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November 17, 1992

President-elect Bill Clinton
Governor's Mansion
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear President-elect Clinton:

Congratulations on your election victory. We have heard your stirring call for a rededication to citizenship through service. We have been encouraged by your visits to many of the best youth service programs around the country. Like you, we believe that service is at the heart of our democratic tradition and essential to building a more tolerant and caring global community.

On November 6, members of the Boards of Directors of national and local youth service organizations met for a special session at SuperConference '92, a gathering of nearly a thousand committed youth and adult leaders in the youth service field. Senator Harris Wofford, Catherine Milton of the Commission on National and Community Service, and former Governor Richard Celeste joined us to celebrate our special accomplishments and discuss the future of the youth service movement. At this meeting, we were, one and all, excited by the prospect of working with a President committed to the values of service, responsibility, and community building. We wanted to write you to formally begin a dialogue on crucial issues facing our field and to thank you for the support for youth service you have already demonstrated in your campaign.

Our discussion generated a number of important points we feel should be brought to your attention:

- We enthusiastically support the significant expansion of the youth service field you have suggested through the National Service Trust. At the same time, we would like to ensure that any expansion will build upon the broad range of high quality programs* that exist today. We believe that it is important that a large influx of federal monies not have the unintended effect of weakening national and local organizations that currently stand at the heart of the youth service movement.
- In any new plan, we urge you to include support for building the infrastructure of national and community-based agencies so they may accommodate the massive influx of volunteers any expanded national service initiative would require.
- We believe strongly that any expanded national service plan must be developed, implemented and run with significant and ongoing input from young people themselves. Young people should not only be doing direct service; they should be involved in decision-making and challenged to be the leaders not tomorrow, but today. We recommend that you invite to this discussion young leaders who represent youth service organizations. These young people, more than anyone, understand the critical issues facing youth today.
- There has been a great deal of emphasis on national service for high school graduates, college students, and out-of-school youth. However, we believe we must also continue to support the efforts of schools and community-based organizations reaching students in elementary and secondary schools to make service an integral part of growing up.

* See Appendix

- From our experience, we have witnessed youth service's enormous potential for dispelling prejudice and building bridges of understanding. We hope therefore that any expanded national service program will provide a common and meaningful experience for young people of all different races, cultures and socio-economic backgrounds. Youth service is an experience that encourages an ongoing respect for diversity and offers the promise of a more tolerant nation.
- Finally, we join you in the belief that service connects all Americans to something greater, that a commitment to helping others can heal our spirits, strengthen our communities, and transform our nation.

At the suggestion of Senator Wofford and former Governor Celeste, we offer these ideas to begin a dialogue we trust will both support your new initiatives in national service and utilize the vital, existing network of youth service organizations.

On behalf of all of our organizations, Governor Celeste is willing to serve as a contact person, and will call your transition team to discuss these issues and to further offer our resources and services as you usher in this exciting new era of change.

We remain, as you do, committed to the idea beautifully expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "everybody can be great because everybody can serve."

Sincerely yours,

Youth Service America Board of Directors, Governor Richard F. Celeste
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cc: Warren Christopher
 Vernon Jordan

APPENDIX

There is already a broad national coalition of youth service organizations in the United States, including those signing this letter. This group recently met at a national conference in Washington, DC, and we are already beginning to achieve some of the important goals President-elect Clinton has identified in his outstanding proposals for new solutions to old problems. The following is a very brief description of what each of our organizations is currently doing, on a daily basis, to advance youth service in our country.

Youth Service America

**YOUTH
SERVICE
AMERICA**

Youth Service America is an independent, not-for-profit organization that promotes and supports youth service programs throughout the United States. YSA's mission is to strengthen the ethic of service in America by helping to develop and sustain a national network of quality service programs that provide young people of all ages and backgrounds with opportunities to begin a lifelong commitment to community improvement and civic participation. YSA works with an ever expanding field of state and local programs, regional groups and national organizations, professionals and young people to bring youth service to the forefront of the national agenda.

YSA WORKS...

- To provide coherence to the national youth service movement;
- To promote an ethic of service among America's young people;
- To advance the progress of youth service policy with legislators at every level of government;
- To be an advocate for the thousands of youth service programs nationwide and to assist in further development of these programs;
- To develop innovative and diverse quality youth service programs in a variety of institutional settings;
- To promote the dissemination of exemplary models of youth service programs based upon identified principles of best practice; and
- To develop training and leadership development programs for young people.

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Youth Volunteer Corps of America

The Youth Volunteer Corps of America is a national network of proven, cost-effective programs that involves young people from diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds in community service. Volunteers, ages 11-18, participate in service projects that address many of the nation's pressing social issues like homelessness, illiteracy, the environment and care of the elderly and disabled. Since 1987, thousands of young people participating in YVC programs have volunteered almost 300,000 hours in communities across the country.

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StarServe

StarServe is a national, not-for-profit organization established to introduce, expand and celebrate student community service. The program offers free materials, resources and technical assistance to enable teachers and students from levels kindergarten through the 12th grade to plan and implement community service projects. StarServe also assists with local initiatives, special events and other efforts to increase public awareness of the value of youth service.

StarServe is exclusively funded by the Kraft General Foods Foundation. StarServe operates in partnership with the Kraft General Foods Foundation, The Love Foundation for American Music, Entertainment and Art, and United Way of America. StarServe is a Points of Light Foundation Initiative.

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National Association of
Service & Conservation Corps

WHAT IS NASCC?

The National Association of Service and Conservation Corps is the membership organization for conservation and service corps programs, serving 20,000 young people annually across the country. NASCC provides information and technical assistance services to new and operating youth corps programs. Since its formation in 1985, NASCC has helped to launch several new corps.

NASCC keeps its members and constituency informed through Youth Can!, the quarterly newsletter, and serves as the national clearinghouse of information on the structure, functions and history of youth corps programs. NASCC also sponsors an annual national conference and a series of staff professional development workshops.

NASCC speaks for corps programs in Washington, D.C. and is an active participant in national coalitions such as the Working Group on Youth Service Policy, Generations United, and the National Youth Employment Coalition. NASCC received extensive recognition for providing information to Congress during the recent debate, passage, and signing of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, P.L. 101-610.

In cooperation with Public/Private Ventures, NASCC provides policy development support to the Urban Corps Expansion Project (UCEP), a national demonstration now underway in 12 cities around the country.

NASCC is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation governed by a board of directors composed of corps program CEOs from throughout the U.S. and prominent citizens. NASCC receives support from membership dues and registration fees, as well as from foundations and corporations, including the AT&T Foundation, the DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and the Public Welfare Foundation.

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National Youth Leadership Council

The mission of the National Youth Leadership Council is to develop service-oriented leaders who, as young people and throughout their lives, contribute positively to their communities, country and world. In particular, NYLC is committed to engaging young people least often asked to contribute to their communities: those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and those from racial minority groups.

NYLC expresses this commitment through a thoughtful array of initiatives, all aimed at involving young people in meaningful service to their schools and communities as an important avenue for learning and exercising leadership:

- a consistent, local base of practice in the State of Minnesota
- development and support of state and national policies that advance service-learning and youth leadership
- a national training program and hands-on curriculum materials
- development of model schools who demonstrate best practices in service-learning and youth leadership
- a higher education center to advance research and pre-service training of teachers and youth workers
- a membership program and technical assistance support.

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MAGIC ME

What is MAGIC ME?

MAGIC ME motivates and educates youth by engaging them in service to the elderly, mentally retarded and handicapped. Through weekly community service projects, MAGIC ME provides a vehicle for students to effect a positive change in their lives and the lives of others.

Every week students visit a nursing home or other service site where they develop a personal relationship with a client. Partners participate in weekly activities which include recreation, physical fitness, tutoring and field trips such as sailing aboard a traditional schooner or camping with Outward Bound.

Once a month, students meet at school with their MAGIC ME leader to discuss and reflect upon their experiences and the meaning of service in their lives. The reflection sessions include workshops on life skills, leadership development, health education and career exploration.

MAGIC ME has proven effective with different populations of young adolescents. The program has been used as a model strategy to prevent youth from dropping out, abusing drugs and becoming involved with the juvenile justice system. More successful youth benefit from the same hands-on service experience by utilizing their ideas and creativity to help others while learning valuable lessons from unfamiliar people and places.

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The Points of Light Foundation

Guided by its Board of Directors -- a representative group of 26 leaders drawn from business, education and nonprofit communities -- the Foundation has the following program goals:

- *To help leaders help their communities.* The Foundation will provide leaders from all sectors -- business, nonprofit, education, and community -- with compelling reasons and useful ideas and tools for mobilizing those within their institutions to community service.
- *To help communities help their leaders.* Local Volunteer Centers and, in the very near future, new Centers will assist leaders in their communities to organize problem-solving initiatives and build partnerships with others that will address critical local needs effectively.
- *To show the public why and how they can serve.* The Foundation will work with the media to influence popular attitudes about community service through public service advertising and news and feature stories that illustrate outstanding and creative service.



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