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REMARKS: VOLUNTEER AWARDS
WASHINGTON, D.C.
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1989
12:00 NOON

HONORED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

GOOD AFTERNOON, AND LET ME WELCOME YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE. AND LET ME ALSO ADD THAT I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE.

YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN SAID -- NOW, THIS WILL SHOCK YOU --THAT SOMETIMES I HAVE A HARD TIME BEING UNDERSTOOD. BUT I'LL ADMIT, IT'S TRUE. AND ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT I'M IN SOME DISTINGUISHED COMPANY.

AFTER ALL, IT WAS YOGI BERRA WHO, WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD SEEN DOCTOR ZHIVAGO, ALLEGEDLY REPLIED, "NO, I FEEL FINE."

AND DANNY OZARK, BASEBALL'S MASTER OF THE MALAPROP, ONCE OBSERVED OF HIS BALLPLAYERS, "CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF, I'VE ALWAYS HAD A WONDERFUL REPERTOIRE WITH THEM."

SEE WHAT I MEAN? EVEN SILVER-TONGUED ORATORS OFTEN HAVE THEIR MEANING BLURRED.

WELL, THIS MORNING, LET NO ONE BLUR OUR MESSAGE. LET IT RING LOUD AND CLEAR. AMERICA IS GREAT BECAUSE AMERICA IS GOOD.

AND AMERICA'S GREATEST DEEDS COME FROM THE BASIC DECENCY AND COMPASSION OF HER PEOPLE -- EACH OF YOU HERE TODAY.

WE SEE THAT DECENCY AND COMPASSION EVERYWHERE -- IN A CHILD-CARE CENTER, AT THE ROTARY OR LITTLE LEAGUE, IN A SYNAGOGUE OR CHURCH. IT MEANS LENDING A HAND, TENDING A WOUND, AND HELPING THE LESS FORTUNATE.

THIS IS VOLUNTEER WEEK, A TIME TO CELEBRATE THOSE QUALITIES.

AND IT IS MY HONOR TODAY TO PRESENT THE 1989 PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER ACTION AWARDS. THESE AWARDS WERE FIRST PRESENTED IN 1982. AND, SINCE THEN, 148 AMERICANS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED AND HONORED.

I HAVE SAID THAT FROM NOW ON, ANY DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE MUST INCLUDE SERVING OTHERS. TODAY'S AWARD-RECIPIENTS <u>EMBODY</u> THAT DEFINITION.

ELEVEN YEARS AGO, ROSE TICHY [TISH-EE] BEGAN TUTORING ADULTS THROUGH A CHURCH-SPONSORED LITERACY PROGRAM IN MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO. SHE LOVED HER WORK, BUT THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH ADULT-LEVEL BOOKS TO FIT HER STUDENTS' NEEDS. SO ROSE GOT OUT HER PEN, AND ENRICHED THE PRINTED PAGE. SINCE 1978, SHE'S WRITTEN 32 BOOKS, AND EDITED THE MORE THAN 100 BOOKS DEVELOPED BY HER WRITERS GROUP.

DOWN IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, CHESSIE HARRIS ONCE TOOK SEVERAL ABANDONED CHILDREN INTO HER TWO-BEDROOM HOME. BUT WHEN THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT DEMANDED A BOARDING LICENSE, THE HARRISES BUILT A HOUSE ON LAND PURCHASED WITH MONEY FROM THE SALE OF A FAMILY FARM. SINCE 1958, THAT SITE HAS BEEN A HOME FOR MORE THAN 800 CHILDREN -- OR ABOUT 10 FOR EACH OF CHESSIE'S 82 YEARS [PAUSE] . . . 800 CHILDREN? [PAUSE] . . . SOUNDS LIKE A TYPICAL WEEKEND WITH MY GRANDKIDS IN KENNEBUNKPORT.

TODAY, ALLISON STIEGLITZ [STEEG-LITZ] IS 15 YEARS OLD. BUT SHE WAS ONLY 12 WHEN SHE ASKED HER PARENTS TO USE THE MONEY THEY HAD PLANNED TO SPEND ON HER BAT [BOT] MITZVAH TO PROVIDE THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES. THAT FIRST YEAR, SHE GAVE OUT 15 BASKETS; IN 1988, SHE DONATED 75. AND IN MIAMI, ALLISON HAS BEGUN A SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND BAG LUNCH PROGRAM IN TWO LOCAL TEMPLES.

ROSE TICHY, CHESSIE HARRIS, AND ALLISON STIEGLITZ, AND THIS YEAR'S OTHER 15 PRESIDENT'S AWARDS WINNERS, WERE CHOSEN FROM NEARLY 1,500 NOMINATIONS. THEY -- <u>YOU</u> -- KNOW THAT PROSPERITY WITHOUT PURPOSE MEANS NOTHING. INSTEAD, YOU REVERE WHAT <u>MATTERS</u>: SIMPLE, FUNDAMENTAL VALUES LIKE DECENCY, GOODNESS, SELF-DISCIPLINE, COMPASSION.

AS PRESIDENT, I WANT TO PROMOTE THOSE BASIC VALUES -- FOR THEY FORM THE HEART OF VOLUNTEERISM, AND OF THESE PRESIDENT'S AWARDS. THAT IS WHY WE HAVE OPENED THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL SERVICE, WHICH IS LEADING OUR ADMINISTRATION'S NATIONAL SERVICE MOVEMENT.

THIS OFFICE WILL ENCOURAGE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS. IT WILL TAKE THINGS THAT WORK, AND CARRY THEM TO THE NATION.

AND IT WILL ENLIST NEW VOLUNTEERS IN COMMUNITY-BASED EFFORTS TO COMBAT URGENT SOCIAL ILLS. AND TOWARD THAT END, SOON I WILL ANNOUNCE OUR ADMINISTRATION'S Y-E-S OR YES TO AMERICA PROGRAM -- YOUTH ENTERING SERVICE. HERE, AMERICAN YOUTH CAN GIVE OF, NOT TO, THEMSELVES. BY SAYING "YES" TO AMERICA, THEY CAN DEFINE A SUCCESSFUL LIFE.

OF COURSE, THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY DONE.

YOU KNOW THAT VOLUNTEERISM NEVER ASKS, "WHAT CAN I DO FOR MYSELF?" IT ASKS, "WHAT CAN I DO MYSELF FOR OTHERS?" YES, GOVERNMENT CAN AND SHOULD BE A CATALYST OF CARING. ITS ROLE IS CRITICAL. BUT WE HAVE SURPASSED -- FAR SURPASSED -- THE LIMITS OF WHAT GOVERNMENT ALONE CAN DO.

VOLUNTEERISM SAYS THAT IT IS THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHICH HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY -- THE UNDERSTANDING -- AND THE RESOURCES -- TO CONFRONT ISSUES LIKE HUNGER, HEALTH CARE, HOMELESSNESS, ILLITERACY, TEEN PREGNANCY, AND DRUG ABUSE. OUR CHALLENGE IS TO USE THAT UNDERSTANDING AND THOSE RESOURCES TO MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITY. FOR WE ARE A NATION, AND A FAMILY: HELPING, ENRICHING, AND CARING FOR EACH OTHER. AND AS A FAMILY, WE ARE COMMITTED TO A NATION-WIDE EFFORT.

VOLUNTEERISM SAYS THAT INDIVIDUALS -- LIKE COMMUNITIES -- CAN JOIN HANDS, AND EXCHANGE TALENTS, FOR THE GOOD OF AMERICA. ONE PERSON CAN TUTOR AN INNER-CITY STUDENT; THAT BOY OR GIRL CAN SOME DAY BECOME AN ENGINEER OR ARTIST. THE CHILD-TURNED-ADULT WILL THEN BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO OTHERS.

FELLOW VOLUNTEERS, EACH OF <u>YOU</u> HAS BEEN A ROLE MODEL. YOU HAVE ENRICHED THE AMERICAN SPIRIT.

AND <u>IN</u> THAT SPIRIT, LET ME CLOSE ON A PERSONAL NOTE . . . ABOUT A HERO, IF YOU WILL.

LOU GEHRIG WAS A HALL OF FAME FIRST BASEMAN IN THE 1920S AND '30S. HE PLAYED IN 2,130 STRAIGHT GAMES -- A RECORD WHICH STILL STANDS. BUT MORE THAN THAT, HE WAS A GOOD AND DECENT MAN ABOUT WHOM A TEAMMATE SAID, "<u>EVERY</u> DAY, <u>ANY</u> DAY, HE JUST WENT OUT AND DID HIS JOB." FIFTY YEARS AGO, LOU GEHRIG WAS STRICKEN BY A FORM OF PARALYSIS WHICH TODAY BEARS HIS NAME.

EVEN SO, HE TOLD THE CROWD AT YANKEE STADIUM, "I CONSIDER MYSELF THE LUCKIEST MAN ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH."

THIS STORY HAS BECOME AN AMERICAN PARABLE. BUT LESS KNOWN IS THAT AFTER HE LEFT THE YANKEES -- FOR MUCH OF THE LAST TWO YEARS OF HIS LIFE -- LOU GEHRIG SERVED HIS FELLOW MAN. DYING, WEAKER BY THE DAY, HE COULD BARELY MOVE HIS BODY. BUT AS A PAROLE COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK, HE COUNSELED AND INSPIRED KIDS.

THEY CALLED HIM THE IRON HORSE, THE PRIDE OF THE YANKEES. YES, LOU GEHRIG WAS A HERO.

TO SERVE OTHERS AND TO ENRICH YOUR COMMUNITY -- THIS, TRULY, DEFINES A SUCCESSFUL LIFE. FOR SUCCESS IS PERSONAL, AND IT IS CHARITABLE -- THE SUM NOT OF OUR POSSESSIONS, BUT OF HOW WE HELP OUR NEIGHBORS.

MY FRIENDS, ON THAT SCORE, YOU'VE HIT A GRAND-SLAM HOME RUN. CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY.

MAY YOUR EXAMPLE INSPIRE AND UPLIFT OTHERS. GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA. (PAUSE)

AND NOW, IT IS MY DISTINCT PLEASURE TO PRESENT THE 1989 PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER ACTION AWARDS. AND TO HELP ME IS THE REAL VOLUNTEER IN THE BUSH FAMILY.

BARBARA, WON'T YOU JOIN ME IN PRESENTING THESE AWARDS?

THERE ARE TWO OTHER SPECIAL PEOPLE I'D LIKE TO JOIN US, WHO HAVE DEVOTED SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO HELPING OTHERS -- DONNA ALVARADO, HEAD OF ACTION AND MY GOOD FRIEND GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY. . . .[PRESENT AWARDS TO 18 RECIPIENTS]. . .

TO ALL OF YOU, ON AMERICA'S BEHALF, OUR MOST HEARTFELT THANKS . . .

FATHER RITTER AWARD

FINALLY, WE COME TO A MAN I'M PLEASED TO HONOR, NOW.

TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO, HAVING MOVED TO THE EAST VILLAGE IN NEW YORK TO HELP THE URBAN POOR, FATHER BRUCE RITTER OPENED HIS DOOR ONE NIGHT TO SEE SIX CHILDREN.

THEY WERE ASKING FOR A PLACE TO STAY. EVENTUALLY, FATHER RITTER FOUNDED COVENANT HOUSE TO PROVIDE A SHELTER FOR ABANDONED AND RUNAWAY CHILDREN. TODAY, HIS PROGRAM INVOLVES OVER 1200 VOLUNTEERS EACH MONTH. AND IT OFFERS SHELTER TO MORE THAN 25,000 CHILDREN EACH YEAR.

MY FRIENDS, BECAUSE OF COVENANT HOUSE, A CHILD HAS ESCAPED HEROIN ADDICTION. ANOTHER NO LONGER YEARNS FOR A DECENT MEAL.

STILL ANOTHER VIEWS THE WORLD AS A WARM, NOT SULLEN, PLACE. IT IS AN AMERICAN SUCCESS STORY ALMOST WITHOUT PARALLEL.

LAST YEAR, A NEW AWARD WAS CREATED TO HONOR THE INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION WHOSE CONTRIBUTION TO VOLUNTEERISM IS GREATEST AMONG THOSE WINNING THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER ACTION AWARDS.

AND SO I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE FATHER RITTER AS THIS ADMINISTRATION'S FIRST RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD NAMED FOR A GREAT PRESIDENT AND MY GOOD FRIEND: THE RONALD REAGAN AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE [PAUSE].

TO FATHER RITTER, AND ALL OF YOU, OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY, GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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The President's Volunteer Action Awards

The President's Volunteer Action Awards were created in 1982 to call public attention to the contributions of our nation's volunteers and to demonstrate what can be accomplished through voluntary action.

Since its inception, the President's Awards Program has been co-sponsored by VOLUNTEER—The National Center, a private nonprofit organization, and ACTION, the lead federal agency for volunteer service, in cooperation with the White House Office of Private Sector Initiatives. Program management responsibility rests with VOLUNTEER. In keeping with the President's call for greater private sector initiatives, funding for the program comes from private corporations and foundations. A list of this year's program sponsors appears near the end of this book.

Nearly 2,100 nominations were received from local, regional and national voluntary organizations and public agencies, corporations and labor unions, civic and neighborhood groups and fraternal organizations. Additional

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 6, 1988

Voluntary public service is one of America's most cherished traditions. In that tradition we find the virtues that have helped make our country great -- selflessness, moral purpose, and the willingness to lend a helping hand to make things better for our neighbors.

As a people, we have realized that our greatest strength lies in our shared convictions and in our ability to unite our talents and energies to benefit our communities and our Nation. Each year more than half of all Americans respond to the needs of their fellow citizens with great compassion and generosity. In light of the outstanding contributions made in the spirit of voluntarism, I am more than proud to commend the 1988 President's Volunteer Action Award recipients.

ACTION

ACTION is the lead federal agency for volunteer service. It fosters and expands voluntary citizen participation by using public and private sector resources and by coordinating its efforts with other federal agencies. ACTION addresses current and emerging needs by utilizing to the fullest advantage the energy, innovative spirit, experience and skills of Americans to serve local communities and the nation. ACTION supports more than 400,000 volunteers through its Foster Grandparent, Retired Senior Volunteer, Senior Companion, Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA), the ACTION Drug Alliance and the Student Community Service programs.

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VOLUNTEER The National Center

VOLUNTEER—The National Center is the only national voluntary organization with the sole mission of stimulating and strengthening volunteer citizen involvement in addressing human, social and environmental problems. Created in 1979, VOLUNTEER is a national advocate for the volunteer community; operates local projects demonstrating new and innovative ways for people to volunteer; and provides a wide range of support services to Volunteer Centers, volunteer-involving organizations and major corporations. VOLUNTEER is the national sponsor of the Volunteer Connection, a nationwide media campaign to recruit volunteers.

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nominations were generated by announcement of the program in news stories, by syndicated columnists, public service announcements on major radio networks and through ACTION's network of regional and state offices. Awards are made in ten categories: arts and humanities, education, environment, health, human services, international volunteering, mobilization of volunteers, public safety, youth volunteering and the workplace.

Members of the National Volunteer Advisory Council, private citizens appointed to advise ACTION on policy and program, are joined by two members of VOLUNTEER's board of directors for the judging of the President's Awards. In 1988 they reviewed approximately 70 finalist nominations and from those chose the group to be submitted to the President for his final selection.

The President presents the award, a sterling silver medallion provided by Avon Products Inc., to each winner at a White House luncheon. The citationists receive certificates from the President for their exemplary volunteer contributions. All remaining nominees receive special cards of appreciation from the President.

You have set a fine example for others to follow, and it's a pleasure to have this opportunity to thank you for all the good work you do.

I would also like to thank ACTION and VOLUNTEER for your sponsorship of these awards. Your leadership has served to foster creativity and initiative in the form of public service, helping to make America a still better place to live.

Ronald Reagan

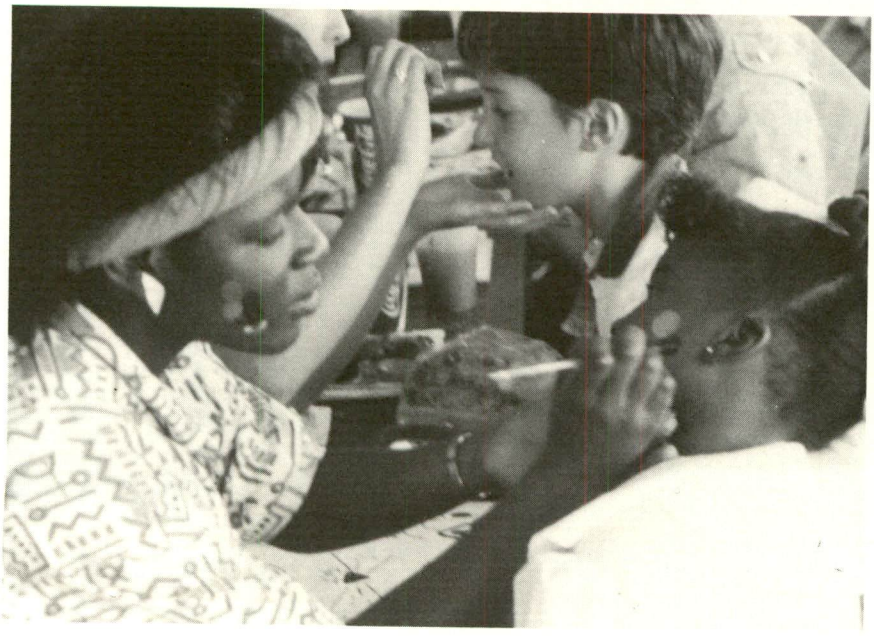
The 130 recipients of the President's Awards over the past seven years continue to reflect the wide diversity of today's volunteer community. The winners include established national organizations with thousands of volunteers, newly developed grassroots movements with national scope, fraternal organizations, employee volunteer programs, local organizations and groups of volunteers, individuals, and groups of labor union volunteers. Some of the award winners are well known; others are known only to those with whom they work.

The President's Award is the most prestigious award ever presented for volunteer service. Created during the first year of President Ronald Reagan's Administration, the President's Volunteer Action Awards will continue as a lasting tribute to his call for greater private sector initiatives. On April 28, 1987, President Reagan signed an Executive Order institutionalizing the President's Awards Program. The opening language of that Order reads: "The President's Volunteer Action Award is hereby established for the purposes of recognizing outstanding volunteer contributions by individuals and organizations toward helping others in our society, and of demonstrating to all Americans what can be accomplished through voluntary action."

1988 Award Recipients

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Red River Revel Arts Festival



The Red River Revel Arts Festival was developed by the Shreveport Junior League in 1976 as the local Bicentennial project. The Festival's initial success led to its institution as an annual event that now attracts 350,000 people annually over an eight-day period. In 1978, the Louisiana Bank and Trust Company and the City of Shreveport joined the League as sponsors and in 1983, the Revel became a separate nonprofit corporation.

The Revel provides a variety of participatory experiences for visitors, including activities designed for different age and grade groups. Over 7,000 school children visit the Festival on their grade day through field trips sponsored by many area public and private schools. The afternoon program is open to the general public and features activities for children ages 5 to 12, such as sky sculpture, face painting, clay modeling, stenciling, wood sculpturing, a graffiti wall and a mock archeological dig. Visiting artists conduct workshops in music, juggling and pottery.

In 1986, the Children's Exploratorium, a hands-on museum, was introduced. The following year it attracted nearly 7,000 daily participants. "A Walk Through You," sponsored by Schumpert Medical Center, presents visitors with a participatory display that graphically explains the functions of the body. Special grants allow Revel volunteers to visit children in ten local hospitals.

The Festival is planned and implemented by over 125 volunteers serving on 52 committees. During the eight-day Revel, over 3,000 volunteers contribute more than 120,000 hours to run the activities. The Exploratorium alone requires 700 volunteers. In addition, many of the 100 visual artists and over 80 performance groups participate as volunteers. The Revel offers a unique fundraising opportunity for 24 local nonprofit organizations that operate food and sales booths during the period.

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council

Virgil C. Dechant SUPREME KNIGHT

The Knights of Columbus in 1988 celebrates its 106th anniversary. In doing so, the organization founded by Father Michael J. McGivney to protect and promote the welfare of his immigrant parishioners celebrates its evolvement into the world's largest Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization. The Knights of Columbus family is an estimated 6 million people strong, with 1.45 million of them dues-paying members, and their presence can be felt in the charitable and benevolent programs conducted in the nearly 9,000 active councils located throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines and the Caribbean.

In the past 15 years, Knights of Columbus members have donated over $520 million to charitable causes and volunteered over 160 million hours of service to the Catholic Church, orphanages, the sick and dying, shelters for the homeless, food programs, the mentally and physically handicapped, disaster victims and others. This past year also saw the Knights of Columbus underwriting the entire reconstruction costs of the 350-year-old facade of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and serving as Principal Sponsors of the International Summer Special Olympics Games.

In 1984, the Knights of Columbus was honored to receive the President's Volunteer Action Award for mobilization of volunteers.

OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS

McDonald's Corporation

Edward H. Rensi PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

McDonald's business philosophy has always been to give something back to the communities in which it serves. Inspired by founder Ray A. Kroc, that philosophy is reflected today by the entire McDonald's family of franchisees, crew, company employees and suppliers in over 10,000 restaurants worldwide. Since its beginning in 1955, McDonald's has contributed directly toward programs that involve young people in the arts, education, safety, recreation and health, as well as special programs for the disabled.

Among the most noted of these initiatives are Ronald McDonald Houses, currently numbering more than 100 in the U.S., Canada, Australia and Europe. Recipient of the 1987 President's Volunteer Action Award, Ronald McDonald Houses are homes away from home for families of children undergoing treatment for serious illnesses at nearby hospitals. Ronald McDonald House is the cornerstone of Ronald McDonald Children's Charities (RMCC), established in 1984 in memory of Ray Kroc. RMCC awards grants to organizations that help children lead happier, healthier and more productive lives.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Mayflower - A Stouffer Hotel

Bernard C. Awenenti VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

The Mayflower recently celebrated its 60th anniversary. The hotel's history and association with our country's history were officially recognized in November 1983 when it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It has been the home of a great many Senators, Congressmen and elected Presidents, all of whom have had Inaugural Balls at the Mayflower since President Coolidge. Stouffer Hotels operates 30 hotels around the country.

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company

Robert V. Van Fossan CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company's community involvement in its home office cities of Newark, New Jersey and Kansas City, Missouri, includes volunteer, in-kind and contributions programs. Among the activities are matching individual employees with volunteer jobs, sponsoring community service projects involving employees as volunteers, providing released time employees and loaned executives to agencies, recognizing employee volunteer efforts through recognition programs, in-house publications, donating materials/learning facilities, encouraging executives to serve on boards of voluntary organizations and sponsoring volunteer fairs.

Nationally, Mutual Benefit has extended its support of corporate volunteerism to include: a national advertising campaign promoting business involvement; the commissioning of two survey reports on the nature and extent of corporate and small business commitment to volunteerism; and the publication of a "how to" manual for small business interested in community involvement. Mutual Benefit's Model Block Program in Kansas City received the 1986 President's Volunteer Action Award.

is best exemplified by the 70 Company-sponsored community relations committees with 700 management members operating in each of the U.S. locations in which Ford has a presence. In support of these activities Company contributions have emphasized quality of life programs from basic human welfare, education and research to the arts.

Hundreds of organizations each year benefit from grants and volunteer support, including the 92nd Street Y in New York City; a teen lecture series designed to examine the functions of the brain and its relationship to creativity, identity and human consciousness; New Detroit Inc., the nation's first urban coalition; Africare, an irrigation and food producing project; the Kingsbury Junior High School in Memphis, Tennessee, as a part of the national "Adopt-A-School" program; a Norfolk, Virginia, training program for mentally handicapped young adults; Focus: Hope, a highly successful retraining program in Detroit and the Anselm Kiefer art exhibition.

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

The Gannett Foundation

Eugene C. Dorsey PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Strengthening volunteerism and encouraging volunteer participation at both the local and national levels has long been an interest of the Gannett Foundation, a private foundation in Rochester, New York. The foundation supports "Give Five"—the slogan of the "Daring Goals for a Caring Society" campaign of the philanthropic coalition INDEPENDENT SECTOR. Gannett Foundation President Eugene Dorsey chairs this national campaign urging people to volunteer five hours a week and give five percent of their income to charity.

Since the early 1980s, the foundation has sponsored nearly 130 volunteer recognition events in communities where it makes grants. These Volunteer Appreciation Luncheons and Heart of Gold Awards have honored thousands of local volunteers for their work. The foundation's MatchMaker program matches cash gifts by Gannett Company and Gannett Foundation employees to charities for which they or their families are volunteers. The Gannett Foundation has made grants to VOLUNTEER—The National Center and sponsored the INDEPENDENT SECTOR film, "To Care: America's Voluntary Spirit."

In addition to its volunteer-related efforts, the Gannett Foundation funds community agencies and programs in areas served by Gannett Co., Inc. media and supports national programs to improve the teaching and practice of journalism. The foundation operates the Gannett Center for Media Studies, the nation's premiere institute for the advanced study of mass media and technological change, at Columbia University in New York, and the Paul Miller Washington Reporting Fellowships in Washington, D.C.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Dr. Russell G. Mawby CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Since its inception in 1930, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation has been providing support to volunteer programs designed to respond to the complex and sometimes overwhelming needs of people. Since 1972, more than $18 million in Kellogg Foundation support has been invested in more than 67 projects directly related to volunteerism. Foundation programming is concentrated in helping the nation's service volunteers—individuals who seek to help others tackle the issues of health, youth, work, social services, education and rehabilitation.

For example, the Kellogg Foundation is now into the third year of providing assistance to VOLUNTEER to implement a program of community citizen involvement for physically disabled youth. Other important foundation-funded programs are aimed at improving the abilities of citizen boards and senior managing staffs to solve problems in the availability, quality and cost of human service and educational programs. Attention also is being given to state, regional, and national efforts to increase understanding of the role of volunteerism.

SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

Keyes Martin Public Relations

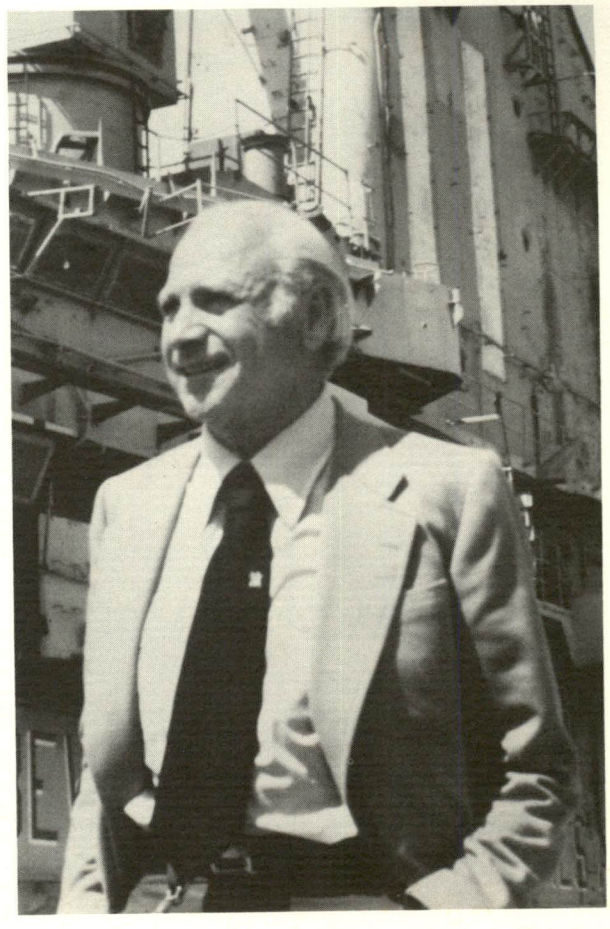
Dan Gaby CHAIRMAN

Jack Tucker PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Volunteerism is a way of life at Keyes Martin, New Jersey's largest public relations firm. Employees from the board room to the mail room are involved in a myriad of community charitable activities. And volunteerism does not stop with employees. The agency, as a volunteer service, has created and expedited programs for many New Jersey organizations including the Society to Prevent Blindness, the Archdiocese of Newark, U.S. Olympic Committee for New Jersey, the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and Newark Symphony Hall.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Zachary Fisher



For the past ten years, Zachary Fisher has taken the lead in the development of the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York City. Commissioned in 1943, the USS Intrepid, a 41,000-ton aircraft carrier, served as the flight deck for U.S. planes in battles over Tokyo, surviving three kamikaze attacks and bringing more than 2,000 American servicemen home at the end of the war. When it was retired in 1974, the USS Intrepid was one of the most decorated ships in U.S. naval history.

Mr. Fisher formed a unique partnership with the city and state governments, personally contributed over half of the funds toward the refitting of the ship and has served as the museum's chairman since its beginning. Now berthed on Pier 86, the Intrepid comprises five major exhibition halls, one of which is devoted to honoring recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. In 1986, the ship was declared a national historic landmark, which gives it official protection. In April 1988, the museum acquired the submarine, The Growler, which will be berthed next to the Intrepid as part of the museum.

Mr. Fisher is also one of the most active members of the Veterans Bedside Network, a nationwide volunteer program that involves Veterans Hospital patients in recreating radio and television shows for broadcast in other veterans facilities. He also serves as chairman of the honorary board of the Marine Scholarship Foundation, as a trustee of the National Jewish Hospital in Denver and as a director of the Marine Corps Memorial Association. Following the death of U.S. Marines in Lebanon, he began the Lebanon Fund, which has raised over $100,000 for the servicemen's children. He formed the Elizabeth and Zachary Fisher Armed Services Charitable Foundation to enhance the public perception of the armed services and to provide educational financial assistance to current or former members of the armed services and their immediate families.

In 1984, Saint Michael's College awarded him a Doctorate of Humane Letters degree in honor of his humanism and devotion to youth. In 1985, he received The Navy League's first Secretary of the Navy Award to recognize outstanding contributions toward national defense by a civilian. A special plaque from President Reagan on the Intrepid reads: "One man deserves special tribute, Zachary Fisher, a patriotic American who never forgot and cares so much."

GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

Verlyn R. and Martha J. Roskam

Verlyn Roskam began Educational Assistance Ltd. (EAL) to provide scholarships to students unable to find college financial assistance elsewhere. He was motivated by the fact that he had been given the opportunity to attend college by a family who had lost their son during World War II.

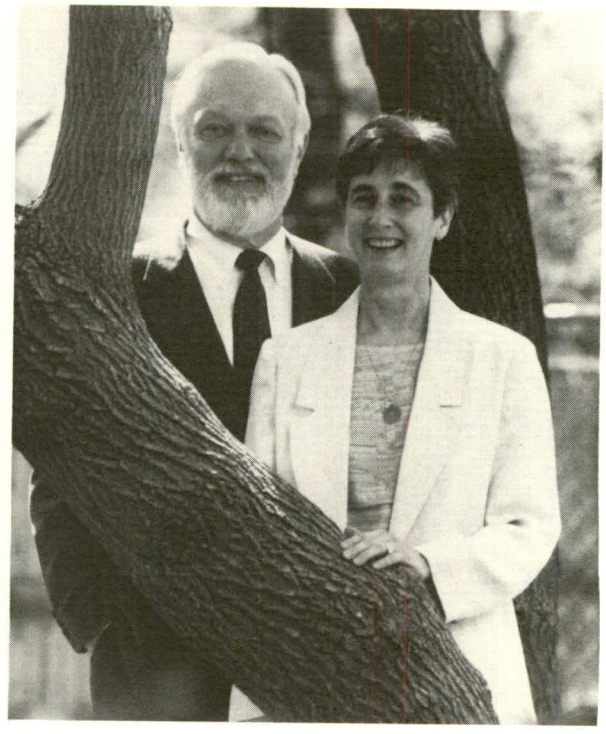
A bartering system, EAL solicits contributed goods from companies and gives them to colleges, which then make scholarships available to needy students in the name of the company. Working primarily with small liberal arts colleges, EAL grants scholarships to average students who must maintain a C average.

Contributions are limited only in that the goods must be something that the college would otherwise have to purchase. One college received a nuclear magnetic resonator valued at $17,000. Another received used office furniture. A resort in Wisconsin contributes rooms during the off-season for college faculty conventions. Allied Van Lines provides most of the transport for the donated goods, giving the value of the transport as scholarships.

In addition to the obvious benefits to the student, the company receives a tax deduction for the contribution. The colleges benefit from improved cash flow derived from supplemental federal and state grants and student loans brought in by new students.

To manage EAL, Mr. Roskam has been granted a leave of absence by his employer, Oil-Dri Corporation of America. Mrs. Roskam has given up her job as a school teacher to work at EAL, where she has volunteered for the past 18 months. Oil-Dri has made scholarships available through the donation of various products and provides office space, secretarial help and services to EAL.

Over 125 colleges and nearly 100 companies nationwide participate in the project. Nearly $3 million in scholarships has been generated, benefiting over 450 young people. In early 1987, the EAL/Eighth Grade College Opportunities Program was launched in four communities to provide a four-year college preparatory program to economically disadvantaged junior high school students. Participating communities develop a student selection board and pay for a full-time counselor in exchange for scholarship guarantees for the students who complete the program.



Corporate and Foundation Support

The following corporations and foundations made very generous financial and in-kind contributions to the 1988 President's Volunteer Action Awards Program.

APPLETON, WISCONSIN

AAL

Richard L. Gunderson PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Since its beginning in 1902, AAL, the nation's leading fraternal benefit society, has shown its concern for the well-being of others in many different ways. This fraternal nature is reflected in the volunteer efforts and activities of its 1.4 million members across the country. The AAL home office in Appleton, Wisconsin, provides organizational and financial resources to members, who conduct humanitarian, service, social and educational programs to benefit needy individuals, organizations and institutions in their own local communities.

The results of AAL's volunteerism are substantial. In 1987, more than 7 million people participated in 150,000 activities which benefited thousands in need. AAL's financial commitment to its fraternal programs amounted to $48 million last year. AAL also encourages employee community involvement through its Involvement Corps Team (ICT). Established in 1980, the ICT helps direct employee volunteers toward agencies needing help. Annually, more than 800 ICT volunteers—approximately 50 percent of AAL's home office staff—participate in ICT-sponsored volunteer projects.

As a direct result of AAL's caring attitude, the fraternal benefit society was presented with the 1986 President's Volunteer Action Award for success in mobilizing its volunteers.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Avon Products Inc.

Hicks B. Waldron CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Volunteerism abounds throughout Avon Products Inc., from its New York headquarters to facilities throughout the U.S. and many overseas locations. The company encourages volunteer efforts and gives awards for outstanding contributions. Employees respond with enthusiastic support for such causes as the United Way, the Blood Bank and "adopted" schools from New York to the Philippines. An organization that receives special support from Avon employees is Project LIVE (Learning through Industry and Volunteer Educators), a Children's Aid Society program in which volunteers tutor hundreds of junior high school students in math and reading.

Avon's senior management not only encourages such volunteer participation but also sets the pace through personal efforts. Just a few of their many commitments: Hicks Waldron, the chairman and chief executive officer, serves on the boards of National Junior Achievement (he is former national chairman), TARGET (a national organization to prevent student alcohol and drug abuse), and The Salvation Army's greater New York unit. John S. Chamberlin, president and chief operating officer, is a trustee of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and a board member of the Medical Center at Princeton. James E. Preston, president of the Avon Beauty Group, is chairman of the board of trustees of the American Institute for Managing Diversity. And Donald E. Strange, president of the Avon Health Care Group, is on the national committees of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals and the Multi-Hospital Systems National Advisory Board.

DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

Ford Motor Company

Donald E. Petersen CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Inspired by the commitment to community service and civic leadership of Henry Ford II, Ford Motor Company and its employees have a long history of involvement in volunteer activities. In recognition of the many examples of exemplary employee community service, Ford will soon initiate the Henry Ford II Volunteer Awards Program. Ford Motor Company's interest in volunteerism

1982 Award Recipients

Arts and Humanities Council of the Lake Region, DEVILS LAKE, ND—an umbrella organization for nine arts agencies, offers a strong program of cultural and educational activities to the 63,000 residents of the sparsely populated 20,000 square-mile area around Devils Lake.

Contact Teleministries USA, HARRISBURG, PA—involves over 15,000 volunteers who provide hotline telephone reassurance and counseling to more than 1,500,000 callers each year in 150 calling areas across the country.

East Hampton Striders Athletic Association, HAMPTON, VA—was formed to provide recreational and athletic activities for inner city children from low-income families.

Employment Aptitude and Placement Association, VENTURA, CA—although charging no fee to either the applicant or employer, has found jobs for more than 2,000 hard-to-place workers since 1969.

Mrs. A.E. "Von" Eulert, WICHITA, KS—a pioneer in Braille services, has recruited over 100 local volunteer Braille translators, participated in the development of a new paperless Braille technique and developed a system for transcribing ancient numeration systems.

Homer Fahrner, SACRAMENTO, CA—established Gleaners Statewide, a program that annually involves over 500 seniors in gleaning and distributing over 500 tons of food that otherwise would be burned, dumped or buried.

Higher Achievement Program, WASHINGTON, DC—provides special tutoring to over 650 of the District's brightest and poorest students, allowing the underprivileged children to meet their full potential.

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 61, Employees of Rohm & Haas Company, PHILADELPHIA, PA—members utilize their carpentry skills to design and build rehabilitative equipment for the Philadelphia Easter Seal Society.

Lee's Friends Oncology Patients, NORFOLK, VA—founded in 1978 to commemorate the courageous attitude and battle of Lee Harkins who died of cancer at age 16, provides support, comfort and concern to cancer patients and their families.

Jacqueline F. Merritt, DUBUQUE, IA—organized the Iowa Committee* Arts for the Handicapped to provide cultural and arts programming for the state's hearing and sight impaired, physically handicapped and mentally retarded populations.

New Directions Club, Inc., HOUSTON, TX—founded and staffed by ex-offenders, provides halfway houses for men and women and assistance with employment, clothing and developing positive attitudes to newly released ex-offenders.

Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company, PORTLAND, OR—sponsors 48 Community Relations Teams throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho to assess community needs and develop employee volunteer projects to address those needs.

REACT International, NORTHBROOK, IL—with over 25,000 dues paying members who monitor citizen band radios in their cars and homes, has answered more than 20 million calls on highway accidents since its founding in 1962.

Lawrence A. Shulman, SILVER SPRING, MD—has organized three nonprofit foundations that provide vocational education to over 400 high school students annually in the construction, automotive and retail trades.

Sunshine Foundation, PHILADELPHIA, PA—grants special wishes, such as weekends at the seashore or a visit to Disney World, to chronically and terminally ill children as a way of providing positive experiences for them and their families during their last months of life.

Tenneco Inc., HOUSTON, TX—sponsors Volunteers in Assistance, through which employees provide assistance to more than 40 community organizations, offers a wide range of employee volunteer services to three adopted agencies and sponsored the first statewide conference on corporate volunteerism in the U.S.

Elizabeth C. Titus, SHAFTSBURY, VT—developed the Student Conservation Program in 1957, which since that time has involved more than 7,000 high school and college age young people as volunteers in the national parks, a service valued at more than $12 million.

Bobby Trimble, MIDLAND, TX—annually organizes Christmas in April, a program involving over 2,500 volunteers in the repair of 130 homes of low-income elderly and handicapped individuals.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Thomas W. Evans

Thomas W. Evans (center rear) with former New York State Supreme Court Judge Herbert B. Evans and student Mentor Moot Court participants.

In 1983, Thomas W. Evans, an attorney in New York City, founded the Mentor Program, which exposes New York City public high school students to the law as a profession and instills in them a respect for the law and court system. Co-sponsored by the New York Alliance for the Public Schools and the Federal Bar Council, the program in its first year paired each of five law firms with a local school. Two years later, Mentor had grown to 24 pairings. Now the program is active in more than a dozen other locations.

Mentor Programs begin with a classroom orientation conducted by one or more sponsor lawyers. Then the students visit a federal courtroom to witness civil litigation and a state courtroom to see criminal law in action. Mentor Programs also often include a visit to a family court judge's chambers, a legal writing and research project, or a classroom talk by an attorney who explores a specific issue. Each law firm develops program activities around its own area of practice. Individual Mentor Programs may include mock trial competitions, role playing in empty court rooms or visits to court rooms during trials.

While the program gives an exceptional perspective to students planning careers in law, Mentor's greatest impact is on students who are not college bound. Independent studies have shown that participation in the program improves students' attitudes toward school and teachers.

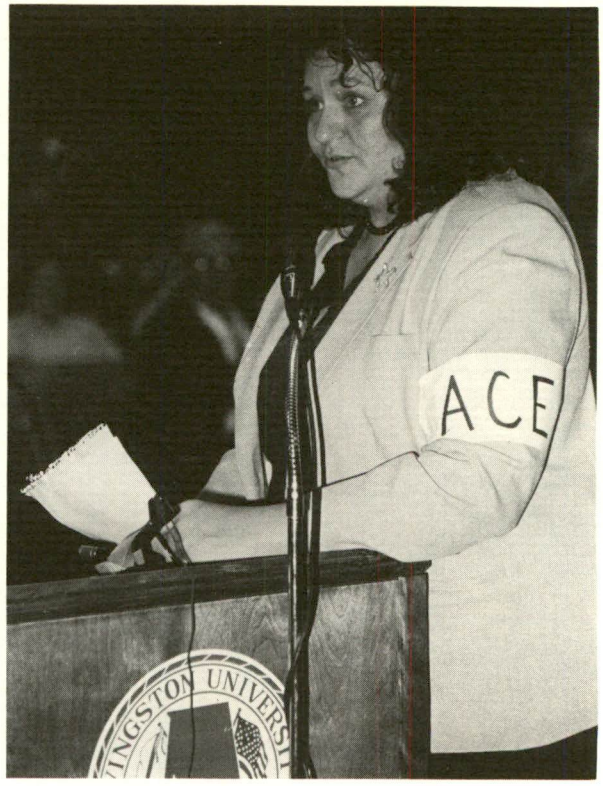
As chairman of the educational committee of the Presidential Board of Advisors on Private Sector Initiatives, Mr. Evans developed the National Symposium on Education, convened annually since 1983. A common theme of the symposia, which attract over 1,000 participants each year, has been the need to make optimum use of available community resources. Each symposium exposes community educators and businesses to new partnership ideas and assists in strengthening existing ones.

Today, there are over 50,000 local partnerships between schools and businesses, government agencies and community organizations. Partnerships vary from school to school but may include tutoring and career education, substance abuse prevention programs, career mentoring, literacy tutoring and dropout prevention.

Mr. Evans also serves as a trustee of Teachers College at Columbia University.

YORK, ALABAMA

Kaye Kiker



Kaye Kiker was instrumental in forming Alabamians for a Clean Environment (ACE) in 1983 to educate the citizens of Sumter County—a largely agricultural area with over 30 percent of its residents living below the poverty line—about the impact of a local toxic waste landfill on local and state politics, the environment and future economy of the county and state. Since its founding, ACE has grown from seven members to more than 300.

As president of ACE, Ms. Kiker has linked the organization with similar organizations around the state and country, traveling extensively in the eastern United States, attending conferences and speaking on toxic waste and related issues. She has been invited to make comments at formal environmental hearings in several southeastern states and has testified, both in her state capital of Montgomery and in Washington, on environmental and toxic waste issues. She also has been involved in related issues such as deep well injection methods, at-sea incineration, monitored retrievable storage of nuclear waste and landfilling of low-level radioactive waste. She has also been an advocate for alternative disposal technologies such as recycling, reuse, reduction and exchange.

Ms. Kiker has organized a coalition of southeastern environmental groups. In her environmental work, she encourages citizen participation in local governmental decisions and actions. She believes that this encouragement and direction especially help poor, uneducated and politically weak citizens to become aware of their rights and inspire good citizenship and leadership practices for other community issues and activities.

1983 Award Recipients

Alcoholics Anonymous, NEW YORK, NY—founded in 1935 by two men regarded as incurable alcoholics, has helped over 650,000 men and women overcome their alcoholism and today has over 40,000 chapters in North America.

Lupe Anguiano, NEW YORK, NY—formed the National Women's Employment and Education Model Program in 1973 to assist women on welfare with child care, transportation, job training and in finding employment.

Thomas W. Dibblee, Jr., SANTA BARBARA, CA—a retired geologist, has mapped over 3.4 million acres of the Los Padres National Forest as well as sections of the San Andreas Fault, conducted field trips for Minerals Management Service and served as volunteer advisor to geology students.

Frank Ferree, HARLINGEN, TX—known as the Border Angel until his death in 1983, devoted his life to helping those less fortunate than himself, begging food and building materials to help the desperately poor living near the Mexican border.

Friends of Handicapped Readers, JACKSON, MS—an auxiliary to the state library program, produces talking books on request and books of special interest to blind readers in the state.

Dr. Joseph Nguyen-Trung Hieu, CHICAGO, IL—a high school social studies teacher, has helped almost 1,000 Indochinese refugees in Illinois learn English, adapt to American culture, obtain an education and gain employment.

Hispanic Women's Council, Inc., LOS ANGELES, CA—provides supportive service and developmental programs including professional training, peer counseling and informational workshops and seminars to Los Angeles area Hispanic women.

Honeywell, MINNEAPOLIS, MN—sponsors HELP, a community involvement team effort involving small groups of employees in community volunteer activities; the Management Assistance Project, which provides technical and management assistance to local nonprofit organizations; and the Retiree Volunteer Program.

Infant Hearing Assessment Foundation Volunteers, CONCORD, CA—involves over 2,000 volunteers in 35 hospitals across the country in testing the hearing of high-risk newborn infants using equipment developed by Foundation workers.

Little Town Players, Inc., BEDFORD, VA—the focal point for cultural activities in the small town, provides dramatic readings and musical programs for seniors and involves residents of all ages and backgrounds.

Mayor's Task Force, Frito-Lay, Inc., DALLAS, TX—was organized to help the 5,000 employees of Braniff Airlines, who became suddenly unemployed when the airline declared bankruptcy in May 1982, to find employment.

Audrie Megregian, COCOA BEACH, FL—has been active with the Brevard County Commission Against Sexual Assault, speaking to local organizations on the consequences to the victims of rape, raising funds for CASA and counseling victims.

Jeremiah Milbank, GREENWICH, CT—has been involved with the Boys Clubs of America for over 25 years, leading the BCA in the design of organizational development plans.

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, HURST, TX—with over 110 chapters in 36 states, works to effect changes in the criminal justice system, in law enforcement and motor vehicle agencies and in prosecuting attorneys' handling of DUI cases.

Elizabeth O'Donnell, CHICAGO, IL—a certified rehabilitation teacher/educator who is blind, volunteers almost full-time at the Illinois Visually Handicapped Institute, teaching Braille and independent living skills.

Operation California, BEVERLY HILLS, CA—depending on surplus goods of American corporations and on donated transport, has provided over $17 million in material aid to Asia, Africa, Central America, Poland and Lebanon since it was founded in 1979.

Oregon Food Share, PORTLAND, OR—the first statewide foodbank in the country, consisting of 323 independent nonprofit programs, distributed over one million pounds of contributed food and 800,000 pounds of U.S. Department of Agriculture cheese to 225,000 Oregonians in 1982.

Esther R. Schaeffer, GREAT FALLS, VA—organized Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc., to provide 24-hour telephone service to the large hearing-impaired population in the Washington, D.C. area.

Union Retirees Resources Division, AFL-CIO King County Labor Council of Washington Labor Agency, SEATTLE, WA—makes repairs to homes and appliances of low-income elderly and handicapped in the Seattle area.

Volunteer Illini Projects, URBANA, IL—the largest and most diverse student-run volunteer organization in the country, involves over 900 university students in volunteer projects.

1984 Award Recipients

Americares Foundation, NEW CANAAN, CT—operating with an overhead of one-half of one percent, sent 21 shipments of medicine, medical equipment and food to Poland, Pakistan, El Salvador, Guatemala and Lebanon between 1982 and 1984.

Irene Auberlin, DETROIT, MI—founded World Medical Relief in 1953 to provide unused samples of American medicines and surplus medical equipment to hospitals around the world and since that time has sent 6,000 tons of supplies to missionary doctors, hospitals and clinics worldwide.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Barton, NAPLES, FL—were instrumental in the development of Naples Informed Parents and in the subsequent development of the National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth, which involves over 4,000 parent groups.

James F. (Buck) Burshears, LAJUNTA, CO—a Boy Scout leader for over 50 years, developed the Koshare Indian Dancers who have been responsible for preserving Indian tribal dances and for raising over $10 million to build the Kiva and Museum at LaJunta, which contains one of the largest Indian lore collections in the world.

Children of the Night, HOLLYWOOD, CA—was founded in 1979 by Dr. Lois Lee to protect, provide shelter and serve as an advocate for sexually exploited teenage prostitutes.

Corporate Angel Network, Inc., WHITE PLAINS, NY—provides no-cost transportation on scheduled corporate flights for cancer patients to cancer treatment facilities throughout the U.S.

Delaware Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, WILMINGTON, DE—developed as a buddy program, finding unsubsidized jobs for over 55 veterans.

Friends of Copper Mountain College, TWENTY-NINE PALMS, CA—raised $1,850,000 to build a community college facility in the high desert area when the town lost its eligibility for state funds.

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, NEW HAVEN, CT—raised over $52 million in 1982 for charitable and benevolent causes while members of the 8,000 local councils contributed over 13 million hours in community volunteer service.

Laid-Off Employees Assistance Program (LEAP), Armco, MIDDLETOWN, OH—raised $278,000 to assist steelworkers laid off from the company and provided hotlines for laid-off employees to discuss personal and financial problems.

Levi Strauss & Co., SAN FRANCISCO, CA—involved company employees in community activities through 70 Community Involvement Teams in 52 communities in 14 states in 1983.

Nick Monreal, SAN ANTONIO, TX—developed Teach the Children, a program that raised $105,196 to provide school supplies to 9,718 children from economically disadvantaged homes in ten school districts.

Tom Rader, DOS PALOS, CA—a Vietnam veteran retired on permanent disability, serves as a volunteer probation officer and has developed a local alternative sentencing program.

San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO, SAN DIEGO, CA—established the Unemployment Information and Assistance Center to meet health and human care needs of unemployed workers.

Chris Stout, LYNNWOOD, WA—developed Sparrow Ministries, which includes a gleaning program, community household goods pantry and classes in the preservation and drying of the gleaned foods.

Elizabeth Cooper Terwilliger, MILL VALLEY, CA—over 30 years ago developed a unique program to teach nature to children and still teaches over 8,000 children each year.

Ray G. Villarreal, EL PASO, TX—a certified pedorthist and owner of a corrective shoe business, has fit artificial limbs, braces and orthopedic shoes to crippled children in Juarez, Mexico for the past 19 years.

Volunteer for Minnesota, ST. PAUL, MN—a statewide program to facilitate volunteer involvement in community problem-solving, was developed by the Minnesota Office on Volunteer Services, a division of the state Department of Administration.

Glenn Williams, SEATTLE, WA—after serving ten years in Alcatraz for bank robbery, developed Attica, Inc. to provide transportation to families of prisoners and Teen Intercept, a program to educate young people about the use of drugs and alcohol.

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mission Air Ministries, Inc.

Mission Air Ministries was founded in 1981 to provide no-cost air transportation to patients who cannot afford the airfare to hospitals and medical centers. It was begun by a small group of caring pilots who wanted to do something worthwhile with their flying skills.

The first flight was in a small single engine plane capable of flying short distances with non-critical patients. The organization now owns four planes, one of which is a jet that can provide nationwide transportation for stretcher-bound critical care patients.

To provide the most efficient and cost effective transportation, the jet is equipped to handle two patients at one time. The service provides transportation for people suffering from cancer, leukemia and other life-threatening diseases as well as those who have a critical need for organ transplants. It is unique in that it is equipped to transport people with AIDS. Mission Air also provides transportation home for people who have been injured in accidents while away from home.

The organization has three full-time and two part-time paid staff, one of which is a pilot and one a flight nurse. Since each flight requires two pilots and two medical personnel, all others are volunteers. There are over 400 volunteers active with the organization including 50 medical personnel. Other volunteers raise funds, assist in the office, coordinate flights and fly missions.

Since its founding, Mission Air has made over 800 trips, recording over 1,925 hours in the air in 1987. Funding for Mission Air comes from foundation grants, corporate contributions and individual gifts. The organization's income is increasing at a rate of approximately 25 percent per year with over 5,200 donors in 1987.

DALLAS, TEXAS

Margaret A. Gallimore

Margaret Gallimore, who has been in nursing for 24 years, has provided a home for 20 people with AIDS since May 1987. She initially rented the house next to her home, which she named Mathis House, as a place to care for sick homeless people. The increasingly desperate plight of people with AIDS, however, convinced her that helping them would be a more appropriate use of the house.

Because Dallas attracts people from other parts of the country, many of its residents with AIDS have no immediate family in the area. Unable to work, those afflicted with the disease are eligible for welfare, but the payments are not sufficient to cover housing and associated costs. Even utility bills are higher than normal because frequent severe chills require that heat be kept high even on warm days.

One of the first people Ms. Gallimore helped was a young man whose stepfather had asked him to leave home. When she discovered he had nowhere to live and was unable to work, she provided him a place at Mathis House. She also provided a home for another young man unable to find housing because he was a convicted arsonist.

Those living at Mathis House are the most difficult to place. The one apartment house for people with AIDS in the area requires that the residents be ambulatory. Ms. Gallimore receives referrals from the AIDS ARMS Center, Parkland Memorial Hospital and the city welfare department.

With her 18-year-old daughter Pamela and two sons, Phillip and Willie James Green, Ms. Gallimore provides the care for the men, nursing and bathing them, cooking and cleaning house. The owner of the house, a personal friend, also provides ongoing all-important assistance.

On several occasions, Ms. Gallimore has made funeral arrangements or accompanied the body of a deceased resident back home for burial. Of the 20 young men she has taken in, 12 have died while living at Mathis House.

Because many of the men have lost contact with their families since acquiring the disease, Ms. Gallimore and her children serve as their adopted family.

1985 Award Recipients

Henrietta H. Aladjem, WATERTOWN, MA—founded the Lupus Foundation of America, which provides the more than 89,000 lupus patients and family members in the U.S. with the emotional and educational support necessary to learn to cope with the disease.

Allstate Insurance Company, NORTHBROOK, IL—provides a wide variety of opportunities for employees to become involved, including serving as loaned executives, assistance with Junior Achievement and involvement in community activities through the Helping Hand program.

Amanda the Panda Volunteers, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL—sponsored by the county school board's Vocational, Technical and Adult Education Department, provides senior women volunteers to assist young first-time mothers in developing parenting skills.

Kelsy J. Caplinger, III, M.D., LITTLE ROCK, AR—was instrumental in the founding of Med Camps of Arkansas at Camp Aldergate, which annually provides nine weeks of camping for nearly 250 children who otherwise could not participate because of medical reasons or handicaps.

Concerned Black Men, PHILADELPHIA, PA—founded in 1975 by a group of black police officers, involves men from all walks of life as positive role models and in reinforcing productive and creative behavior among black youth.

Professor Lester W. Cory, TIVERTON, RI—develops innovative state-of-the-art communications systems for severely disabled nonvocal individuals, allowing them to communicate independently.

Delmarva Power & Light Company, WILMINGTON, DE—sponsors Radio Watch, which involves more than 1,200 employees in radio-equipped company vehicles in observing and reporting crimes and emergency situations, and educates children about the company vehicles and that company personnel can assist if they need help.

Dr. Vernon E. Falkenhain, ROLLA, MO—established the Missouri chapter of Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity in 1977, and since then has led teams of optometrists to eight Central and South American countries, supplying approximately 28,000 people with eyeglasses.

Greensboro Symphony Guild, GREENSBORO, NC—provides a well-rounded program of musical education, including special children's concerts, in area public grade schools, and sponsors a youth orchestra and music scholarships for orchestra members.

Missouri Speleological Survey, Inc., ELDON, MO—organized in 1956, provides a volunteer force to explore and map the thousands of caves in the state, an important activity both for visitors' safety and for identifying sources of water pollution.

National Court Appointed Special Advocates Association, SEATTLE, WA—provides specially trained volunteer advocates for children in court cases through 115 local CASA programs in 26 states.

Parents Anonymous, TORRANCE, CA—formed in 1970 by an abusive parent and her therapist, now involves more than 8,000 professional and paraprofessional volunteers serving as counselors, providers of referral services and crisis counselors to abusive parents.

Morris Pesin, JERSEY CITY, NJ—has worked since 1956 to establish the 800-acre Liberty State Park across the river from the Statue of Liberty and has served as Jersey City Cultural Arts chairman and City Spirit director.

Reverend Hezekiah David Stewart, COLLEGE STATION, AR—developed Project Watershed in 1978 to help the residents of the predominantly black community near Little Rock to help themselves through educational, counseling and health programs.

Sun City Prides, Inc., SUN CITY, AZ—involves over 400 retired men and women in the maintenance of the retirement community's grounds, spraying for weeds, fertilizing trees and shrubs, removing trash and debris and maintaining the automatic sprinkling system.

Texas Youth Commission, Dallas House, DALLAS, TX—a home to 25 boys, ages 14 to 17, who have been placed there by the courts, involves the boys in a wide variety of community volunteer service activities.

The Volunteer Corps of the 1984 Olympic Games, LOS ANGELES, CA—involved over 30,000 volunteers from all walks of life in all aspects of the 1984 Games, from the Olympic Torch Run through the closing ceremonies.

Nineteen International/National AFL-CIO Unions, Disaster Coastline Project, WASHINGTON, DC—involved union member volunteers who used contributed or loaned equipment in adapting local union halls for use as Red Cross disaster relief staging centers along 2,000 miles of coastline.

1986 Award Recipients

Aid Association for Lutherans, APPLETON, WI—provides its 1.3 million members in 6,400 branches with the organizational and financial resources to conduct humanitarian, service, social and educational programs that benefit their communities.

Gloria Allred, LOS ANGELES, CA—developed Project Amnesty in five California counties to increase child support payments, an effort that resulted in an increase of nearly $2 million in collections during the two-month period.

Anthony Barracca, APOPKA, FL—collects and delivers surplus food to a children's home, the Salvation Army and several migrant worker camps in a three-county area.

The Boys Choir of Harlem, NEW YORK, NY—involves parent groups, former choir members and community volunteers in raising money, assisting the choir's regular tutors and counseling the boys on such topics as substance abuse and personal hygiene.

Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone of West Virginia, CHARLESTON, WV—has developed a series of statewide economic development programs, including a Partners in Education and Business Retention and Expansion program.

Kimi Gray, WASHINGTON, DC—founded College Here We Come to help young people in her public housing project further their education and has seen 500 young people get admitted to college.

Heifer Project International, LITTLE ROCK, AR—since its founding in 1944 to provide livestock to needy communities around the world, has sent 74,000 animals and two million poultry to more than 100 countries and 33 states.

Gilbert and Madeline Laake, BELLEVUE, KY—are responsible for an American Red Cross Mobile Administrative Unit, an 18-wheel tractor-trailer, which they drive to disaster relief staging areas around the country.

Louis Leeder, BROOKLYN, NY—cofounded the National Association for the Jewish poor in 1979 to provide services to poor elderly homebound Jewish people in the South Bronx, Harlem, Brownsville and East New York.

L.I.A.I.S.O.N., NEW HYDE PARK, NY—formed in 1982 to involve citizens in a crime prevention program, now involves over 2,000 volunteers in neighborhood watch and community/school public safety education programs.

Raymond J. Moore, TAMPA, FL—as volunteer director of Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, housed and treated over 1,300 injured wild animals and returned them to their natural habitat in 1985.

The Mutual Benefit Companies, KANSAS CITY, MO—involved employee volunteers in rehabilitating two inner-city blocks, clearing vacant lots, making home repairs and landscaping yards.

National Association of Letter Carriers, WASHINGTON, DC—involves carriers in monitoring the well-being of elderly and disabled adults living alone and reporting problems to social service agencies.

Operation Santa Claus, SACRAMENTO, CA—annually involves 1,200 military and civilian employees of the Sacramento Army Depot in collecting and distributing food, clothing and toys to nearly 9,000 needy military and civilian families.

Oregon Shakespearean Festival Association, ASHLAND, OR—involves over 800 volunteers in all aspects of the Tony Award-winning repertory theatre's performances, which attracts nearly 400,000 people annually.

Carol Sasaki, PULLMAN, WA—a former welfare recipient, founded Helping Ourselves Means Education to provide technical assistance and emotional support to low-income women who want to attend college.

Security Pacific National Bank, LOS ANGELES, CA—involves employees from 630 offices in a variety of community volunteer activities and sponsors the SecuriTeam effort, which involves over 3,000 employees in special projects.

Jerome H. Stone, CHICAGO, IL—founded the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association in 1980 to support families of Alzheimer's victims and to raise money for research.

The Volunteer Connection, DALLAS, TX—a multi-media volunteer public awareness campaign cosponsored by NBC affiliate KXAS, the Volunteer Center of Dallas and Tarrant Counties, five Junior Leagues, two United Ways and 700 area nonprofit organizations, resulted in a 97 percent increase in volunteer recruitment.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

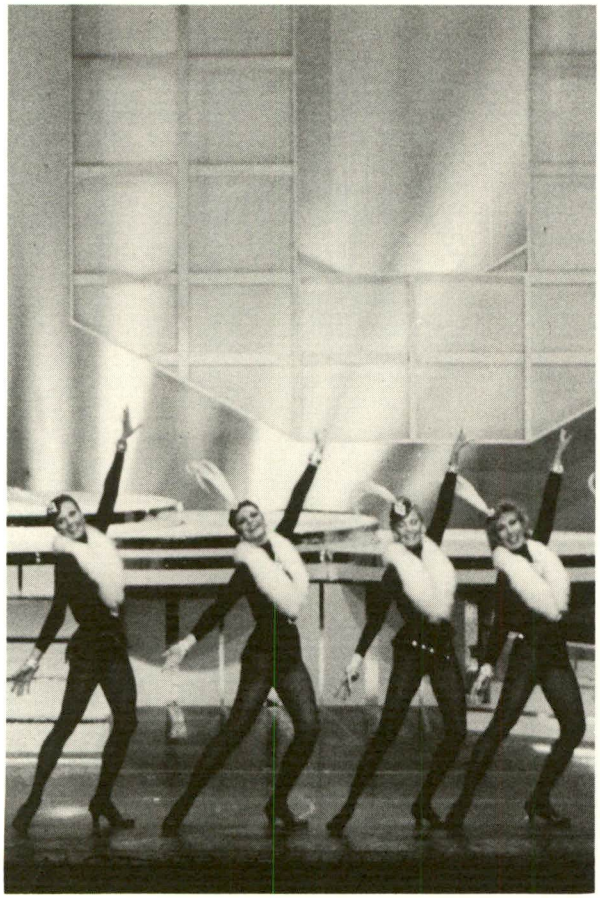
Mrs. I.E. (Arnolta) Williams

Arnolta Williams, 91, has been an active volunteer since she moved to Jacksonville more than 70 years ago. She is the only living founder and lifetime member of the Jacksonville Urban League. She was one of the founders and a president of Gateway Nursery and Kindergarten, which serves children of low-income working mothers, and is chairperson of the Foster Grandparents Program. She has been a volunteer with the Boys Club, the Red Cross, Council on Aging, Volunteer Jacksonville and the Y.W.C.A. She has served on the foundation boards of Methodist and University Hospitals and on the board of Florida Community College of Jacksonville. She has been a member of the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women and was a Florida delegate to the 1981 White House Council on Aging.

The work Mrs. Williams considers most important is her influence during the racially troubled 1960s in Florida when her moderating influence was largely credited with the continuing harmonious race relations between the black and white communities in Jacksonville. Because she was a respected figure, both within the black community and also in the community at large, her leadership and her message of conciliation and moderation has been credited with the smooth transition to a peacefully integrated Jacksonville society.

Known in Jacksonville as "Mama Williams," her volunteer career began when she followed the wishes of her late husband, a highly respected physician and the first black chief of internal medicine at the Brewster Hospital for Blacks (now merged with the Methodist Hospital of Jacksonville). Instead of becoming a teacher, she promoted her husband's medical practice, raised their daughter and became a volunteer. Following Dr. Williams' death in 1971, she became even more active.

Mrs. Williams has been honored many times for her lifetime of service to the Jacksonville community. In 1985, she received the Volunteer of the Year award from Volunteer Jacksonville and had the $1,000 prize contributed to the Gateway Nursery and Kindergarten. That same year, Barnett Bank honored her as volunteer of the year, for which she contributed the $4,700 prize to fund stipends for two Foster Grandparents. In 1987, Mrs. Williams received the United Way of America's Alexis de Tocqueville National Award for Voluntarism.



LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

SHARE, Inc.

SHARE, Inc. is an organization of 100 women in the entertainment industry who raise funds to assist a variety of nonprofit organizations. When it began 35 years ago, SHARE raised money for programs serving mentally handicapped children. In its first year, the group produced a show starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis and turned over the $5,000 proceeds to the Exceptional Children's Foundation.

SHARE now raises over one million dollars each year and makes grants to many different organizations. All of its activities are accomplished by volunteers; its only operating costs are an answering machine and post office box.

The Boomtown Party, its major fundraiser, is a variety show organized, produced and directed by SHARE members. In addition to the film stars who contribute their time and talent, the show features many SHARE members. The Boomtown Party annually raises over one million dollars through ticket sales, an auction, raffle tickets and program advertisements.

The organization also produces an annual Day by Day calendar book, which is developed, designed and mailed by members. The calendars annually account for over $100,000 income. In addition, SHARE frequently is the recipient of large anonymous contributions for which the members determine the use. In 1987, SHARE received a gift of one million dollars, which will fund the SHARE's Child Disability Center, a research facility on mental retardation at Cedars Sinai Medical Center.

Among the 28 organizations for the mentally handicapped and abused that received grants from SHARE in 1987 are: Activities for Retarded Children, which provides camping, sports and recreational activities for retarded children; California Special Olympics; California State University's Niños y Padres program, which helps parents learn how to manage their children's learning disabilities; The Center for the Partially Sighted, which teaches living independence; CRI-HELP Inc., a substance abuse recovery program; the Domestic Violence Council for battered women and abused children; Five Acres, a program for seriously disturbed, abused and sexually mistreated children; and Hathaway Home for Children, a residential facility for emotionally disturbed children. SHARE, Inc. still continues its support for its original recipient, the Exceptional Children's Foundation.

1987 Award Recipients

Ruth Johnson Colvin, SYRACUSE, NY—in the early 1960s founded Literacy Volunteers of America, a program that now has over 250 local and state programs with over 40,000 students and volunteers.

C.O.O.L.—The Campus Outreach Opportunity League, WASHINGTON, D.C.—founded in 1982 to help college students become involved in their communities, now works with over 300 colleges to build effective student volunteer programs or strengthen existing ones.

Exxon Company U.S.A. Volunteer Involvement Program, HOUSTON, TX—involved over 1,000 employees in community volunteer activities in 1986 through a clearinghouse that sponsors special projects and matches employees and retirees with nonprofit agencies.

Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn, HENDERSON, NV—organized in the mid 1960s, has constructed 21 water supplies for the bighorn sheep, making over 100,000 acres of remote mountain desert area habitable for this endangered species.

Jack A. Glover, ROSEBURG, OR—has worked for more than 13 years to develop a trail along the North Umpqua River.

Hexagon, Inc., WASHINGTON, DC—with more than 400 volunteers, produces an original musical of political satire, which raises approximately $135,000 each year for a different local charity.

Robert A. Hingson, M.D., ScD., OCILLA, GA/PITTSBURGH, PA—the inventor of the gas-powered jet "peace gun" which made mass immunizations possible, immunized over 15 million people in 30 countries by 1979 and founded the Brother's Brother Foundation to assist developing countries in agriculture, education and health care.

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 25, MELVILLE, NY—involves members in raising money for health-related organizations, raising more than $70,000 since its Community Services Committee was formed in 1980.

Sylvia Lawry, NEW YORK, NY—founded the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in 1946 and was instrumental in the development of the International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis Societies in 1965.

Los Angeles/Orange County Corporate Volunteer Council, LOS ANGELES, CA—adopted Gladys Park in downtown Los Angeles and involved over 350 employee volunteers in cleaning up the park and surrounding areas, and commissioned a mural to tell Skid Row residents where to find food, shelter and medical aid.

North Central Mental Health Services Teen Suicide Prevention Volunteer Program, COLUMBUS, OH—a 24-hour suicide hotline developed to provide telephone assistance to potential young suicide victims, involves 24 young volunteers who counsel peers in a wide variety of problems.

Project Literacy U.S. (PLUS), NEW YORK, NY—a joint project of Capital Cities/ABC and the Public Broadcasting Service to increase public awareness of the problem of illiteracy, includes prime time broadcasting, public service announcements and over 350 local literacy task forces.

Ronald McDonald House Volunteers—over 100 strong, provide families of seriously ill children an inexpensive place to stay during their child's treatment at regional children's hospitals.

Shell Oil Company Employees and Retirees Volunteerism Effort (SERVE), HOUSTON, TX—a clearinghouse that matches employees' and retirees' skills and interests with needs of community agencies, referred approximately 1,500 volunteers to 175 agencies and involved an additional 1,341 in special projects in 1986.

Stephanie Joyce Kahn Foundation, LONG BEACH, NY—was founded by Stephanie Joyce Kahn, who was blinded in an automobile accident, to provide recorded books and materials to sighted hospital and nursing home patients unable to read to themselves.

Talkline/Kids Line, Inc., ELK GROVE, IL—which includes the first 24-hour crisis intervention hotline for young children in the U.S., now involves over 200 trained volunteers in promotion, answering telephones, raising funds and community speaking.

20 Good Men, KANSAS CITY, KS—involves residents of the city's oldest and poorest neighborhood in repairing homes of other residents unable to do the work themselves.

George Wager, ANAHEIM, CA—developed a wear-resistant identification tag, which includes important medical emergency contact information, that can be sewn into children's clothing or tied onto their shoelaces.

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chapters, provides clothing worth over $975,000 at no charge to over 25,000 elementary school children.

Pennsylvania Prison Runathon, STATE COLLEGE, PA—involves prisoners in state facilities in an annual runathon that raises over $10,000 for youth programs and helps develop a sense of giving and responsibility in the participating runners.

Pet Therapy, COLUMBIA, SC—involves volunteers who bring their pets and children to a weekly visit with the residents of the Tucker Center of the state's Department of Mental Health.

Por Cristo, BROCKTON, MA—since its founding in 1979, has involved over 300 volunteers in eleven specialty medical teams that provide medical assistance to more than 30,000 patients in Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru.

Procter & Gamble Company Volunteer Support Program, CINCINNATI, OH—involves employees and retirees as volunteers in the communities where the company's manufacturing facilities are located, with over 1,600 employee volunteers from its world headquarters involved as volunteers in the Cincinnati area.

Rochester, New York Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, Operation Smile, ROCHESTER, NY—involved over 800 volunteers to help replace a structure destroyed by fire at a local summer camp for children with cancer.

Second Harvest National Food Bank Network, CHICAGO, IL—distributes over 390,000 million pounds of food annually through 200 member food banks to more than 38,000 local charitable agencies, with $162 worth of food distributed for every dollar expended.

Shreveport Juvenile Justice Program, SHREVEPORT, LA—a community program that provides support to juvenile first offenders, has served over 200 young people with a 90 percent success rate.

Smithlawn Church of Christ, LUBBOCK, TX—operates a home for unmarried pregnant girls that has served 3,000 since 1963 and a state-licensed adoption agency that has placed over 1,400 babies with adoptive families since 1968.

South Central Bell Mississippi Project Aware, JACKSON, MS—a collaborative effort of employees and retirees and the state Department of Corrections, brings inmates to over 9,000 school children each month in a drug awareness program.

Substance Abuse Council of Greater Battle Creek, BATTLE CREEK, MI—involves all segments of the community in raising public awareness of drug abuse, especially among young people and in the workplace.

Telephone Pioneers of America Talking Books Repair Project, NEW YORK, NY—annually involves over 3,000 telecommunications employees and retirees in repairing nearly 90,000 talking books and cassette machines for the blind.

USS Ponce, NEW YORK, NY—through its captain, involves naval personnel assigned to the ship in a variety of activities at an adopted school in its home port of Norfolk, Virginia, and provides assistance to agencies in ports in which the ship stops.

Virginia Power Volunteer Program, RICHMOND, VA—includes 60 volunteer teams of employees who in 1987 contributed more than 90,000 volunteers hours to over 1,000 community projects.

Volunteers of Saint Peter's Momentum AIDS Outreach Program, NEW YORK, NY—provides a program of recreation, relaxation therapy and dinner along with the opportunity to shop for free take-home food and clothing for 150 people with AIDS each week.

Ethel Williams, PATERSON, NJ—a retired teacher living in the city's poorest neighborhood, provides counseling and crisis intervention assistance to neighbors and operates a food pantry out of her own home.

Rae Susan Wruble, MIAMI, FL—an advocate of public education, has been active in establishing Spanish classes in the elementary schools and developing public relations and community educational programs about schools in minority neighborhoods.

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Robert Mosbacher, Jr.

For the past two years Robert Mosbacher, Jr. has served as co-chairman of the Houston Committee for Private Sector Initiatives (PSI), which fosters the development of collaborative private sector-sponsored programs to address community needs. Two of the most important Houston PSI projects are directed at problems that have become even more important in the past several years: unemployment and "latchkey" children.

The drop in oil prices has affected Houston's economy and by 1986, 12 percent of the workforce, or 175,000 individuals, was unemployed. Mr. Mosbacher was instrumental in the formation of the InfoNet Task Force, which brought together city and county government resources, the Chamber of Commerce, area personnel consultants, the Job Training Partnership Council, the Texas Employment Commission, United Way and the Houston PSI.

Designed to provide referral and information services to the unemployed, the program assisted over 16,000 people—up to 223 callers each day—in its first 20 months of operation. Over 40 trained volunteers, most of whom are unemployed, work four hours each week providing information and assistance ranging from resume writing tips to child care referrals for people going on job interviews. InfoNet also sponsored a series of job search seminars, which attracted over 3,000 people to sessions on writing effective resumes, interviewing tips and maintaining a positive attitude during the job search.

Because Houston has over 300,000 latchkey children, who return from school to homes where there are no adults present, PSI developed a partnership with the Houston Independent School District to create a program model to serve these children. The result was After School Partnership, located in 14 elementary schools and operated under contract by five nonprofit organizations. The program includes both academic enrichment and recreational activities for up to 60 children at each of the sites. Parents pay on a sliding scale up to $3 a day for the care with scholarships available for those unable to pay. Mr. Mosbacher led the development of the program's funding, which comes from a combination of school district funds, corporate support and fees paid by parents.

SEOUL, KOREA

Harriet H. Hodges

Harriet Hodges began helping indigent Korean children with heart problems in 1972 when her husband, a retired U.S. Army colonel serving as director of the American Korean Foundation, told her about the child of the cook at his Seoul golf club who needed heart surgery. At that time, open heart surgery was not available for children in Korea. Working through the Children's Heart Fund in Minneapolis, Mrs. Hodges was successful in getting the child to the U.S. for the necessary treatment. Soon after the child returned to Korea, parents began appearing at her door asking for help. Although the surgery is now available in Korea, most Korean families are unable to obtain it because of the cost and the lack of private health insurance.

To meet this need, Mrs. Hodges has developed a network of 15 U.S. hospitals that handle the surgery. Surgeons perform the operations at no cost and the hospitals absorb most of the other costs. American and Korean Rotary Clubs, Rotary International and the Variety Club Lifeline help with the cost of air transport, the major cost in the treatment process, as well as some financial assistance to the cooperating hospitals. Approximately 100 children receive treatment each year.

Since her first trip, Mrs. Hodges has arranged for nearly 2,000 children to be flown to the U.S. for treatment and has arranged for several teams of doctors and medical personnel to visit Korea to screen children and determine priorities for treatment.

Many other Americans have become involved with helping the children through Mrs. Hodges. In some communities, local families have taken the children into their homes during their stay in the U.S., providing them a home outside of the hospital, buying them clothing and treating them to visits to local attractions. In Jacksonville, Florida, a Korean heart program has been established at Jacksonville Hospital. The chief executive officer of a local bank has sponsored several of the children, traveling to Korea with the medical team, even replacing the family cow that was sold to attempt to pay for a child's treatment several years ago.

In November 1983, when President and Mrs. Reagan traveled to Korea, they heard about Mrs. Hodges and offered to bring her and two Korean children back to the U.S. for treatment on Air Force One.

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Pete C. Garcia, PHOENIX, AZ—is active in many programs helping to upgrade the quality of life for low-income Hispanic residents of Phoenix, especially those benefiting youth.

Catherine Halverson, MELBOURNE, FL—was active in the development of a specially equipped playground for handicapped children, recruiting over 1,000 volunteers to help with fundraising and construction.

Douglas R. Heir, CHERRY HILL, NJ—an attorney and quadriplegic as the result of a diving accident, serves as an advocate for the rights of the handicapped.

Jobs for Youth/Chicago, Inc., CHICAGO, IL—involves over 100 volunteers annually in providing job readiness training for more than 1,000 economically disadvantaged young people each year.

Joint Action in Community Service, Inc., WASHINGTON, D.C.—founded in 1967 to provide support services to young people completing the Job Corps training programs, now involves 4,000 volunteers annually in counseling the young people.

The K mart Good News Holiday Programs, TROY, MI—involves employees in providing Thanksgiving food baskets and children's shopping trips at Christmas for over 40,000 families and children.

Laguna Mountain Volunteer Association, ALPINE, CA—involves over 300 volunteers who provide educational, maintenance and developmental assistance in the Cleveland National Forest.

Alison and Alisa Liddle, BLOOMINGDALE, IL—13-year-old twins, volunteered more than 150 hours each during 1987 at Marklund Children's Home, a facility for developmentally disabled children.

L.I.V.E. (Learning and Involvement for Volunteers in the Environment), NEW YORK, NY—involves over 2,000 volunteers in all aspects of planting, care and maintenance of Central Park.

Los Niños, SAN YSIDRO, CA—developed to help the Mexican poor and to build awareness of their needs among Americans, involves young people in long-term and weekend volunteer opportunities in towns just south of the U.S.-Mexican border.

The LTV Corporation Employees' Canned Food Drive, DALLAS, TX—the largest food drive in the nation, collected 384,440 pounds of food in 1987 for the North Texas Food Bank.

Lutheran Brotherhood, MINNEAPOLIS, MN—a fraternal benefit organization comprising 681 local chapters, mobilized 143,667 volunteers for a variety of community projects during 1987.

Metropolitan School for the Arts, Inc., SYRACUSE, NY—provides low or no-cost instruction in performing and visual arts to over 3,000 low-income area residents, with those unable to pay supplementing the 500-person volunteer force by serving as volunteers themselves.

Wade Miracle, BALTIMORE, MD—a high school senior, serves as a peer counselor to other high school students.

Multnomah County Restitution Center Resident Screening Committee, PORTLAND, OR—established to involve private citizens in the screening process for placement of residents of a work release residential facility, has reviewed over 600 references.

My Brothers' Place, BROOKLYN, NY—provides a temporary home, disciplined family atmosphere and an opportunity to learn responsibility to homeless young men in New York City.

Nikkei Concerns Board of Directors, SEATTLE, WA—a group of second generation Japanese Americans, founded the Seattle Keiro, a bi-lingual, bi-cultural nursing home for first generation Japanese Americans.

North Carolina Telephone Pioneers of America Chapter 35, CHARLOTTE, NC—developed and built a children's fire safety house used to instruct children statewide in proper escape routes in case of a fire in the home.

Operation School Bell, A Project of the National Assistance League, LOS ANGELES, CA—sponsored by 49 of the League's local

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Appalachian Forest Management Group, COVINGTON, VA—composed mainly of loggers and sawmill operators, sponsors forest reclamation projects and public awareness programs about the proper use of forest lands.

Baltimore Gas & Electric Company Community Volunteers Program, BALTIMORE, MD—includes a clearinghouse that helped involve nearly 2,000 employees and retirees as community volunteers in 1987, and educational programs that involve over 40 employees and 87 "community ambassadors" who serve on local agency boards.

Beth Israel Medical Center's Godparent Program, NEW YORK, NY—involves over 70 volunteers who assist the hospital staff by holding and cuddling boarder babies and infants born with drug addictions and play with the children in the pediatric in-patient play room.

Brewery Products Company, YORK, PA—assists numerous local charities with fundraising events that have raised over $500,000 in the past several years, and published a tabloid on drug and alcohol abuse that was distributed with the local newspaper and through area junior and senior high schools.

Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, RIVERSIDE, CA—involved members in renovating a YWCA, a temporary housing facility for homeless families and a residential facility for young people with drug and alcohol problems.

California Grey Bears, Inc., SANTA CRUZ, CA—a senior self-help organization, manages a recycling plant and other profit-making enterprises that help fund a variety of services to seniors, such as Operation Brown Bag, through which more than 3,400 members receive over 65,000 pounds of donated and gleaned food each week.

Camp for Blind Children, Inc., NORTH ARLINGTON, NJ—sponsored by the state's Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, involves volunteers from the Commission and the Lion's Club in raising funds and rehabilitating the facility that provides camping experiences for over 250 children annually.

Cattus Island Junior Naturalists, TOMS RIVER, NJ—involves more than 150 children, ages eight to 15, as volunteers in all aspects of the Cattus Island County Park.

Children's Hope Foundation, NEW YORK, NY—provides funds to buy clothing, baby toys and furniture for 12 metropolitan hospitals and organizations that serve infants and children with AIDS.

Civil Air Patrol, MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, AL—with 72,000 members, involves volunteer pilots in flying inland search and rescue operations and sponsoring cadet and aerospace education awareness programs.

Community Educational Services, SAN FRANCISCO, CA—established 20 years ago, provides tutoring services to economically disadvantaged and minority youth and a substitute program of volunteer activity for high school civics classes.

C.R.E.W. (Community Repairs by Energetic Workers), BINGHAMTON, NY—through a church program, involves young people in performing minor home repairs for people who otherwise would not be able to afford them.

Department of Transportation Volunteer Committee, WASHINGTON, D.C.—has adopted a school in Washington, D.C., with employees serving as mentors and tutors, sponsoring field trips, holiday parties and cultural enrichment programs for the disadvantaged students.

Federal Express Corporate Neighbor Team Program, MEMPHIS, TN—involves nearly 1,000 employees as volunteers in seven teams, each focusing on a specific need in the community.

Forward in the Fifth, LONDON, KY—is an independent organization formed to improve the quality of education and its support in the state's fifth congressional district, the least educated district in the nation.

Bishop Raymundo J. Peña blessing the hands of Dr. Luiz Gomez at graduation.

EL PASO, TEXAS

Dr. Luis A.N. Gomez

Since 1980, Dr. Luis Gomez has assisted people suffering from leprosy in Juarez, Mexico. Born in Cuba, he came to the U.S. as a refugee and eventually became a U.S. citizen. He completed his undergraduate work in the U.S. and obtained his medical degree in Mexico.

While doing required service in Juarez, Dr. Gomez discovered numerous cases of leprosy, a disease which many people think has disappeared. Leprosy is particularly devastating to its victims because of the stigma attached to it, especially in developing countries. While the disease is not curable, it can be treated and its progression arrested or slowed.

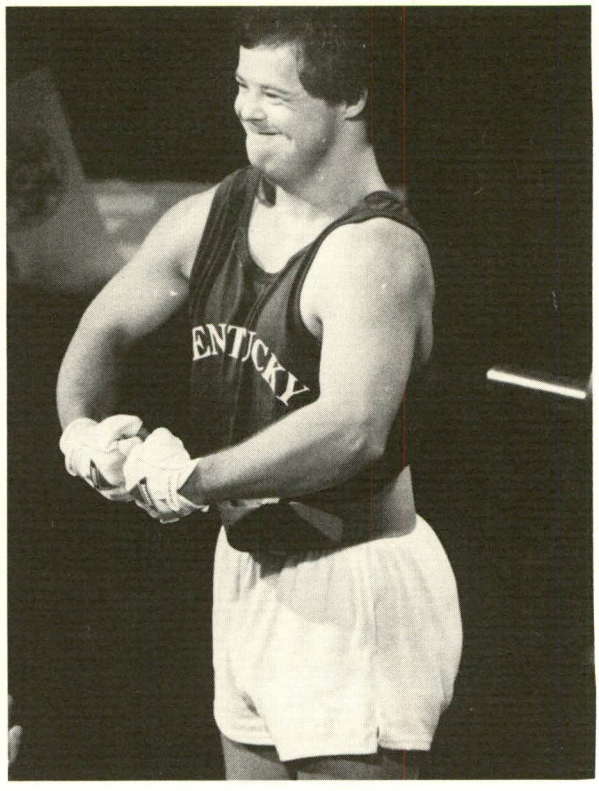
Dr. Gomez commutes daily to Juarez to conduct his medical practice, much of which consists of caring for the indigent suffering from the disease. He also has obtained permission from the U.S. government to bring several of his patients to the United States for treatment by doctors who have volunteered their services. He is currently treating more than 50 cases of leprosy.

Because his patients have neither health care insurance nor money to pay for the care, Dr. Gomez treats them at no charge. He has developed contacts in the El Paso medical and pharmaceutical communities who often donate medicines. When necessary, however, he pays for the medicines out of his own pocket.

To help purchase medicines and equipment for his work, Dr. Gomez established the Father Damien Fund, a charity that is administered by a local Knights of Columbus chapter.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

1987 International Summer Special Olympics Committee, Inc.



The seventh International Summer Special Olympics Games, held in South Bend on the campuses of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College in August 1987, involved over 5,000 mentally retarded athletes and more than 23,000 volunteers. Held every four years, the Summer Games are the culmination of the Special Olympics program, which gives developmentally disabled children and adults the opportunity to strengthen their character, develop physical skills and fulfill their human potential. Founded on the belief that mentally retarded people can learn and benefit from participation in individual and team sports, Special Olympics believes that competition among those of equal abilities is the most appropriate means of testing skills and providing incentives for personal growth. During the 1987 Games, over 5,000 mentally handicapped athletes from all 50 states and 70 foreign countries participated in 14 Olympic-type sports.

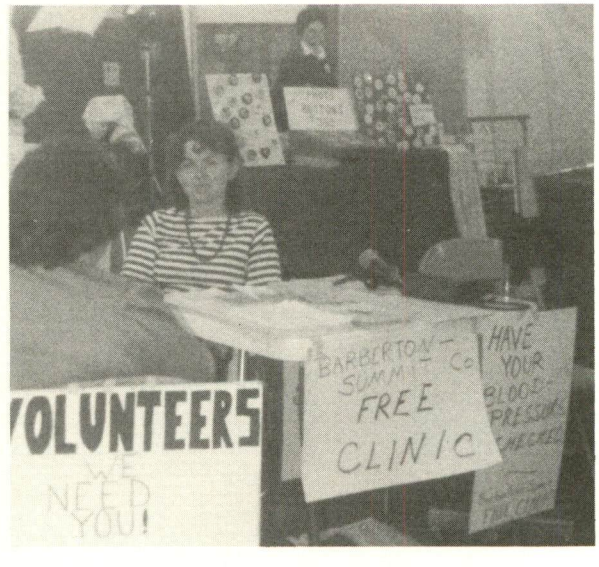
The most successful Games in Special Olympics history, the 1987 Games involved volunteers in all aspects of the event, during both the planning phases and the Games. The working board of directors and all of the planning committees were totally volunteer. The volunteer fundraising committee raised over $6 million to conduct the games. Each of the sports and all other special events were managed by volunteers.

The five-member volunteer planning committee began its work nearly nine months before the Games. Headed by a volunteer, the committee originally estimated that it would need to recruit 15,000 volunteers to help out during the Games. It developed a special community education program about working with mentally retarded people which included a film on Special Olympics. By the end of the recruitment period, 20,000 volunteers had signed up and an additional 3,000 arrived to help at the time of the Games.

Over 90 percent of the volunteers came from the immediate area. The others came from around the United States and several foreign countries. National service organizations and fraternal organizations like the Knights of Columbus, the Civitans and the United Commercial Travelers accounted for several thousand volunteers. The volunteers opened up their homes to out-of-town visitors, lined up the athletes, operated stop watches, staffed refreshment stands, and most importantly, shouted encouragement to the participating athletes.

BARBERTON, OHIO

Barberton Council of Labor Free Clinic Development Project



The Barberton Council of Labor established a free medical clinic for residents of Summit County to help meet a need in a community with a 33 percent unemployment rate.

After the closing of several plants in the county, general medical care became an issue that the Council wanted to address. Many unemployed persons in the area lost their health insurance and many who obtained minimum wage jobs weren't offered medical coverage. After initial public apprehension about the feasibility of such a clinic, the Council has proven that a free clinic is possible.

The first clinic opened in 1984 in the Council of Labor Building. A new facility, donated by the former Ohio Brass Union, opened in 1988 after extensive remodeling by Council member volunteers and craft union members. Hospitals and doctors have donated equipment, and the unions, churches and businesses have contributed money for supplies.

The clinic serves approximately 1,200 to 1,300 people per year and is staffed by more than 100 volunteers. They are recruited by the Barberton Council of Labor and include ten doctors with various specialties, 25 nurses, medical students, a pharmacist, a psychologist, a dietician, social workers and others. The clinic also encourages the patients to return to the clinic as volunteers, thereby offering an opportunity for training, job experience and an improved sense of self-worth and community involvement.

The clinic is open every other Wednesday evening, treating between 25 to 40 patients for a variety of problems ranging from the common cold to broken bones. The pharmacy can fill most standard prescriptions and the lab can perform most routine tests. An answering machine is used to handle urgent problems, and referrals are made to doctors or facilities for those persons unable to wait until the clinic is open.

In addition to the free clinic, other activities sponsored by the Council of Labor include a food co-op and feeding program, Christmas "giveaways" of clothing and toys for low-income families, a tenants' support organization, "stop foreclosure" workshops and labor history classes.

Because of the success of the free clinic and other programs, funding has increased through support from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, former Mayor Bill Judge, the United Way and other organizations.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Time Inc. Time To Read

The Time To Read tutoring program uses corporate and community volunteers to teach functionally illiterate people to read. The tutors use specially designed curriculum and popular reading material published by Time Inc.

Since 1985, Time To Read (TTR) has grown from a company volunteer program to a national effort operating at 20 sites in 15 cities. Nearly 30 businesses, including Polaroid, Xerox, Budget Rent-A-Car and Brown-Wooten Mills, now sponsor the program by providing volunteers and dollars. Coordinators from nine schools, three prisons, six community-based organizations and five work sites have joined with corporate coordinators to manage the program. In 1987, 500 volunteer tutors were teaching 600 learners.

After the first year of the program, 71 percent of the learners improved their reading scores and 77 percent improved their comprehension. After two years, three out of four learners continued to show improvement in reading skills. More than half of the tutors have re-enlisted after their initial one-year commitment.

The Community Relations staff at Time Inc., along with senior management support, recruited hundreds of volunteers to write, design and implement TTR in five Time Inc. offices. These pilot programs include volunteers from Book-of-the-Month Club who work with inmates from a correctional institute and Southern Progress Inc. employees who tutor junior high school students in Birmingham, Alabama.

In 1987, all Time To Read site managers were brought together at a program evaluation retreat. Representatives from other national literacy programs were also invited to present their programs and to plan joint efforts.

UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND

Roberta R. Roper

For the past six years, Roberta Roper has been active in developing and guaranteeing the rights of victims of crime. She began her work when her college age daughter was kidnapped and murdered. When two men were convicted of the crime and given life sentences with parole eligibility in less than 12 years, Ms. Roper formed the Stephanie Roper Committee and Foundation, not to lessen the rights of suspects and those convicted of crimes but to help safeguard the rights of crime victims.

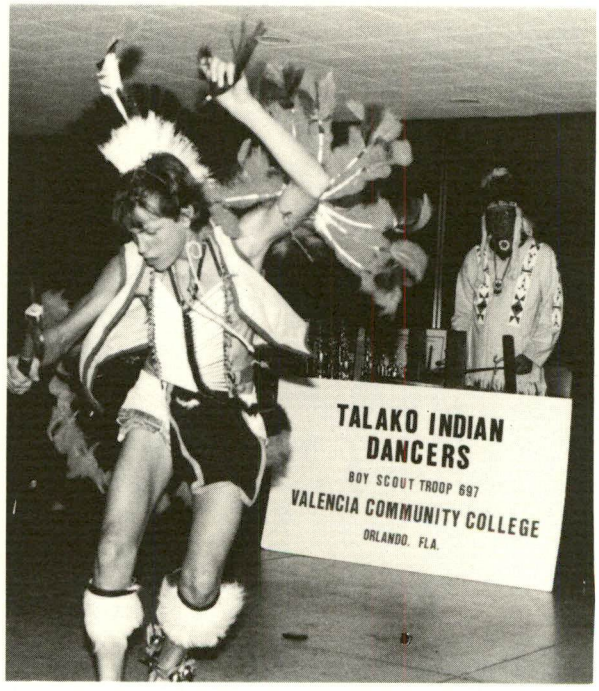
Since its formation, the Committee has been active in developing legislation and working with the state legislature to see that it is passed. The Committee has been successful in getting 14 major pieces of legislation passed, the first of which increased the life sentence from 15 to 25 years before eligibility for parole in capital cases. Other bills passed during the first year include one that excludes alcohol and drugs as mitigating circumstances in capital cases and one that mandates the use of a written statement on the impact of the crime on the victim and family in the pre-sentencing investigation.

The Committee was also instrumental in the passage of laws that establish the right of a witness not to give addresses and telephone numbers as part of courtroom testimony; the right of a victim to remain in a courtroom following testimony; and the right of a victim or witness to be advised of his or her rights by law at all steps in the process, from the arresting officer to the parole commission. In early 1988 a law was passed to establish a Board of Victim Services and a Victim Coordinator responsible for full implementation of the rights of and services to crime victims.

The Foundation operates a program of victim assistance in which trained volunteers humanize the judicial process for crime victims and their families. They provide compassionate support and assistance before, during and after trial, referrals to other service agencies and legal assistance in filing civil suits and/or applying for criminal injuries compensation. Court watch volunteers monitor court activities to ensure that officials are aware of and enforcing the Roper laws and to identify those court activities for which future legislative reform should be recommended.

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Operation Comeback



Operation Comeback was founded in 1976 by William Prentiss, chairman of the Valencia Community College Social Sciences Department, to provide support to troubled adolescents referred by the Juvenile Court. The youngsters, most of whom are boys, come from low-income homes, many of which lack basic family structures. Most of them have been arrested or have experienced severe problems in the school system. Some are on probation; others have a history of drug abuse. Since Operation Comeback's founding, it has served over 1,300 young people and their families.

The program involves college students working towards careers in counseling, law enforcement, teaching and coaching as one-to-one counselors and friends to the troubled young people, called the "Comeback Kids." The mechanism through which the matches are made is a unique Boy Scout Troop and Explorer Post sponsored by the college.

The counselors participate in extensive training and orientation before working with the youths. Then they spend at least four hours a week with their young friend, participating in activities of mutual interest and developing a close relationship of friendship and trust. They also counsel the youngster with legal, family, school or personal problems.

Through the Explorer Post, chartered in 1978, and the Boy Scout Troop, added in 1983, the counselors and youths participate in numerous group activities. Developed around a high-adventure concept with a focus on camping, canoeing, environmental service and other projects, these activities provide opportunities for personal development. The varied environmental projects allow the young people to offer volunteer service to the community.

Since 1985, many of the community activities have been built around the troop's Talako Indian dance group. Because many of the boys are of American Indian ancestry, the program allows them to build a sense of pride in their heritage. With carefully researched dances and costumes, and special care to respect Indian culture and traditions, the boys perform at community activities in central Florida. In 1987, they gave 65 performances at festivals, parades, fundraisers and as entertainment for young people and senior citizens.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

First Bank System Community First Program

First Bank System developed the Community First Program ten years ago to provide a mechanism through which its employees and retirees could become involved in community service activities. A 23-member metro employee Community First Council selects special volunteer projects, invites participation and recognizes the contributions of employee volunteers who have initiated their own community volunteer involvement.

The bank has an official employee policy that encourages volunteer activity and permits released time. All new employees are introduced to the Community First Program through a video presentation and a brochure. The bank's monthly newsletter contains stories about employee volunteers and lists volunteer opportunities. The bank also sponsors ongoing recognition events for its employee volunteers. In 1987, the Council sponsored a metro volunteer celebration for employees and provided grants totaling $15,492 to agencies in which outstanding employee volunteers were active.

In addition, the bank annually surveys employees to learn about the kinds of community activities in which they have been involved. The findings show that 60 percent of all metropolitan bank employees volunteer. In 1987, the Community First Program involved over 2,000 employees in 23 ongoing or special projects, providing nearly 600,000 hours of service. Company retirees provided over 3,400 hours of service to 22 additional agencies. The bank evaluates projects in which employees are active, both in terms of community impact and volunteer satisfaction.

In 1987, employees were alerted to three specific need areas in the community: elderly and handicapped, youth, and low income and homeless. Over 2,000 employees responded to direct service special projects addressing these needs. One example is the Metro Paint A Thon, which involved over 600 employees from 25 First Bank Teams in painting 26 houses. In another project, over 400 employee volunteers planned and implemented a two-day bowling and basketball tournament for 750 Special Olympics athletes from around the state. Other activities included a partnership with a high rise for senior citizens, assistance with the metropolitan Management Assistance Project and various youth programs.

Martin

REMARKS: VOLUNTEER AWARDS
WASHINGTON, D.C.
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1989

HONORED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

GOOD AFTERNOON, AND LET ME WELCOME YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE. AND LET ME ALSO ADD THAT I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE.

YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN SAID -- NOW, THIS WILL SHOCK YOU --THAT SOMETIMES I HAVE A HARD TIME BEING UNDERSTOOD. BUT I'LL ADMIT, IT'S TRUE. AND ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT I'M IN SOME DISTINGUISHED COMPANY.

AFTER ALL, IT WAS YOGI BERRA WHO, WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD SEEN DOCTOR ZHIVAGO, ALLEGEDLY REPLIED, "NO, I FEEL FINE."

AND DANNY OZARK, BASEBALL'S MASTER OF THE MALAPROP, ONCE OBSERVED OF HIS BALLPLAYERS, "CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF, I'VE ALWAYS HAD A WONDERFUL REPERTOIRE WITH THEM."

SEE WHAT I MEAN? EVEN SILVER-TONGUED ORATORS OFTEN HAVE THEIR MEANING BLURRED.

WELL, THIS MORNING, LET NO ONE BLUR OUR MESSAGE. LET IT RING LOUD AND CLEAR. AMERICA IS GREAT BECAUSE AMERICA IS GOOD.

AND AMERICA'S GREATEST DEEDS COME FROM THE BASIC DECENCY AND COMPASSION OF HER PEOPLE -- EACH OF YOU HERE TODAY.

WE SEE THAT DECENCY AND COMPASSION EVERYWHERE -- IN A CHILD-CARE CENTER, AT THE ROTARY OR LITTLE LEAGUE, IN A SYNAGOGUE OR CHURCH. IT MEANS LENDING A HAND, TENDING A WOUND, AND HELPING THE LESS FORTUNATE.

THIS IS VOLUNTEER WEEK, A TIME TO CELEBRATE THOSE QUALITIES.

AND IT IS MY HONOR TODAY TO PRESENT THE 1989 PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER ACTION AWARDS. THESE AWARDS WERE FIRST PRESENTED IN 1982. AND, SINCE THEN, 148 AMERICANS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED AND HONORED.

I HAVE SAID THAT FROM NOW ON, ANY DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE MUST INCLUDE SERVING OTHERS. TODAY'S AWARD-RECIPIENTS EMBODY THAT DEFINITION.

ELEVEN YEARS AGO, ROSE TICHY [TISH-EE] BEGAN TUTORING ADULTS THROUGH A CHURCH-SPONSORED LITERACY PROGRAM IN MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO. SHE LOVED HER WORK, BUT THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH ADULT-LEVEL BOOKS TO FIT HER STUDENTS' NEEDS. SO ROSE GOT OUT HER PEN, AND ENRICHED THE PRINTED PAGE. SINCE 1978, SHE'S WRITTEN 32 BOOKS, AND EDITED THE MORE THAN 100 BOOKS DEVELOPED BY HER WRITERS GROUP.

DOWN IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, CHESSIE HARRIS ONCE TOOK SEVERAL ABANDONED CHILDREN INTO HER TWO-BEDROOM HOME. BUT WHEN THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT DEMANDED A BOARDING LICENSE, THE HARRISES BUILT A HOUSE ON LAND PURCHASED WITH MONEY FROM THE SALE OF A FAMILY FARM. SINCE 1958, THAT SITE HAS BEEN A HOME FOR MORE THAN 800 CHILDREN -- OR ABOUT 10 FOR EACH OF CHESSIE'S 82 YEARS [PAUSE] . . . 800 CHILDREN? [PAUSE] . . . SOUNDS LIKE A TYPICAL WEEKEND WITH MY GRANDKIDS IN KENNEBUNKPORT.

TODAY, ALLISON STIEGLITZ [STEEG-LITZ] IS 15 YEARS OLD. BUT SHE WAS ONLY 12 WHEN SHE ASKED HER PARENTS TO USE THE MONEY THEY HAD PLANNED TO SPEND ON HER BAT [BOT] MITZVAH TO PROVIDE THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES. THAT FIRST YEAR, SHE GAVE OUT 15 BASKETS; IN 1988, SHE DONATED 75. AND IN MIAMI, ALLISON HAS BEGUN A SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND BAG LUNCH PROGRAM IN TWO LOCAL TEMPLES.

ROSE TICHY, CHESSIE HARRIS, AND ALLISON STIEGLITZ, AND THIS YEAR'S OTHER 15 PRESIDENT'S AWARDS WINNERS, WERE CHOSEN FROM NEARLY 1,500 NOMINATIONS. THEY -- YOU -- KNOW THAT PROSPERITY WITHOUT PURPOSE MEANS NOTHING. INSTEAD, YOU REVERE WHAT MATTERS: SIMPLE, FUNDAMENTAL VALUES LIKE DECENCY, GOODNESS, SELF-DISCIPLINE, COMPASSION.

AS PRESIDENT, I WANT TO PROMOTE THOSE BASIC VALUES -- FOR THEY FORM THE HEART OF VOLUNTEERISM, AND OF THESE PRESIDENT'S AWARDS. THAT IS WHY WE HAVE OPENED THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL SERVICE, WHICH IS LEADING OUR ADMINISTRATION'S NATIONAL SERVICE MOVEMENT.

THIS OFFICE WILL ENCOURAGE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS. IT WILL TAKE THINGS THAT WORK, AND CARRY THEM TO THE NATION.

AND IT WILL ENLIST NEW VOLUNTEERS IN COMMUNITY-BASED EFFORTS TO COMBAT URGENT SOCIAL ILLS. AND TOWARD THAT END, SOON I WILL ANNOUNCE OUR ADMINISTRATION'S Y-E-S OR YES TO AMERICA PROGRAM -- YOUTH ENTERING SERVICE. HERE, AMERICAN YOUTH CAN GIVE OF, NOT TO, THEMSELVES. BY SAYING "YES" TO AMERICA, THEY CAN DEFINE A SUCCESSFUL LIFE.

OF COURSE, THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY DONE.

YOU KNOW THAT VOLUNTEERISM NEVER ASKS, "WHAT CAN I DO FOR MYSELF?" IT ASKS, "WHAT CAN I DO MYSELF FOR OTHERS?" YES, GOVERNMENT CAN AND SHOULD BE A CATALYST OF CARING. ITS ROLE IS CRITICAL. BUT WE HAVE SURPASSED -- FAR SURPASSED -- THE LIMITS OF WHAT GOVERNMENT ALONE CAN DO.

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VOLUNTEERISM SAYS THAT IT IS THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHICH HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY -- THE UNDERSTANDING -- AND THE RESOURCES -- TO CONFRONT ISSUES LIKE HUNGER, HEALTH CARE, HOMELESSNESS, ILLITERACY, TEEN PREGNANCY, AND DRUG ABUSE. OUR CHALLENGE IS TO USE THAT UNDERSTANDING AND THOSE RESOURCES TO MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITY. FOR WE ARE A NATION, AND A FAMILY: HELPING, ENRICHING, AND CARING FOR EACH OTHER. AND AS A FAMILY, WE ARE COMMITTED TO A NATION-WIDE EFFORT.

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VOLUNTEERISM SAYS THAT INDIVIDUALS -- LIKE COMMUNITIES -- CAN JOIN HANDS, AND EXCHANGE TALENTS, FOR THE GOOD OF AMERICA. ONE PERSON CAN TUTOR AN INNER-CITY STUDENT; THAT BOY OR GIRL CAN SOME DAY BECOME AN ENGINEER OR ARTIST. THE CHILD-TURNED-ADULT WILL THEN BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO OTHERS.

FELLOW VOLUNTEERS, EACH OF YOU HAS BEEN A ROLE MODEL. YOU HAVE ENRICHED THE AMERICAN SPIRIT.

AND IN THAT SPIRIT, LET ME CLOSE ON A PERSONAL NOTE . . . ABOUT A HERO, IF YOU WILL.

LOU GEHRIG WAS A HALL OF FAME FIRST BASEMAN IN THE 1920S AND '30S. HE PLAYED IN 2,130 STRAIGHT GAMES -- A RECORD WHICH STILL STANDS. BUT MORE THAN THAT, HE WAS A GOOD AND DECENT MAN ABOUT WHOM A TEAMMATE SAID, "EVERY DAY, ANY DAY, HE JUST WENT OUT AND DID HIS JOB." FIFTY YEARS AGO, LOU GEHRIG WAS STRICKEN BY A FORM OF PARALYSIS WHICH TODAY BEARS HIS NAME.

EVEN SO, HE TOLD THE CROWD AT YANKEE STADIUM, "I CONSIDER MYSELF THE LUCKIEST MAN ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH."

THIS STORY HAS BECOME AN AMERICAN PARABLE. BUT LESS KNOWN IS THAT AFTER HE LEFT THE YANKEES -- FOR MUCH OF THE LAST TWO YEARS OF HIS LIFE -- LOU GEHRIG SERVED HIS FELLOW MAN. DYING, WEAKER BY THE DAY, HE COULD BARELY MOVE HIS BODY. BUT AS A PAROLE COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK, HE COUNSELED AND INSPIRED KIDS.

THEY CALLED HIM THE IRON HORSE, THE PRIDE OF THE YANKEES. YES, LOU GEHRIG WAS A HERO.

TO SERVE OTHERS AND TO ENRICH YOUR COMMUNITY -- THIS, TRULY, DEFINES A SUCCESSFUL LIFE. FOR SUCCESS IS PERSONAL, AND IT IS CHARITABLE -- THE SUM NOT OF OUR POSSESSIONS, BUT OF HOW WE HELP OUR NEIGHBORS.

MY FRIENDS, ON THAT SCORE, YOU'VE HIT A GRAND-SLAM HOME RUN. CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY.

MAY YOUR EXAMPLE INSPIRE AND UPLIFT OTHERS. GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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1989 PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER ACTION AWARDS

Nominations Strongly Recommended

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Evans - Arlington, VA

Samuel Evans formed the Northern Virginia Patriots, a marching band comprising 450 members, in 1965 to provide an opportunity for area young people to be part of a community activity and to fulfill his personal dream of heading a marching band. Mr. Evans conducts the band and Mrs. Evans researches and makes the Revolutionary War costumes and flags used in performance. The prize winning band has performed around the United States and Canada and has appeared in three Presidential inaugurations.

Rose Tichy - Middleburg Heights, OH

Ms. Tichy began tutoring adults in 1978 through a church sponsored literacy program in 1978. Because of the shortage of appropriate adult reading materials available to the students, she and other volunteers formed a writers group. Since then, Ms. Tichy has written 32 books, many of which are on current topics such as AIDS, preparing for a driver's test or books of local interest. She has also edited and typed the manuscripts for an additional 100 books.

California Marine Mammal Center - Sausalito, CA

The California Marine Mammal Center was founded in 1975 to rescue and rehabilitate sick, injured or distressed marine mammals. Of the 350 staff members, 330 are volunteers. They include attorneys, carpenters, x-ray technicians, homemakers and educators who staff the gift shop and information desk, handle public relations, head major departments and lead hospital care crews.

Judeo Christian Health Clinic - Tampa, FL

The Judeo Christian Health Clinic was begun in 1972 to provide free medical help for indigent people who do not qualify for public assistance. The dream of a local minister, the Clinic now has eight examining rooms, a licensed pharmacy and dental labs. Over 400 physicians, dentists, optometrists and other health care professionals volunteer their time through the Clinic.

Compeer - Rochester, NY

Compeer matches caring, trained volunteers with mental health clients in one-to-one relationships. Volunteers agree to spend a minimum of one hour each week for at least a year with their client. Compeer provides training that includes building a special relationship, advocacy and dealing with inappropriate behavior. Programs in 120 communities provide services to 10,000 mentally disabled individuals.

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Chessie Harris - Huntsville, AL

Chessie Harris founded Harris Home in 1958 to provide a home for abandoned children. She began by taking children into her home but when the need outgrew her family's small home, she convinced the state to license the facility. Mrs. Harris and her husband provided much of the funding for the Home and raised the money necessary for expansion. Since it opened, Harris Home has provided a home to more than 800 children.

Senior Master Sergeant Apolonio E. Garcia - Enid, OK

Master Sergeant Garcia has volunteered for several years with the local immigrant Hispanic community, beginning by teaching English to Spanish-speaking adults in his home. For the past year, he has worked with a local agency and church to assist over fifty Hispanics to get their temporary residency papers. Although Mr. Garcia receives a stipend for his tutoring, he returns the full amount to the agency to fund its programming.

Clothing Bank/New Clothes for the Homeless - New York, NY

The Clothing Bank was begun in 1986 by the Mayor's Voluntary Action Center to provide contributed new clothing to homeless people in New York City through existing social service agencies. The program is staffed almost entirely by volunteers. Young stipended volunteers from the City Volunteer Corps, supervised by a woman who was formerly homeless, prepare the clothing for distribution. Since its inception, the Clothing Bank has distributed over $5 million worth of new clothing.

Habitat for Humanity - Americus, GA

Founded 12 years ago to provide simple, decent, affordable housing for low income families, Habitat for Humanity involves over 35,000 volunteers in its 324 local affiliates. Volunteers build small, no-frills housing that is sold to needy families with financing provided through no-interest loans. New homeowners are required to provide sweat equity either by helping to build their own home or that of a neighbor. Since its inception, Habitat has built over 5,000 homes.

Inner City Development, Inc., - San Antonio, TX

Inner City Development was developed in 1968 by Rod and Patti Radle to offer hope to the mostly Hispanic residents of San Antonio's West Side and to foster community spirit within the barrio. The organization offers a food bank, clothing and shoes, tutoring and family counseling. The recreation program has over 530 participants. A Christmas Toy program allows parents to purchase toys for ten percent of their actual price.

Walter Maddocks - Lancaster, KY

Walter Maddocks headed the Rotary International's PolioPlus program for three years as a volunteer. PolioPlus raised over $156 million in cash and an additional $70 million in pledges to help eradicate polio from developing nations. Done in cooperation with the World Health Organization and UNICEF, PolioPlus volunteers immunize all of the children under the age of five in a country and follow up for the next five years immunizing newborn babies.

Association of Junior Leagues, Inc. - New York, NY

The Association of Junior Leagues was founded in 1921 to promote volunteering and to improve communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. AJL provides training to members in a wide variety of community service areas. The organization also sponsors special projects on teen pregnancy, alcoholism among women, homelessness and child care. In 1987/88, members volunteered more than eight million hours and raised over $20 million to support their activities.

Covenant House Volunteers - New York, NY

Father Bruce Ritter founded Covenant House in 1968 to provide a shelter for abandoned and runaway children in New York. The program now involves over 300 volunteers each month who tutor the children, run recreation programs, staff lounges, provide counsel and operate outreach vans. Covenant House, with facilities in New York, Houston, Ft. Lauderdale, New Orleans and Toronto, offers shelter to over 25,000 children each year.

R.E.A.C.H. (Responsible Educated Adolescents Can Help) - Scottsbluff, NE

R.E.A.C.H. was formed eight years ago to provide a mechanism through which older teenagers can educate elementary school students about the problems of drug and alcohol abuse. The 30 student volunteers work one hour a day for a week with each elementary class in a mix of skits, quizes, discussions, workshops on self esteem and special films.

Allison Stieglitz - Miami, FL

In 1985, twelve-year-old Allison Stieglitz asked her parents to use the money that they had planned to spend on her Bat Mitzvah to provide Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. Distributing 15 baskets the first year, Allison has continued to collect money and food and gave out 75 baskets in 1988. She has also initiated a Sunday breakfast and bag lunch program in two local Temples.

Virginia Power Volunteer Program- Richmond, VA

Virginia Power organized the Volunteer Program to provide a mechanism through which employees could become involved in community volunteer activities. In 1988, 60 employee teams volunteered more than 100,000 hours. Among last year's activities were collecting food for fuel for low income families, manning crisis lines, assisting food banks with renovation and expansion of facilities, assisting with building low income housing and participating in community fundraising activities.

Great American First Savings Bank "You Miss School - You Miss Out" - San Diego, CA

The "Miss School - Miss Out" program is designed to increase school attendance and to foster a sense of pride among students in achieving good school attendance records. Students with good records in participating schools were eligible to participate in a drawing for cash awards. In addition, employees adopted schools and conducted poster, essay and photo contests around the theme and provided special rewards for perfect attendance. The program doubled its goal for students attendance.

United Auto Workers, Local 31 - Kansas City, KS

When Local 31 built a new union hall, they decided to rehabilitate their existing hall into a center for the homeless. Members of the union raised $100,000 and helped in the year-long renovation of the facility. They now volunteer in various capacities at the shelter, collect food and provide holiday parties for the residents.

Curt Smith

Voices of The Game

The First Full-Scale Overview of Baseball Broadcasting, 1921 to the Present

1974 purchase by McDonald's founder Ray A. Kroc, Randy Jones' twenty-victory seasons of 1975–76 and the thirty-four home runs and 118 runs batted in of Dave Winfield's 1979, San Diego's twenty-four-hit splurge against the Giants on April 19, 1982, Alan Wiggins' sixty-six stolen bases and Tony Gwynn's twenty-five-game hitting streak of a year afterward, and the sunlit fall of 1984 in which the Padres bushwhacked Chicago to win the Championship Series, that reputation deepened as the franchise took root—not among distant fans, necessarily, who seldom knew of him; rather, it was colleagues who recognized his basic decency and resolve.

In 1976–83 and 1985, Jerry called CBS Radio's coverage of the National League playoffs, and it was here that I heard him regularly for the first time since the late sixties. His play-by-play was rich and intimate; he was the bearer of a clean, meticulous story line. Sadly, for baseball's second-biggest event, Coleman had solemnized his act, omitting the hilarious misstatements that freckled his career; still, listening, I thought of Danny Ozark: Surely, the two had bloodlines reminiscent of Ol' Diz.

As the 1973–79 Phillies' manager, Ozark became infamous for a remarkable bevy of malapropisms. Once, during a losing streak, Danny said, long-faced, "Oh, I know we're having troubles, but that's nothing new. Even Napoleon had his *Watergate*." Several weeks later, as Phillies' losses crested, Ozark was asked about team morale. "*Morality*," he huffed, "is not a problem here." Of a Philadelphia second baseman, Danny noted, "His limitations are *limitless*." Of a quarreling shortstop, he said, "He and I have our *indifferences*." Of a surprising three-game sweep by Atlanta, he mourned, "Those games were beyond my *apprehension*." Of his players, Ozark stated, "Contrary to popular belief, I've always had a wonderful *repertoire* with them." Blistered for his devotion to the incomprehensible, the Phils' skipper snapped, "What do you mean? You reporters got it all wrong. Don't you know I'm being a *Fascist?* You know, a guy who says one thing and means another."

Perhaps not facetious, memorable Danny was; and so was the Voice of the Padres, unearthing a wooded hill of Colemanisms.

- "On the mound is Randy Jones," Jerry related, "the left-hander with the Karl Marx hairdo."
- "There's a fly ball deep to center field—Winfield is going back, back . . . he hits his head against the wall. It's rolling toward second base."
- "He slides into second with a stand-up double."
- "Rich Folkers is throwing up in the bull pen."
- "Whenever you get an inflamed tendon, you got a problem. OK, here's the pitch to Gene Tendon."
- "Pete Rose has three thousand hits and 3,014 overall."
- "Redfern won't be twenty-two until October. Hey, he's only twenty-one."

Then, more.

- "It's swung on and Gamble sends a long fly to right, but Gamble goes back to the wall and makes the catch."
- "They throw Winfield out at second, and he's safe."

• "Swung on and fouled to the backstop. No, wait a minute, that was a wild pitch and the runner moved over to second."

• "Reggie Smith of the Dodgers and Gary Matthews of the homers hit Braves in that game."

• "[John] Grubb goes back, back. He's under the warning track, and he makes the play."

• "Young Frank Pastore may have just pitched the biggest victory of 1979, maybe the biggest victory of the year."

• "Gaylord Perry and McCovey should know each other like a book. They've been ex-teammates for years now."

• "There's a hard shot to LeMaster—and he throws Madlock in the dugout."

• "Urrea had Owchinko in a hole, O-two, but now the count is even, three-two."

• "Thomas draws a throw but it went nowhere."

Time, now, for the seventh-inning stretch. . . .

• "Jesus Alou is in the on-deck circus."

• "Over the course of a season, a miscue will cost you more games than a good play."

• "Ron Guidry is not very big, maybe 140 pounds, but he has an arm like a lion."

• "From the way Denny's shaking his head, he's either got an injured shoulder or a gnat in his eye."

• "There's a shot up the alley . . . oh, it's just foul."

• "Royster has gone six-for-seven against Shirley this year . . . and there's a single that makes him five-for-eight."

• "Winfield is on first base, and he's always a threat to grow."

• "The way he's swinging the bat, he won't get a hit until the twentieth century."

• "Hi, folks, I'm Jerry Gross."

. . . and for a slam-bang, rock 'n' roll windup.

• "[Al] Hrabosky looks fierce in that Fu Manchu haircut."

• "Bob Davis is wearing his hair differently this year, short and with curls like Randy [Jones] wears. I think you call it a Frisbee."

• "Next up for the Cardinals is Barry Carry Garry Templeton."

• "[George] Hendrick simply lost that sun-blown pop-up."

• "Sometimes big trees grow out of acorns. I think I heard that from a squirrel."

• "The Padres need one run to tie and two to win. So, going into the ninth, the score is San Francisco one, the Yankees nothing."

• "This is the only afternoon day game in the National League."

• "Shortstop Ozzie Smith was so stunned with the news, he lost his appetite right over the dinner plate."

• "We're all sad to see Glenn Beckert leave. Before he goes, though, I hope he stops by so we can kiss him good-bye. He's that kind of guy."

As far as one could tell, Coleman's humor, unlike Dean's, was largely

Martin

REMARKS: RITTER AWARD
WASHINGTON, D.C.
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1989

MY FRIENDS, IT IS MY DISTINCT PLEASURE TO NOW PRESENT THE 1989 PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER ACTION AWARDS. AND TO HELP ME IS THE <u>REAL</u> VOLUNTEER IN THE BUSH FAMILY -- YES, ITS LEADING LADY.

BARBARA, WON'T YOU JOIN ME IN PRESENTING THESE AWARDS? AND TO ALL OF YOU, ON AMERICA'S BEHALF, OUR MOST HEART-FELT THANKS . . . [PRESENT AWARDS TO 18 RECIPIENTS] . . .

FINALLY, I COME TO A MAN I'M PLEASED TO HONOR, NOW.

TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO, HAVING MOVED TO THE EAST VILLAGE IN NEW YORK TO HELP THE URBAN POOR, FATHER BRUCE RITTER OPENED HIS DOOR ONE NIGHT TO SEE SIX CHILDREN.

THEY WERE ASKING FOR A PLACE TO STAY. EVENTUALLY, FATHER RITTER FOUNDED COVENANT HOUSE TO PROVIDE A SHELTER FOR ABANDONED AND RUNAWAY CHILDREN. TODAY, HIS PROGRAM INVOLVES OVER 300 VOLUNTEERS EACH MONTH. AND IT OFFERS SHELTER TO MORE THAN 25,000 CHILDREN EACH YEAR.

MY FRIENDS, BECAUSE OF COVENANT HOUSE, A CHILD HAS ESCAPED HEROIN ADDICTION. ANOTHER NO LONGER YEARNS FOR A DECENT MEAL.

STILL ANOTHER VIEWS THE WORLD AS A WARM, NOT SULLEN, PLACE. IT IS AN AMERICAN SUCCESS STORY ALMOST WITHOUT PARALLEL.

LAST YEAR, A NEW AWARD WAS CREATED TO HONOR THE INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION WHOSE CONTRIBUTION TO VOLUNTEERISM IS GREATEST AMONG THOSE WINNING THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER ACTION AWARDS.

AND SO I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE FATHER RITTER AS THIS ADMINISTRATION'S FIRST RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD NAMED FOR A GREAT PRESIDENT AND MY GOOD FRIEND: THE RONALD REAGAN AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE [PAUSE].

TO FATHER RITTER, AND ALL OF YOU, OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY, GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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(Smith/Martin)
April 6, 1989
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AWARD

Ray Briscoe will be calling back w/intro, Reagan Award + pronunciation info.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VOLUNTEER AWARDS
WASHINGTON, D.C.
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1989
12:00 pm

Honored guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Good afternoon, and let me welcome you to the White House. And let me also add that I have a confession to make.

You know, it's been said -- now, this will shock you --that sometimes I have a hard time being understood. But I'll admit, it's true. And all I can say is that I'm in some distinguished company.

Dr. Zhivago

Cut's Memo

After all, it was Yogi Berra who, when asked, "Are you a fatalist?" replied, "No, I never collected postage stamps." And Danny Ozark, baseball's master of the malaprop, once observed of his ballplayers, "Contrary to popular belief, I've always had a wonderful repertoire with them."

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See what I mean? Even silver-tongued orators often have their meaning blurred.

Well, this morning, let no one blur our message. Let it ring loud and clear. America is great because America is good. And America's greatest deeds come from the basic decency of her people -- each of you here today.

We see that decency everywhere -- in a child-care center, at the Rotary or Little League, in a synagogue or church. It means lending a hand, tending a wound, and helping the less fortunate.

This is Volunteer Week, a time to celebrate those qualities. And it is my honor today to present the 1989 President's Volunteer Action Awards. These awards were first presented in 1982. And, since then, 148 Americans have been recognized and honored.

I have said that any definition of a successful life must include serving others. Today's award recipients embody that definition. They know that life -- real life -- is not a ledger board.

Eleven years ago, Rose Tichy began tutoring adults through a church-sponsored literacy program in Middleburg Heights, Ohio. She loved her work, but there weren't enough adult-level books to fit her students' needs. So Rose got out her pen, and enriched the printed page. Since 1978, she's written 32 books, and edited the more than 100 books developed by her writers group.

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Pres. Vol. Action Award

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CURT SMITH

SUBJECT: APRIL II VOLUNTEER AWARDS SPEECH

I. SUMMARY

Enclosed are remarks for the April II President's Volunteer Action Awards luncheon. These awards were first presented in I982. Since then, I48 Americans have been honored for their contribution to volunteerism. Tomorrow, I8 individuals, some representing groups, will be recognized.

2) DISCUSSION

The remarks discuss how the I8 recipients embody America's volunteer spirit, and what this Administration is doing to enhance volunteerism. Bracketed on pages 5-6 are remarks pending your approval of Father Ritter as this year's proposed recipient of the Ronald Reagan Award for Volunteer Excellence.

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1990 PROPOSED OUTLAYS IN THE FEBRUARY BUDGET
(in billions of dollars)

		Outlays	Percent
050	National defense	300.4	25.9
150	International affairs	17.2	1.5
250	General science, space, and technology	14.9	1.3
270	Energy	3.1	0.3
300	Natural resources and environment	14.4	1.2
350	Agriculture	15.5	1.3
370	Commerce and housing credit	6.2	0.5
400	Transportation	29.1	2.5
450	Community and regional development	6.6	0.6
	Human Resources:		
500	Education, training, employment, & social services	36.5	3.1
550	Health	53.7	4.6
570	Medicare	94.8	8.2
600	Income security	138.3	11.9
650	Social security	246.6	21.3
700	Veterans benefits and services	29.5	2.5
	Subtotal, Human Resources:	599.4	51.7
750	Administration of justice	10.3	0.9
800	General government	10.0	0.9
900	Net interest	173.3	14.9
920	Allowances	-0.3	0.0
950	Undistributed offsetting receipts	-39.6	-3.4
	Total:	1,160.4	100.0

NOTE: Function totals exclude credit reform and loan asset sales, some of which have been endorsed by the Administration.

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Barry Anderson

CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT TRENDS IN NORTH AMERICA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE FOR SELECTED YEARS, 1970-1988

COUNTRY	CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (THOUSANDS)											
	1970	1973	1975	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
UNITED STATES	78678	85064	85846	99303	100397	99526	100834	105005	107150	109597	112440	114968
CANADA	7919	8761	9284	10708	11006	10644	10734	11000	11311	11634	11955	12347
JAPAN	50140	51910	51530	54600	55060	55620	56550	56870	57260	57740	58320	59300
OECD EUROPE:												
AUSTRIA	3051	3160	3175	3263	3267	3229	3203	3206	3213	3226	3245	3261
BELGIUM	3658	3738	3737	3743	3664	3615	3577	3579	3607	3645	3645	3681
DENMARK	2315	2385	2332	2460	2369	2374	2388	2457	2522	2630	2659	2659
FINLAND	2115	2154	2211	2318	2343	2367	2380	2403	2427	2421	2414	2430
FRANCE	20270	20840	20850	21330	21200	21240	21170	20980	20920	20950	20990	21090
GERMANY	26100	26350	25240	25750	25560	25140	24750	24800	24960	25220	25400	25530
GREECE	3134	3191	3198	3356	3529	3491	3540	3553	3588	3601	3597	3615
ICELAND	81	90	94	104	110	112	113	114	116	116	117	118
IRELAND	1045	1057	1061	1141	1131	1133	1110	1090	1059	1068	1067	1072
ITALY	19080	18870	19400	20200	20280	20250	20320	20390	20490	20610	20590	20850
LUXEMBOURG	140	151	157	157	158	158	157	158	160	164	168	173
NETHERLANDS[1]	4569	4560	4580	4980	5010	4980	4890	4930	5110	5200	5262	5315
NORWAY	1497	1654	1707	1908	1935	1943	1945	1970	2014	2086	2126	2110
PORTUGAL	3345	3286	3724	3940	3918	3928	4136	4063	4030	4045	4156	4228
SPAIN	12220	12608	12442	11495	11156	11043	10998	10674	10567	10815	11370	11736
SWEDEN	3850	3873	4056	4226	4219	4213	4218	4249	4293	4326	4396	4459
SWITZERLAND	3142	3277	3116	3170	3211	3190	3149	3142	3171	3219	3261	3302
TURKEY	12583	13358	13796	14531	14668	14802	14912	15111	15290	15632	15992	16152
UNITED KINGDOM	24330	24610	24560	24670	23800	23710	23600	24000	24310	24450	24910	25410
SELECTED GROUPS:												
NORTH AMERICA	86597	93825	95130	110011	111403	110170	111568	116005	118461	121231	124395	127315
OECD EUROPE	146525	149212	149436	152742	151528	150918	150557	150869	151847	153424	155365	157190
HIGH INCOME [2]	114188	115712	115215	118279	117125	116521	115861	116378	117313	118263	119183	120388
LOW INCOME [3]	32327	33500	34221	34463	34402	34397	34696	34491	34534	35161	36182	36802
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY[4]	120206	121646	121281	123222	121775	121062	120637	120674	121323	122398	123814	125358
MAJOR FOUR [5]	89780	90670	90050	91950	90840	90340	89840	90170	90680	91230	91890	92880

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A Generation of Social Programs

Despite Growth Since 1950, U.S. Benefits Still Trail Western Europe's

By Spencer Rich
Washington Post Staff Writer

A new study on spending shows that in many ways the United States is far more generous toward the poor and aged today than it was a generation ago in 1950.

Even so, according to other surveys, major industrial nations in Europe still devote more of their resources to social welfare spending than does the United States, which President Bush has called on to become a kinder, gentler nation.

From 1950 to 1986, according to the study, social welfare spending by federal, state and local governments in the United States jumped nearly seven-fold in constant (after-inflation) dollars. Measured in 1986 dollars, it rose from $102 billion in 1950 to $770 billion in 1986.

In 1950, public social welfare spending equaled 8.2 percent of gross national product—the value of goods and services produced in any given year by a nation's citizens. Today, social welfare spending accounts for 18.4 percent of an enormously larger U.S. gross national product. Despite this substantial increase since 1950 in the share of GNP spent on public social welfare programs, France and Sweden are spending a far higher percentage of their national output on such programs.

The study, written by the Social Security Administration's Ann Kallman Bixby, demonstrates the nation's advances in basic programs designed to protect individuals against poverty, hunger, ill-health and similar afflictions.

In 1950, Social Security, today the economic mainstay of the aged, was small and in some ways rudimentary. There was no disability insurance program. There was no Medicare program. Nor was there

lion) and Medicare benefits ($76 billion), but also military and civilian public employee retirement systems ($67 billion), unemployment insurance ($18.5 billion) and workers' compensation ($24 billion).

- $103 billion for welfare, including $47 billion for Medicaid and related programs; about $16 billion for Aid to Families with Dependent Children; $12 billion each for food stamps and welfare for the aged, blind and disabled; and additional amounts for a variety of other cash welfare programs and social services.
- $44 billion for a variety of health programs ranging from research to Defense Department health programs, maternal and child care.
- $27 billion for veterans' benefits.
- $178 billion for education, all but $15 billion from state and local governments.
- $12 billion for housing and $14 billion for a variety of other programs.

IDEAS & FINDINGS

The study did not specify social spending amounts in other countries. But the Social Security Administration has separately made some comparisons that include all the above programs (except education and pension outlays—was 28.5 percent of GNP. That was a smaller percentage than in West Germany, France, or Sweden, where the figures did not include any private outlays except for health.

Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) shows basically the same pattern of comparative spending in 1986, but indicates the gap between the United States and the higher-spending European countries (particularly West Germany) has narrowed. These comparisons may somewhat overstate differences because the United States has a large private pension and sick-leave system that is not included in these calculations.

Even so, according to recently published figures compiled by the Social Security Administration, last year public and private social welfare spending in the United States—including health, education and pension outlays—was 28.5 percent of GNP. That was a smaller percentage than in West Germany, France, or Sweden, where the figures did not include any private outlays except for health.

Specialists in comparative social programs at the OECD, the International Monetary Fund and other agencies dealing with these issues said it is generally accepted that many of the developed nations in Western Europe spend a considerably larger share of gross national product on public and private social welfare programs than does the United States. France and Switzerland have mandated that employers pay private pensions for their workers.

The spending is higher in part because their populations are older and require more pension and health payments. But the countries also have more generous systems.

"Overall, the comparable figures [for developed European nations] are higher," said Max Horlick, editor of International Benefits Information Service and former director of the Social Security Administration's International Comparative

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A new study on spending shows that in many ways the United States is far more generous toward the poor and aged today than it was a generation ago in 1950.

Even so, according to other surveys, major industrial nations in Europe still devote more of their resources to social welfare spending than does the United States, which President Bush has called on to become a kinder, gentler nation.

From 1950 to 1986, according to the study, social welfare spending by federal, state and local governments in the United States jumped nearly seven-fold in constant (after-inflation) dollars. Measured in 1986 dollars, it rose from $102 billion in 1950 to $770 billion in 1986.

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