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ANNOUNCEMENT

Generations United Receives Grant From the Commission on National and Community Service

Generations United has received a one year grant from the Commission on National and Community Service to identify and highlight opportunities for intergenerational community service. Through the grant, Generations United will develop a resource guide for practitioners that provides guidance on how to plan, implement and evaluate intergenerational service programs, describes successful models, and includes a list of experts and other resources. Generations United will also develop a database of intergenerational service programs that can be used to provide ideas and networking assistance to existing and potential program operators. Finally, Generations United will identify a corps of specialists throughout the country who can be called on to provide technical assistance, curriculum development and training to current and potential intergenerational service program developers and operators.

The goals of the project are:

- ▶ To promote the proliferation of high quality intergenerational projects throughout the nation, especially among NCSA grantees;
- ▶ To provide information, ideas, and technical resources to program developers in order to enhance their knowledge and skills with respect to intergenerational service programs;
- ▶ To facilitate networking and information exchange among current and potential intergenerational program operators, especially NCSA grantees;
- ▶ To promote partnerships among specialists in the youth service field and the aging network including older adult volunteer programs; and
- ▶ To lay the groundwork for a system of capacity building and technical assistance for intergenerational service programs.

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A preliminary survey of current NCSA grantees indicates that several states have already funded intergenerational programs proposed by sub-grantees. These new intergenerational programs funded by the NCSA will have a dramatic impact on the landscape of intergenerational programming throughout the country. Documenting and sharing the experiences and lessons learned by these programs and others will be a tremendous contribution to communities that would benefit from similar programs. Providing technical information, resources and networking opportunities to NCSA grantees and others in a position to develop new programs will assure that they have the technical information to help them be successful.

GU will harness the energies of its more than 100 national organizations and state and local coalitions to both conduct the project and disseminate the results.



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Generations United Statement--Tuesday, February 16, 1993

Generations United strenuously opposes the recent efforts of the group "Lead or Leave" to foster conflict between the generations. For the last six and one-half years, the over 100 national organizations that comprise Generations United have been working together to diffuse the myth of generational warfare and to demonstrate that the interests of old and young are irretrievably intertwined.

Generations United (GU) promotes an intergenerational approach to framing the policy debate regarding children's and elder issues. While popular perception suggests that advocates of each respective interest group are at different ends of the policy spectrum, Generations United contends otherwise. The intergenerational inequity approach contends that relations between young and old are based on competition for resources which serves merely to foster conflict between generations. GU hopes to move the public's understanding of these issues beyond this narrow perspective and instead to a view that generational interdependence, the giving and receiving of resources over time, is crucial to promoting social progress.

Generations United argues that the economic and social success of all citizens is based on intergenerational transactions, familial as well as social, and this reciprocity is not just a mere convenience but necessary to ensure that we may all coexist and continue. Viewing policy in this light often changes the outlook and deems policies "successful" that may appear otherwise if looked at in the context of short term benefits.

GU believes that life consists of a series of intergenerational transfers to meet individual needs at all life stages, and advocates long-term benefit analysis of social programs. Children and the elderly are tied to each other, and to working age adults in innumerable ways. The last decade has proven that intergenerational fighting and pitting domestic programs against each other does not help children or the elderly or the nation as a whole.

The struggles of one group are the struggles of all. What we do with little children and young people today is going to determine what all of us are going to be able to do in

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terms of a standard of living and whether we are going to have a productive workforce that can compete with the Japanese and with the unifying European community.

And while the deficit is real and we all need to work together to eradicate it, we must not allow children or the elderly to be scapegoated as the cause of the deficit. Economists disagree on the exact causes and the effects, but among the commonly mentioned causes of deficit growth are skyrocketing health care costs, tax policies, trade policies, unemployment and wage stagnation, and of course, the arms race, and a host of other factors.

The choice between young and old currently posed by some groups is an artificial one that should be rejected. Advocates for children and the elderly see our future in cooperation, not competition; in mutual respect and support, not in rivalry.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!



Let Us Serve Them All Their Days

Younger Volunteers Serving Homebound Elderly Persons

The National Council on the Aging proudly announces the publication of *Let Us Serve Them All Their Days*--a guidebook on projects where younger and older persons are given the opportunity to enrich the lives of each other.

The guidebook includes:

- * Profiles of projects from Vermont to California
- * An in-depth report of selected projects
- * An analysis of elements needed for a successful project
- * A cross-index of projects on specific topics such as service credits and skill learning
- * A step-by-step guide for initiating and expanding intergenerational projects
- * An assessment of where we are and a view of the future by leaders of the intergenerational movement

The Wallerstein Foundation for Geriatric Life Improvement generously provided financial support for this publication.

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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE AGING, INC. (NCOA), established in 1950, is the national organization for professional and volunteers who work to improve the quality of life for older Americans. Intergenerational programming has been a major focus at NCOA. It has enhanced the understanding of how Americans--younger, middle, and older--can work together to create a better community for all. NCOA also serves as a national resource of information, training, technical assistance, advocacy, and research on every aspect of aging.

Let Us Serve Them All Their Days may be ordered from The National Council on the Aging. Make your check or money order payable to NCOA and mail to: The National Council on the Aging, Inc., Dept. 5087, Washington, DC 20061-5087. Cost per copy: \$15, including shipping and handling. Order #2051. Please call (202) 479-6957 for bulk prices.

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ferences between the domestic and foreign yields, even where the yields are identical on a cumulative basis over time.

The use of a carryover account is necessary to ensure that trading differences and timing issues do not result in a foreign insurance company being subject to income tax on a cumulative amount of net investment income that exceeds both what the foreign insurance company and the representative domestic insurance company actually earned over the period of time. The carryover account would keep track, on a yearly basis, of the cumulative difference between actual effectively connected net investment income and minimum effectively connected net investment income. The intent of the carryover account is to ensure that a foreign insurance company will be subject to tax on the greater of its cumulative actual effectively connected net investment income and the cumulative minimum effectively connected net investment income. The greater-of concept is measured on a cumulative basis, not an annual basis.

While current section 842(d)(2) provides that Treasury shall issue regulations that provide for adjustments in future years where actual effectively connected net investment income in a year exceeds minimum effectively connected net investment income for that year, no regulations have been issued on this point. The amending legislation clarifies that adjustments would be made so that the foreign company will be subject to tax over the cumulative period on the greater of what it actually earns over the same period. If, due to poor investment performance, the foreign company earns less than the company would be subject to tax on the cumulative minimum. If the foreign company earns more than the cumulative required minimum over the period, the foreign company would be subject to tax on its cumulative actual.

Finally, in addition to the problems laid out above, current section 842(b) violates the non-discrimination articles found in many of our income tax treaties in that section 842(b) taxes a foreign insurance company less favorably than domestic insurance companies are taxed because, under the current section 842(b), foreign insurance companies are not taxed based upon their own investment results but instead are taxed based upon the investment results of their competitors with such results being calculated using 2-year-old financial statement data. The modifications described above are intended to make section 842(b) work in a manner that is fairer than the current section 842(b).

I have requested a revenue estimate from the Joint Committee on Taxation for this legislation and am awaiting a response. In these times of fiscal austerity, the revenue consequences of any proposal, even one firmly grounded in good tax policy as I believe this one is, may constrain the Congress in addressing a problem in the Tax Code. However, I strongly feel that revenue costs alone should not prevent us from seeking to implement our Tax Code fairly. Finally, it should be noted that during markup of the 1990 reconciliation bill, a proposal similar to this one, was included in a list of 28 tax proposals the Joint Committee on Taxation determined were good tax policy and were relatively noncontroversial. For all these reasons, I urge the House to give serious consideration to these important reforms.

SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR GRANDPARENTS - H.R. 1223

HON. WILLIAM J. HUGHES

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1993

Mr. HUGHES. Mr. Speaker, as the acting chairman of the House Select Committee on Aging, I rise today to introduce a bill which will create a National Resource Center for Grandparents. This bill, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 would create a central clearinghouse of information for millions of grandparents around our Nation, who are taking on the enormous challenges and responsibilities of caring for their grandchildren, or who are working to maintain lasting relationship with their grandchildren. My interest in this issue comes from a constituent of mine, Max Chasens from Margate, NJ. It was his testimony before the Subcommittee on Human Services of the Select Committee on Aging in 1982 that provided the initial leadership in what has become a nationwide initiative. This bill, introduced late in the 102d Congress by former Representative Thomas J. Downey, chairman of the Subcommittee on Human Services, has received great support from not only grandparents but also many organizations who work to advance intergenerational relationships and programs around the country, in particular Generations United, a coalition of over 100 national organizations on intergenerational issues and programs.

In addition, the bill has been endorsed by the National Coalition for Grandparents, a coalition formed by hundreds of grandparents support groups around the United States.

One might ask why we need a resource center for grandparents. After all, society has existed forever without one. What could be more natural than being a grandparent? I remember as a boy that my earliest recollections were of my grandfather. He was like another father to me. He was a member of our household until I left to get married. I could not have imagined life without his presence and his love. He was always there for me, but I was one of the fortunate. I had my parents and my grandfather at my side.

Unfortunately, times have changed and we are seeing a dramatic increase in the number of grandparents who are raising their grandchildren because the parents of those children cannot or will not. For whatever the reason, be it a dependency on drugs or alcohol, death, divorce, incarceration, grandparents are readily stepping in to fill the void that exist for their grandchildren.

Grandparents often require outside help to deal with the challenges of the nineties. The National Resource Center for Grandparents would provide that extra assistance. Often grandparents who are raising their grandchildren are unaware that there are others who are experiencing similar joys, challenges and frustrations.

Sometimes grandparents need a hand in handling a specific problem or situation in their own community that affects their grandchild.

The National Resource Center, which would be established by grant or contract, would provide a toll free number to increase access to the information and assistance available from the center. This assistance would be provided

by professionals and volunteers, some of whom would be grandparents themselves, and would consist of referral, financial or legal information regarding the raising of and their relationship with their grandchildren. In addition, the center would be required to collect and make available information regarding the many programs, projects and activities developed by public and private organizations relating to matters involving grandparent/grandchild relationships, including information on State laws on visitation and custody and what public assistance might be available to grandparents.

More than 3 million children in our country currently live with their grandparents or other older relatives, and in at least a third of these homes, the grandparent is the sole or primary caregiver. This is not a new phenomenon, but the changing structure of the family in our society has brought it to the forefront. The extra support provided to these grandparents by the Resource Center is the very least we can do to preserve our Nation's families.

The Select Committee on Aging's Subcommittee on Human Services has had a long history of involvement with the rights of grandparents. Although Congress has no general authority of family law matters, it has been responsible for bringing national attention to the problems grandparents experience in seeking visitation. Over the last 13 years, several hearings have been held that have dramatically illustrated the needs of grandparents and grandchildren. I remember a comment Mr. Chasens made when he testified about the enormous expenses he and his wife had incurred and the number of years they had spent in court trying to gain the right to see their granddaughter. He said "It is slow torture not being able to see a grandchild."

We have come a long way since that early hearing, and while all States do now have statutes addressing visitation, many are not uniform. The Select Committee on Aging still receives many calls and letters from grandparents daily who have spent years trying to see their grandchildren, so we know that this problem still exists.

It is very important to note that in all situations involving grandchildren, or children in general, the best interest of the child is the foremost priority in any given situation.

The creation of the Grandparent Resource Center does not in any way seek to drive a wedge between existing family units, but rather to strengthen those that are in danger of becoming unhinged. Its sole purpose is to provide basic useful information to grandparents who request it.

I urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring this legislation which will provide grandparents with basic survival tools as they strive to guide and provide for their grandchildren's best interest.

TRIBUTE TO KATIA ZAHARIN
BARRETT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1993

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Katia Zaharin Barrett, an outstanding individual who is being honored as an inductee



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March 10, 1993

Ms. Tess Scannell, Director
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Dear Tess:

Intergenerational Week is a whole community's open sesame!

Now that the concept of a National Intergenerational Week has passed the two year test and has gone beyond one person's efforts to encompass it all it is necessary to set up a workable national structure.

We discussed my suggestion on the telephone this morning that the national structure would be separate from yet under the banner of Generations United.

There would be one national coordinator and one state coordinator in each state and the District of Columbia. National and state coordinators would meet each year at the time and place of the Generations United convention. I would continue as national coordinator for the 1993-1994 term when their next national coordinator would be chosen by state coordinators at their annual meeting at the Generations United convention.

The national coordinator would receive suggestions and reports of developments from state coordinators, correlate them and issue quarterly reports to the states. Further details will develop as we go along.

The Junior League of San Francisco is hosting a community breakfast on May 18, 1993, during Intergenerational Week, to announce its promotion and participation in future annual Intergenerational Weeks. We all could start now to get communities ready in the same way for Intergenerational Week 1994 and beyond.

Please read my enclosed memo to Tess and tell me how you would add to it. Canada has a national coordinator and is setting a good pace. I need to hear from those who will be coordinators in their state. If you can't be one, recruit one.

Intergenerationally yours,

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TO: Ms. Tess Scannell, Director, Generations United

FROM: Fred Ramstedt, National Coordinator, Intergenerational Week

INTERGENERATIONAL WEEK: CELEBRATION OF THE GENERATIONS

To distinguish between the idea of a National Intergenerational Week and its reality I called the clergy in the San Francisco Bay area to assess the idea's merit. After talking with the first few, I knew a chord of intergenerational harmony had been struck that would resonate throughout the country. The response was so rewarding I continued calling until I had talked with one-hundred and fifty of the clergy.

Their upbeat response was soon confirmed. Within two years after its inception, in December of 1990, this fledgling idea crossed the United States, Canada and the Atlantic Ocean to England. Even Mother Teresa gave her blessing in a letter from Calcutta, India.

Now I know how a gold digger feels when he finds a nugget, has it assayed and is told it is the real stuff. Beginning in 1991, I called and wrote to people and organizations throughout the United States. They told others about Intergenerational Week. Now the people they told are calling me. That tells us there is a hunger for what Intergenerational Week has to offer, bringing the generations closer together. The response to this has been unanimous because in this people are not segmented. Christians have their Easter, Jews their Passover, Moslems their Ramadan. Americans have their fourth of July, the French their Bastille Day. All others have their own reasons for celebrations. But in this intergenerational concept there are no religious, political or geographical barriers. Everyone belongs to a generation.

The flags of countries are separate and separating. The Intergenerational Week logo is all inclusive and unifying. This transcends religion's doctrines, of which there are thousands. It transcends all that inhabits the earth except humanity itself. No other concept I know of relates equally to all of humanity.

When we all endeavor to bring the generations closer together the old will be younger, the young will be wiser, and communities will be better.

There is little or no competition between generations. I, a member of the older generation, am not competing with the middle or younger generation. Nor are they competing with me. Between the generations competition, rivalry and jealousy essentially do not exist. Since no contest exists, no one-upmanship is present between us. So intergenerational relations can be natural.

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It seemed appropriate that Intergenerational Week should be celebrated between Mother's Day and Father's Day. It begins on the third Sunday in May. The Sunday after Mother's Day.

Why have an Intergenerational Week? The purpose is to create an intergenerational community spirit. If Christmas were celebrated sporadically here and there by one group and then another, sometime somewhere there would be no Christmas spirit. No community intergenerational spirit now is present. That is what Intergenerational Week is intended to create. Then outlive that week throughout the year.

Intergenerational Week is not to be celebrated with just one affair on the Town Square where people go to look and be entertained. To create a community intergenerational spirit requires participators, not just spectators. All groups in every town will do their own separate intergenerational thing in their own way.

Churches and synagogues would share the pulpit and sermon time with one older person and one younger. Parishoners would be met at the door by older and younger greeters. All services during the week would be shared by different generations. Potluck suppers would be prepared and served by mixed generations, or prepared by one and served to another. An oldtimer and a youngster would throw out the first ball at ballgames. Businesses would include tributes to Intergenerational Week in their advertisements. Editorials would be written. Service clubs would have their members invite a guest of another generation (other than family) to that week's luncheon. Schools would excuse the kids for that. Fast food places would offer intergenerational specials. Instead of exchanging gifts and cards we would exchange smiles and verbal greetings. We will find happiness flowering around us when we scatter the pollen of our heart.

Intergenerational Week calls for a gift of self. No bought gifts are appropriate unless an older and younger person want to share a hamburger somewhere together. A neighbor lady brought her two small children and a pan of brownies for my wife and me during the first Intergenerational Week. The answer is in the heart. Not the purse.

In answer to an ad for intergenerational poems, hundreds have been received for an anthology of intergenerational poems. Also, a column written by young writers for senior publications is underway. The column will be called "Young Wisdom." The Tournament of Roses Vice President likes the suggestion "A Celebration of the Generations" for their 1995 parade. A wholesale-only distributor of things with a logo on them is now setting up a retail operation for Intergenerational Week sweatshirts, caps, etc. because of the potential.

Another purpose of this special week is to spotlight local intergenerational organizations that are now virtually unknown. Intergenerational Week will attract community attention to what those organizations are doing fifty-two weeks of the year.

The activities of national intergenerational organizations are also hidden within their own organizations. The Gray Panthers motto is "Age and Youth in Action." Few people outside that organization know of their intergenerational undertakings. Many of the intergenerational organizations I have communicated with don't know about Generations United. Hardly any member of AARP will tell you their organization is interested in the older and the younger. Yet, the theme of AARP's President is "Intergenerational Action." The general public will benefit by knowing about and participating in intergenerational activities. But to do that will require a holiday spirit such as would come from an annual Intergenerational Week. The word "intergenerational" is not yet in the dictionary. But it needs to be in our conversations.

Will what we are planning and doing make a difference in the long run? Yes! Annual Intergenerational Weeks will be festive. There will be intergenerational plays and stories and poems and songs and window trims and decorations to enliven the community. The Intergenerational Week logo will be as numerous during that week as American flags on Decoration Day. As the fourth of July parades make us feel patriotic, Intergenerational Week will make us intergenerational conscious. And because of an annual Intergenerational Week the communities will be better.

As I see it: Intergenerational Week is the whole community's open sesame!

There is a gate somewhere in the fence around every heart. During Intergenerational Week let us find it. During that week the young will learn. The old will understand. When one generation criticizes another they are telling us they don't understand. The lack of understanding is the common problem. Intergenerational Week offers a solution to that problem.

Grownups as well as children need to be taught early. The prevailing pre-retirement attitude of grownups is to retire and travel. Pre-retirees need to include unselfish purposes in their future. Earned retirement? Perhaps. Earned uselessness? Nonsense!

Intergenerational Week is not a crime buster. It is not a peacemaker. It is a catalyst to bring both about. It brings generations together in a way never before experienced. It does that by leading the young. And by enlightening the old by bringing their heads out of the Sands of the Past into the light of the present.

Intergenerational Week cannot discriminate because it leaves nobody out. Nor does this reach out only to the old and the young. The middle generation has its role in this. The middle generation must reach out to the younger and the older. They have experience over the younger. They have energy over the older. Intergenerational Week includes everybody of every age and every class. It is as classless as it is ageless.

Every community needs an Intergenerational Week Coordinator. If you can't be one, recruit one and let us hear from you. Nobody carries so much potential for community unity as the Intergenerational Week Coordinator. If you know of anyone or any other role that does as much to bring the community together, please let us know. In unity there is peace. Unity is the very essence of this concept. To this we will all be witness.

Intergenerational Week is a good seed we are sowing on fertile soil. So let us all be Intergenerational Johnny Appleseeds.

Intergenerationally yours,


Fred Ramstedt

ITALY CONF 93, EV

"Generations United Fourth National Conference on Intergenerational Issues and Programs" March 19-20, 1993

Conference Evaluation

On a scale of 1-5 (1=low, 5=high), please evaluate this conference

Was **REGISTRATION** handled smoothly and efficiently?

1 2 3 4 5 Comments: _____

Were the **PLENARY SPEAKERS** and **OPENING SESSION** informative and appropriate?

1 2 3 4 5 Comments: _____

Did the **NETWORKING SESSIONS** provide practical information?

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Networking session(s) that you attended (by table number): _____

Were the **MEDIA FESTIVAL** materials informative and entertaining?

1 2 3 4 5 Comments: _____

Did you enjoy the **AWARDS DINNER**?

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What **IMPROVEMENTS** would you suggest?

Information requested below is **OPTIONAL**:

Name: _____

Organization & Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Step-By-Step Selection Process

The Local Level

All grassroot, community-based organizations are encouraged and authorized to nominate and select winners for the President’s Award and the National Award year-round. Their selections automatically become award recipients.

To participate an organization needs to:

- ★ Form a three to five member selection committee, including at least one young member (age 5 to 22).
- ★ The selection committee needs to use the award categories, selection criteria, and the four age categories to make their nominations.
- ★ All Members of the U.S. Congress will be notified of the President’s Award and National Award winners in their districts and invited to hold local recognition ceremonies for their local winners.

The State and National Level

Winners of the President’s Award will be eligible for state and national recognition.

- ★ All Governors and the Mayor of the District of Columbia may hold recognition ceremonies, designed at their own discretion, for a representative number of the President’s Award winners in their communities.
- ★ Beginning in May or June, 1994 four winners of the President’s Award—one from each of the four age levels—will be selected from each of the 50 states, the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia to attend a national ceremony in Washington D.C.—all expenses paid.
- ★ The attendees of both the state and national recognition ceremonies will be chosen by a random selection process. The random selection process will assure that there are no “winners or losers.” All presidential youth service award recipients are winners.

Cost

Each local sponsoring organization needs to assume the cost for their local awards. The cost of the President’s Award and the National Award is \$1.90 each.

Each winner will receive a sculpted pin, and a presidential award certificate.

Once you have selected your award recipients and ordered your awards, they will be mailed directly to the sponsoring organization for distribution.

The administrative costs related to establishing the President’s Youth Service Awards nationwide are being shared by the Commission on National and Community Service, the American Institute for Public Service—the Jefferson Awards, and the Points of Light Foundation.

How to Participate

To participate or receive further information, please mail the attached form and we will send you the complete “President’s Youth Service Awards” materials. These include the “Official Order Form,” the “Official Winners Form,” and detailed information on award categories, selection criteria, and specific guidelines for your selection committee. Please contact us at:

The President’s Youth Service Awards
P. O. Box 310
New Castle, Delaware 19720

The President’s Youth Service Awards were created to inspire young people to serve their neighbors and local communities. We hope that your organization will join us in recognizing the many wonderful contributions that young people are making every day.

Please send me “The President’s Youth Service Awards” materials.

Name of Organization_____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Contact Person _____

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THE PRESIDENT’S
YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS

A Call for Local Leadership

To encourage youth to engage in voluntary service at the local level, a recognition system has been established to honor outstanding young Americans. Leadership must come from all types of institutions in every community:

- Schools & Universities
 - Places of Worship
 - Public and Nonprofit Organizations
- Businesses
 - Labor Unions
 - Clubs & Neighborhood Groups

Each is encouraged and authorized to select the President's Youth Service Award winners. Local winners from all 50 states, the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia may be recognized year-round.

Goals and Objectives

The President's Youth Service Awards were officially created on October 28, 1992 when President George Bush signed the enabling Executive Order.

The purpose of establishing the President's Youth Service Awards is to create a widespread, grassroots recognition system to encourage millions of young Americans to participate in voluntary community service activities aimed at solving serious social problems. There will be two levels of awards—the President's Award and the National Award.

The goal is to demonstrate to young people by the millions that service to others is part of life in America. In a free Republic, each individual can make a difference.

Collaborating Organizations

- ★★★ The White House Office of National Service
- ★★★ The Commission on National and Community Service
- ★★★ The American Institute for Public Service—The Jefferson Awards
- ★★★ The Points of Light Foundation

The Awards

The President's Youth Service Awards recognize two different levels of service activity, and include two separate awards.

The President's Award

The President's Award honors young Americans who demonstrate outstanding community service. The award is a specially designed and sculpted pin that carries the Seal of the President of the United States. The inscription reads, "The President's Youth Service Award." Each winner also receives a handsomely designed certificate that is signed by the President. This is the highest award.



The National Award

The National Award honors young Americans who demonstrate meaningful community service accomplished at a level slightly less exacting than the President's Award. The award is a specially designed and sculpted pin that carries the Great Seal of the United States. The inscription reads, "The National Youth Service Award." Each winner also receives a handsomely designed certificate that is signed by the President.



Award Categories

The following substantive award categories reflect the basic elements in building stronger communities.

- ★ Commitment to Children and Young People Developing Good Character and Values
- ★ Excellent Schools and Helping Others Learn
- ★ Meaningful and Hopeful Employment Opportunities
- ★ A Decent, Drug-Free and Safe Place to Live in a Clean Environment
- ★ Quality Health Care and a Sense of Well-Being

Selection Criteria

The following criteria should be utilized in reviewing and judging all nominees. These criteria apply to both the President's Award and the National Award. The President's Award is the highest award for outstanding community service. The National Award is for meaningful community service at a level slightly less exacting than the President's Award. Selection does not require that an individual demonstrate all of these skills. The judges should consider the nominees' qualifications in the broad context of these criteria.

- ★ Achievement
- ★ Ongoing Involvement
- ★ Addressing Community Needs
- ★ Building a Service Ethic
 - Showing Initiative
 - Building an Understanding of Issues
 - Developing Ideas Into Practice
 - Demonstrating Leadership

Eligibility

- ★ The awards are given for individual achievement. Individuals who perform community service as a part of a group are eligible.
- ★ The awards are designed to recognize voluntary, not paid, community service.
- ★ Young people age five (5) through twenty-two (22) are eligible.

Age 5 to 8	Age 14 to 17
Age 9 to 13	Age 18 to 22
- ★ The awards will be presented in four age categories:

Age 5 to 8	Age 14 to 17
Age 9 to 13	Age 18 to 22
- ★ Each nominee may accept only one nomination per year.
- ★ All fundraising activities are excluded. All lobbying efforts trying to change Federal, State or local laws are excluded.
- ★ All young residents of the United States and its territories are eligible. An individual does not need to be an American citizen.
- ★ An individual may receive the award multiple times during the eighteen year eligibility period.

Information and Inquiries

We want your organization to become involved. We welcome all telephone calls. If you have any questions or if you need any assistance, please contact:

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Among Americans of All Ages

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MEMBERS

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National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform
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National Committee for Adoption
National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse
National Community Action Foundation
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Young Men's Christian Association of the U.S.A.
Young Women's Christian Association of the U.S.A.
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State and local intergenerational coalitions affiliated with Generations United

Generations United of Illinois
Kansas Intergenerational Network
Interages (Maryland-Montgomery County)
Massachusetts Intergenerational Network
Generations United of Michigan
New Mexico Intergenerational Network
New York State Intergenerational Network
Oregon Generations Together
Delaware Valley Intergenerational Network (Pennsylvania)
Let's Link Ages in Virginia
Seattle-King County (Washington) Generations United
Wisconsin Intergenerational Network

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To unite at national, state, and local levels on key public policy issues that address human needs across all generations.

To increase the awareness of the public and the coalition members' constituents of the common issues faced by Americans of every generation.

To produce and disseminate programmatic information and materials for the member organizations, their constituents, and the public that demonstrate the value of intergenerational cooperation and stimulate the initiation of intergenerational programs.

To participate in endeavors that bring the generations together for service to the community and to one another.

FACING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

Historically, America has relied on the family as its basic social building block. Strong bonds between family members, with each person making a unique contribution, have enriched our families, our communities, and our national life.

These mutually supportive relationships are now subject to the stresses of powerful social, economic, and demographic trends:

- Changing family composition and greater work force participation by parents is dramatically increasing the need for child day care services.
- The proportion of older Americans, particularly those who need assistance with daily living activities or who are dependent and need care, continues to rise and will reach a historic peak when the now middle-age "baby boomers" come of age.
- More than 40 million Americans of all ages lack health insurance, limiting their access to adequate health care.

These pressures mark this time as crucial for intergenerational cooperation and action. Therefore, Generations United supports:

- Dependable and affordable day care for children and dependent adults;
- Access to quality health care for all Americans; and
- Strengthened public and voluntary programs to provide services to all persons who need them.

Generations United also works to promote the development of intergenerational programs that meet a wide variety of community needs, such as intergenerational child care, education and literacy programs, and mentoring projects and programs for at-risk youths and persons with disabilities.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q.** What is Generations United ?
- A.** Generations United is a nonincorporated, cooperative coalition of existing organizations. The coalition employs a full-time director who is located at the Child Welfare League of America.
- Q.** Does Generations United replace or compete with existing organizations?
- A.** No. We identified a role that is important and that no organizations fulfill—to speak out in behalf of intergenerational cooperation and interdependence. Generations United is a coalition that enhances the ongoing public policy, public information, and program activities of its member organizations.
- Q.** Who belongs to Generations United ?
- A.** Over 100 national organizations with a commitment to raising the consciousness of the nation about the necessity of mutual support among all generations comprise the coalition. Several state and local intergenerational coalitions and networks are also affiliated with Generations United.
- Q.** How is the coalition funded ?

A. Generations United is supported by the voluntary contributions of its member organizations, as well as by foundations and corporations. Member

organizations are encouraged to contribute voluntary dues based on their annual budgets:

Over \$5 million	\$1500 – \$2500
\$2 million to \$5 million	\$ 500 – \$1500
\$1 million to \$2 million	\$ 300 – \$ 500
Under \$1 million	\$ 150 – \$ 300

- Q.** How do member organizations participate?
- A.** By promoting intergenerational programs and policies through their network affiliates and participating in coalition activities, member organizations help further the coalition's goals.
- Q.** What kind of resources does Generations United provide?
- A.** Generations United publishes *Newsline*, a quarterly newsletter, hosts conferences, and provides conference and workshop speakers, program ideas and information, and technical assistance on organizing state and local coalitions.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **National nonprofit organizations** can become members by sending a letter of interest to Generations United.
- **Interested individuals** can be placed on the mailing list to receive newsletters and resource materials. A contribution of \$10 is encouraged to cover the cost of these mailings.
- **Corporations** can make tax-deductible financial contributions for specific or general purposes and receive public recognition for their support.
- **Foundations** can make financial contributions for specific or general purposes and receive public recognition for their support.

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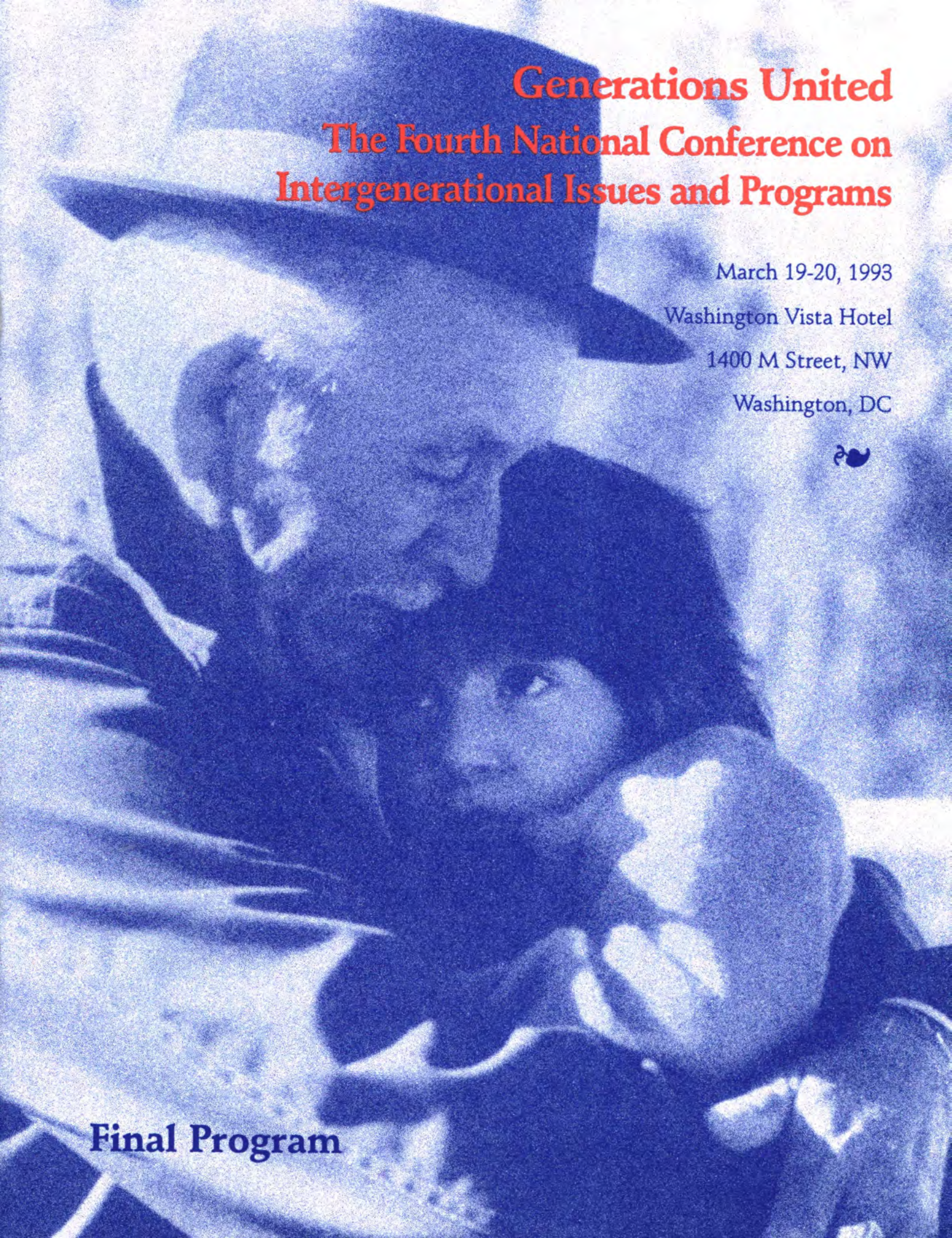
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