate) Muther, Founder, Three Guineas Fund

Kevin A. Fong, General Partner, Mayfield Fund

Paul Amos, President and CEO, South Carolina Educational TV

Heroes:

Myrian Bodner

Gil Castellanos

Laura Castellanos, Mother

Matel Dawson

Mary Grayson

Regina Jennings

Dr. Rolland Lowe

Matthew Nonnemacher

John Nonnemacher, Father

Rev. Ann Pearson

Esperanza Rich

William Shelton III

Harrison Steans

Funders:

William S. White, President and CEO, The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

Ann Young Orr, Chief of Staff, National Endowment for the Humanities

Jill Iscol, Iscol Family Foundation

Marcie Polier, CEO, Entdata.com

Beety Beene, President & CEO, United Way of America

Bernardine Healy, President, American Red Cross

Others:

Secretary Shalala

Paul Newman

Event Participants:

The President

The First Lady

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Kevin A. Fong, General Partner, Mayfield Fund

Open discussion:

Rebecca L. Adamson, Founder and President, First Nations Development Institute

Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez, President, Hispanic Federation

Malik Evans, Sophomore, University of Rochester

Rosabeth Moss Kanter, Professor, Harvard Graduate School of Business
Administration

Rosario "Chayo" Long-Mendez

William P. Massey, President, National Charities Information Bureau

Margaret (Peg) Talburt, President, Michigan Women's Foundation

William S. White, President, The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

12:35pm YOU and the President receive briefing in Map Room.

12:50pm YOU and the President proceed to the Blue Room for meet and greet.

12:59pm Ellen Lovell begins program and introduces video.

Video is shown to live and broadcast audience.

1:00pm YOU and the President are announced into the East Room and proceed to the stage.

See script attached for final program.

V. PRESS PLAN

Open Press

VI. REMARKS

Provided by Speechwriters

Clinton Administration Commitments:

At the conference, the President and Mrs. Clinton will announce new Clinton Administration commitments to improve our understanding of giving and to encourage subsequent activities and dialogue on giving.

- **Making Government More Responsive to the Nonprofit Sector:** Today, President Clinton will announce that he is creating a new Task Force on Nonprofits and Government to support and strengthen the important collaborative efforts of the nonprofit sector and government. In 1998, an estimated \$175 billion was given by Americans to a wide variety of causes and organizations. In many cases nonprofit organizations convert America's giving into results – helping people in need, providing health care and educating our nation's youth. Nonprofits are uniquely able to identify problems and promote change at the community level. As the sector grows, increasing opportunity arises to forge more effective partnerships between nonprofits and government to address public needs. Among its objectives, the Task Force in conjunction with the nonprofit sector, will: develop and maintain a public inventory of "best practices" in existing collaborations between the Federal Government and the nonprofit sector; devise a plan on how the federal government can be more responsive to the mission of nonprofit organizations; evaluate trends on nonprofits and philanthropy; and explore new policies that encourage philanthropy and service and help nonprofits develop and grow.

In addition, on the tax policy side, in view of the growing size and importance of the nonprofits sector, a new "Tax Exempt and Government Entities" division was recently established at the Internal Revenue Service. As part of this effort, the Treasury Department also recently announced the formation of a "Tax Exempt Advisory Committee" to provide a public forum for discussions between the IRS and representatives of nonprofits organizations. This Advisory Committee will enable the IRS to receive regular input with respect to the development and implementation of tax policies and practices affecting nonprofits.

- **Examining Tax-related Issues and Research Opportunities:** The Department of the Treasury will hold a meeting with organizations involved in the conference to discuss tax policy and research issues affecting the nonprofit sector.
- **Expanding Our Understanding of Charitable Giving:** The Council of Economic Advisers will undertake an analysis of the role of philanthropy in the economy, including a discussion and interpretation of trends in charitable giving, factors that affect giving, and how the aging of Baby Boomers and other trends are likely to affect giving in the future.

Corporate and Private Commitments to Expand Giving:

The President and Mrs. Clinton also will highlight several new private initiatives to encourage the expansion of charitable giving, such as:

- AOL Foundation: The AOL Foundation will highlight its launch of Helping.org, a revolutionary e-philanthropy portal that provides Americans who want to lend a helping hand with the fastest, safest, easiest and most cost-effective way to donate money or volunteer time to the charity of their choice. Helping.org connects users to over 620,000 charities and more than 20,000 volunteer activities, providing an important new resource for the more than two-thirds of American households that already make charitable contributions, as well as those new to philanthropy.
- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: A group of organizations concerned with youth giving and service, including the United Way of America, Save the Children, US Committee for UNICEF, City Year, and the Corporation for National Service, have made a commitment to work together on a youth and philanthropy initiative. The Gates Foundation will announce its intention to support the next phase of their planning, including a follow-up conference and will encourage other funders to support this important effort.
- Girl Scouts of the USA: The Girl Scouts of the USA will unveil its new philanthropy patch entitled 'Strength and Sharing.' Beginning in 2000, Girl Scouts of all age levels will earn interest patches that will help them recognize and learn from philanthropists in their own families, places of worship, schools, Girl Scout troops, and neighborhoods. The program will allow girls to identify and assist organizations and institutions that meet community needs and understand how their own time and money can make a difference in their communities.



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AOL FOUNDATION LAUNCHES HELPING.ORG TO MAKE PHILANTHROPY EASY AND CONVENIENT

**Revolutionary Site Creates "One Stop Helping,"
With Capability to Donate to Over 620,000 Charities and Sign Up for More Than
20,000 Volunteer Opportunities**

**Site Takes No Fees from Consumers or Charities;
Protects Donors' Privacy and Security**

Also Offers Comprehensive Assistance to Charities Getting Online

Dulles, VA, October 20, 1999 - The AOL Foundation today launched Helping.org, a revolutionary e-philanthropy portal that provides Americans who want to lend a helping hand with the fastest, safest, easiest, and most cost-effective way to donate money or volunteer time to the charity of their choice.

For people who want to help out during a natural disaster, mark an important occasion through giving, or simply make a difference in their own community, Helping.org is the best place to start. The most comprehensive philanthropy portal in cyberspace, Helping.org connects users to over 620,000 charities and more than 20,000 volunteer activities, and is also the only major giving site that is completely nonprofit -- receiving nothing from either donors or charities for the donations that are made through it.

Formed in partnership with the nation's leading philanthropic organizations, Helping.org contains valuable and easy-to-access information from America's Promise, the American Red Cross, the Benton Foundation, Philanthropic Research, Inc. (GuideStar®), ImpactOnline (Volunteer Match), Independent Sector, the National Urban League, and UniTEQ (PipeVine), as well as programming links to dozens of additional nonprofits and data on every charity registered with the IRS. It will be available to anyone on the World Wide Web, as well as being featured across AOL's family of brands.

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The site will provide an important new resource for the more than two-thirds of American households that already make charitable contributions (totaling \$135 billion in 1998), as well as for those new to philanthropy. So far, according to Independent Sector, a national coalition of leading charities and foundations, less than one percent of charitable givers donate over the Web. However, the soon-to-be released AOL/Roper-Starch Cyberstudy shows that fully 30 percent of online users are interested in using the Internet to make charitable donations. Enthusiasm for online giving is particularly strong among young adults, who could represent an important new source of support for charitable organizations.

In addition, there is strong demand for volunteer opportunities. According to a recent study by Independent Sector, 109 million Americans volunteer every year, representing the equivalent of over 9 million full-time employees at a value of \$255 billion. In addition to making it easier than ever for people to find volunteer opportunities, Helping.org, in partnership with ImpactOnline's VolunteerMatch, represents a potentially huge cost saving for charities, since it costs approximately \$25 to recruit a single volunteer using conventional recruitment strategies versus almost nothing through online volunteer matching.

To help bring charity online and stimulate additional giving and volunteering, Helping.org provides a "one-stop helping" environment where users can make a difference, whether they wish to donate money, volunteer in their communities, participate in disaster relief, apply for jobs with charities, learn about a cause, or even establish their own charitable organization. The valuable resources it puts at users' fingertips include:

- *GuideStar®*, the world's largest and most reliable database of charitable organizations, with easy-to-access detailed information on the more than 620,000 public charitable organizations registered with the IRS.
- *VolunteerMatch*, a state-of-the-art service from ImpactOnline, which helps consumers locate the right volunteer opportunity for them - from a database of more than 20,000 options.
- *Detailed and constantly updated information from the American Red Cross on natural and humanitarian disasters* around the globe and what people can do to help.
- *A one-click, fast, secure, and private way to donate* to most public IRS-recognized tax-deductible causes through a "Donate Now" button.
- *A special focus on youth services*, providing best practices and resources for offering the five promises to youth articulated by America's Promise.
- *Links to dozens of other opportunities to do good*, from e-commerce sites where charitable causes receive a percentage of revenues to sites listing international humanitarian support needs.

- *The most up-to-date and best features and news sources on events and activities in the changing world of philanthropy.*

Helping.org is fully supported by funding from the AOL Foundation, so it operates on a completely nonprofit basis, without receiving any percentage of contributions to pay for operating costs.

AOL Chairman and CEO Steve Case said, "Helping.org uses the power and reach of the Internet to make it easier and more convenient than ever for people to help the causes they care about. Consumers can make contributions online with the assurance that the money is going where they intend, and that their privacy and the security of their credit card information are protected. Charities will benefit not only from the ability to raise funds and recruit volunteers more efficiently, but also from the host of additional online resources Helping.org provides for them to expand their communities, fulfill their missions and publicize their needs and good works online."

Beyond its role as a service for donors and those interested in volunteering, Helping.org will serve as an online community center for the philanthropic world, providing tools to help charities make the most of the online medium, and a forum to share information, research grant opportunities and share best practices with one another. It also includes a clearinghouse for information on the Digital Divide, pulling together programs and resources on how technology can be used to narrow, rather than widen, the gap between those who have access to technology and those that do not.

AOL Foundation Chairman Jim Kimsey said, "In the modern world, the shortest distance between two points today is the Internet, and starting today the shortest distance between charities who need help and those who want to give it runs through Helping.org. The AOL Foundation built Helping.org because we are committed to turning e-philanthropy from a curiosity into a vital segment of charitable activity. Thanks to the incredible resources of our nonprofit partners, we've created a site that is going to play a big part in doing just that."

Helping.org -- Helping People Make a Difference

Helping.org's goal is to help make volunteerism, service and charity central to the online experience and as easy and convenient as e-commerce has become, transforming the way in which people contribute to society and encouraging those who do not currently participate in charity to begin giving and volunteering.

- *VolunteerMatch* - By using ImpactOnline's VolunteerMatch, Helping.org delivers information on how consumers can help in their communities. Whether it's building a house for Habitat for Humanity, organizing an arts-and-crafts fair for inner city children, or participating in an AIDS walk-a-thon, volunteers can find the opportunity that fits their interests and schedule. To use the service, consumers simply need to

enter their zip code, the time they're available and their specific interests – such as kids, helping the environment, the elderly – and a list of appropriate volunteer opportunities is presented. Nonprofits and public sector organizations can go into the "Post" area to register their volunteer opportunities. The VolunteerMatch database offers more than 20,000 volunteer opportunities from approximately 6,000 national, regional and local organizations and is completely free to volunteers and nonprofits.

- *Easy, Secure Online Giving* - Helping.org also provides a fast, easy and secure way to contribute financial support. Starting with access to important resources like the Council of Better Business Bureaus and the National Charities Information Bureau, and tapping into the GuideStar® database of more than 620,000 public charities, users can make informed decisions about where to put their charity dollars to best use. The database can be searched according to areas of interest, location, and the size of charitable organizations. Using the unique PipeVine system to streamline donation processing and administration, and its experience with online payroll deductions, Helping.org promotes full privacy protection on all transactions, and lists of contributors and volunteers will not be shared with or sold to anyone. Donors will receive comprehensive receipts to make tax deductions easier.
- *Completely Nonprofit* - Helping.org is completely free to donors and to charities. Donors' gifts are forwarded to the charity of choice (minus the standard fees deducted by credit card companies on all card charges, typically less than 2 percent), and charities make no payments to the site. Helping.org doesn't take any money from donors or charities to administer the transactions or to maintain the site because it is supported by the AOL Foundation.
- *Information and Inspiration* - America's Promise, the American Red Cross and Independent Sector provide prominently featured news, stories, tips and ideas on how to volunteer and contribute strategically and how to get more involved in service to the community. Additionally, daily news tickers on global disasters, personal stories about the experience of giving, reports on upcoming charity events, auctions, fundraisers, and more will help users find plenty of opportunities to make a difference.

Helping.org - Helping Charities Harness the Power of the Internet

Helping.org will contain an area just for nonprofits and charities to help them integrate the power of the Internet into their strategies and operations, helping them to be more responsive and customer oriented in the Information Age and to build vigorous, successful online communities. It will also link them to online tools enabling them to more efficiently organize, recruit, fundraise and publicize their mission and successes.

This area is being designed by a working group of more than twenty of the nation's leading nonprofit technology assistance organizations, a collaboration that is being facilitated by the Benton Foundation, which also programs and maintains the area.

The area includes a comprehensive array of easy-to-access tools, resources, information and links to other online clearinghouses to help nonprofit organizations take full advantage of the potential of the Internet, including in-depth information on: *How to get online; Making the most of e.mail; Fundraising on the Internet; Online organizing & advocacy; Planning & creating a Web site; Targeting your audience; Finding computer help; Technology grants & in-kind contributions*; and, *"In the field"*, which provides examples, case studies and other information about how technology is shaping the way nonprofits accomplish their mission.

The Nonprofit Resources area also points to collections of general information useful to nonprofits, such as clearinghouses of nonprofit jobs that provide comprehensive resources for career development and nationwide job listings, nonprofit news from leading philanthropy-related publications, as well as Web sites with information relevant to the nonprofit sector generally, such as advice on nonprofit management and other resources.

Finally, Helping.org provides nonprofits the free opportunity to update their information and include their Internet Web Sites in powerful search engines - Philanthropic Research Incorporated's GuideStar® and ImpactOnline's VolunteerMatch - where users go to find the charitable organizations that best fit their needs, a capability that's particularly important to smaller charities which all too often go unnoticed.

Helping.org - Helping to Bridge the Digital Divide

Helping.org houses the National Digital Divide Clearinghouse -- a set of resources that brings together in one location comprehensive information about efforts to provide under-served communities with access to technology, and provides tools for information sharing and community building among those working to bridge the Digital Divide.

The Benton Foundation, in partnership with the National Urban League, has developed the content for the National Digital Divide Clearinghouse, which strives to reflect the many facets of the issue, including points of view from rural America, minority research institutes, and the disability community.

Areas in the Clearinghouse include *Research & Data*, intriguing and up-to-date studies and reports from academics, policy think tanks and leading thinkers; *In the Field*, rotating vignettes of innovative and exciting Digital Divide projects underway across the country; *In the News*, pertinent and timely news summaries of Digital Divide headlines, as well as in-depth original reporting on breaking issues related to the Digital Divide; *Grants & Funding*, a continuously updated list of grants, funding opportunities and non-monetary resources available to communities seeking technological assistance; and, *Finding a Digital Divide Effort Near You*, an interactive map-based directory of local centers and resources that can help individuals contribute to Digital Divide efforts in their community.

The AOL Foundation, founded by America Online in 1997, supports programs that spark innovative uses of the interactive medium to benefit society. Other Foundation initiatives include the AOL Rural Telecommunication Awards, the Digital Divide Grant Initiative, the Innovative Education Initiative, the AOL Employee Civic Involvement Initiative, and a pilot school-business partnership in Washington, D.C. called AOL Achievers. For more information on the AOL Foundation, visit www.aolfoundation.org on America Online, use keyword: AOL FOUNDATION.

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Led by Bill Gates' father, William Gates Sr., the William H. Gates Foundation supports initiatives in education, global health, and community giving in the Pacific Northwest.

At the end of 1998, the Foundation had committed \$133 million to organizations working in global health; \$122 million to educational concerns; more than \$42 million to community projects in the Pacific Northwest; and over \$60 million to special projects and annual giving campaigns.

The address for the William H. Gates Foundation is PO Box 23350, Seattle, WA 98102. The Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals.

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The Gates Learning Foundation began life as the Gates Library Foundation in June 1997 with the mission of helping to bridge the "digital divide" between those who have access to computers and the Internet and those who lack such access.

The original program goal of the Foundation was to provide computers and Internet access to public libraries serving low-income communities in the U.S. and Canada, a commitment that remains unflagging through the programs of the **Gates Library Initiative**. By the end of 1998, the Foundation had awarded grants of over \$22 million to 1300 libraries in 28 states to bring Internet access to their patrons, as well as provide staff technical assistance and training.

Yet as the Foundation grew it became clear that to address the inequities of the digital divide in a far-reaching way, the staff and founders needed to look at solutions beyond libraries, so in February of 1999 they changed the name to the Gates Learning Foundation to reflect its broadened vision. To complement the work being done in libraries, the Gates Education Initiative was also announced to support classroom teachers in Washington State to address the imbalance in access to technology. The first program underway is the Teacher Leadership Project, which funds technology and training to teachers working with 5th through 7th graders.

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The Gates Center for Technology Access (GCTA) is dedicated to ensuring that no one becomes "information disenfranchised." GCTA works to establish access to information technology resources in communities throughout the United States through partnerships with libraries, schools, and community organizations.



By empowering public institutions to provide their citizens access to information technology, GCTA helps build infrastructures for self-sustaining computer systems in the communities that need them most. As the ability to use computers and manage digital information becomes increasingly crucial for success in education and careers, GCTA's hope is that communities with limited access to technology can work toward a point where poverty ceases to limit opportunity.

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**GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA UNVEILS NEW PHILANTHROPY PATCH
AT WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE**

Washington DC – Girl Scouts of the USA unveiled its new philanthropy patch entitled *Strength in Sharing* at the White House Conference on Philanthropy: Gifts to the Future. The conference, hosted by President and Mrs. Clinton focused on the unique American tradition of giving, discussed the diverse and changing face of philanthropy, and explored strategies to sustain and expand this tradition for future generations.

Strength in Sharing is such an appropriate name for this newest Girl Scout patch and project," said Marsha Johnson Evans, Girl Scouts of the USA National Executive Director. "Learning to share what they have learned helps both girls and communities grow strong. We have a long and distinguished history of community service, so it's only logical that the next step is to instill in girls the value of a life-time commitment to philanthropic organizations."

Beginning in 2000, Girl Scouts of all age levels will earn interest patches that will help them recognize and learn from philanthropists in their own families, places of worship, schools, Girl Scout troops, and neighborhoods; identify and assist organizations and institutions that meet community needs; understand and experience how their own time and money can make a difference in their communities; and become more informed and responsible as charitable decision-makers about investments in human services

The apple tree on the patch depicts abundance and strength. Apples of different colors symbolize the philanthropic activities at each level.

Daisy Girl Scouts (age 5-6) will learn the meaning of the word PHILANTHROPY, and how to find examples of giving in their young lives.

Brownie Girl Scouts (age 6-8) will learn to identify where help is needed, and how to set individual and group philanthropic goals.

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Junior Girl Scouts (age 8-11) will research philanthropy, charity and volunteering on the Internet. They will learn about American women philanthropists, and how fund raising works at home and around the world.

Cadette Girl Scouts (age 11-14) will learn about careers in philanthropy and human services. They will select foundations and charities where they may volunteer to support funding efforts in their communities.

Senior Girl Scouts (age 14-17) will design and manage events that respond to human needs. By joining the youth advisory committees and participating in mentoring programs, they will develop relationships with major local and national foundations. They will practice skills that prepare them for lifelong participation in philanthropic activities.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.6 million girls and adults. Today, as when founded in 1912, GSUSA helps cultivate values, social conscience and self-esteem in young girls, while also teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults. In Girl Scouting--and its special girl-only environment--girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together.

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