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REMARKS: NEW YORK PARTNERSHIP
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

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DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROUS RECEPTION. AND LET ME SALUTE THAT MAGNIFICENT FILM. IT WAS A MOVING CALL TO ACTION.

IT IS INDEED AN HONOR TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF THE NEW YORK PARTNERSHIP AND THE ASSOCIATION FOR A BETTER NEW YORK.

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FOR ALREADY, YOU HAVE ENRICHED FIELDS FROM BUSINESS AND LABOR TO EDUCATION AND THE MEDIA. WE MEET TODAY TO GO STILL FURTHER: TO JOIN HANDS, AND LINK HEARTS, TO LIGHT THE AMERICAN SKY.

I BEGIN WITH A SINGLE, SIMPLE STATEMENT: THERE IS NO PROBLEM IN AMERICA THAT IS NOT BEING SOLVED SOMEWHERE [PAUSE] . . . THERE IS NO PROBLEM IN AMERICA THAT IS NOT BEING SOLVED SOMEWHERE [PAUSE] . . . THINK OF THAT.

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TODAY, MILLIONS OF AMERICANS -- THE QUIET AMERICANS, THE SELFLESS AMERICANS -- ARE GIVING OF THEIR TIME AND OF THEMSELVES. THEY WORK AT DAY-CARE CENTERS, INNER-CITY SCHOOLS, HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY. ANYWHERE THERE IS A NEED. ANYTIME THEY ARE NEEDED . . . MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE FOR WHOM THE AMERICAN DREAM SEEMS AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM.

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ALREADY, THIS INVOLVEMENT -- WHAT WE TERM NATIONAL, OR COMMUNITY, SERVICE -- HAS HELPED COUNTLESS AMERICANS FIND SELF-RESPECT AND DIGNITY.

BUT THE JOB IS FAR FROM COMPLETE. TOO MANY AMERICANS STILL ENDURE A LIVING NIGHTMARE OF WANT AND ISOLATION. THAT MUST END. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: WE MUST BRING BACK THOSE WHO FEEL UNWELCOME. WE MUST REAWAKEN THEIR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

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WE KNOW THAT GOVERNMENT CAN'T REBUILD A FAMILY, OR RECLAIM A SENSE OF NEIGHBORHOOD. WE KNOW THAT DURING THE PAST TWO DECADES WE HAVE SPENT MORE MONEY, ON MORE SOCIAL PROGRAMS, THAN AT ANY TIME IN OUR HISTORY. AND SOME PROBLEMS AREN'T BETTER. IN FACT, THEY'RE WORSE.

MOST AMERICANS UNDERSTAND THAT THE KEY TO CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGE IS BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, NOT BUREAUCRACIES.

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AND THEY KNOW THAT THOSE WHO SAY, "IT'S GOVERNMENT'S PROBLEM," ARE REALLY PART OF THE PROBLEM THEMSELVES.

ALL MY LIFE I'VE BELIEVED THAT GOVERNMENT COULD NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR "DO UNTO OTHERS." BARBARA AND I, LIKE ALL OF YOU HERE, HAVE TRIED TO DO OUR SMALL PART. IN MIDLAND, WITH THE YMCA AND UNITED WAY. COACHING LITTLE LEAGUE, HELPING TO BUILD A THEATER. AND DATING BACK TO MY DAYS AT YALE, RAISING FUNDS FOR THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND.

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WE'VE ALL DONE THESE THINGS, AND AS WE PARTICIPATED WE FULFILLED OURSELVES. LEARNING THAT WE ARE NOT WHAT WE DRIVE, OR WHERE WE LIVE, OR WHAT KIND OF CLOTHES WE WEAR. RATHER, LEARNING THAT AMERICA'S GREATNESS RESTS ON THE GOODNESS OF HER PEOPLE.

THESE BELIEFS ARE BEYOND ANY INDIVIDUAL, FOR THEY ARE TIMELESS. TODAY, MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE TO HELP DROP-OUTS, PREGNANT TEENS, AND DRUG ABUSERS. THE HOMELESS AND AIDS VICTIMS.

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THE HUNGRY AND ILLITERATE. OFTEN THEY ARE DISADVANTAGED, AND AS THEIR COMMUNITIES DISINTEGRATE AROUND THEM, THEY BECOME DISCONNECTED FROM SOCIETY.

OUR CHALLENGE, THEN, IS TO RAISE THEIR SPIRITS AND THEIR EXPECTATIONS BY ENGAGING EACH CITIZEN, SCHOOL AND BUSINESS, CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE, SERVICE ORGANIZATION AND CIVIC GROUP.

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FOR THIS IS WHAT I MEAN WHEN I TALK OF "A THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT" -- THAT VAST GALAXY OF PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS WORKING TOGETHER TO SOLVE PROBLEMS IN THEIR OWN BACK YARD.

I AM HERE TODAY TO ASK THAT BOTH SECTORS, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC -- AND ALL BRANCHES AND ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT -- JOIN THIS GREAT MOVEMENT TO EXTEND NATIONAL SERVICE INTO EVERY CORNER OF AMERICA.

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FOR IT IS A MOVEMENT -- BOLD, AND UNPRECEDENTED. NOT A PROGRAM. NOT ANOTHER BUREAUCRACY.

LET ME TELL YOU THE STRATEGY OF THIS MOVEMENT. FIRST, TO ISSUE A CALL TO ACTION, AND TO CLAIM PROBLEMS AS YOUR OWN. SECOND, TO IDENTIFY, ENLARGE, AND RECREATE WHAT IS WORKING. AND THIRD, TO DISCOVER AND ENCOURAGE NEW LEADERS.

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FIRST, OUR CALL TO ACTION. IT IS INDIVIDUAL, AND COLLECTIVE. AND IT BEGINS THIS AFTERNOON, WITH YOU.

SO TODAY, I ASK ALL AMERICANS AND ALL AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS, LARGE AND SMALL, TO MAKE SERVICE CENTRAL TO YOUR LIFE AND WORK. I URGE ALL BUSINESS LEADERS TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY SERVICE IN HIRING, COMPENSATION, AND PROMOTION DECISIONS.

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I CALL UPON NON-PROFIT AND SERVICE GROUPS TO OPEN YOUR DOORS TO ALL THOSE WHO WANT TO HELP, IRRESPECTIVE OF AGE, BACKGROUND, OR LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE. AND LEADERS OF HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES, I URGE YOU TO UPHOLD THE VALUES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND PERSONNEL TO SERVE OTHERS.

TO EVERY CORPORATION, LARGE AND SMALL, I SAY:
BEGIN A LITERACY PROGRAM THAT TEACHES EACH EMPLOYEE HOW TO READ.

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AND TO EVERY MEMBER OF A BODY OF HIGHER LEARNING:
START A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER PROGRAM FOR KIDS IN
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. OF EVERY CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE, I
ASK: BECOME AN AROUND-THE-CLOCK COMMUNITY CENTER. AND
OF EVERY RESTAURANT AND GROCERY STORE: DISTRIBUTE
SURPLUS FOOD TO SOUP KITCHENS AND LOCAL SHELTERS.

AND TO THE YOUTH OF AMERICA, I ISSUE A SPECIAL
APPEAL.

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YESTERDAY, ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE WHITE HOUSE, WE
HELD A KICKOFF RALLY FOR A KEY ELEMENT OF OUR STRATEGY:
THE YES INITIATIVE -- OR "YOUTH ENGAGED IN SERVICE" TO
AMERICA. IT WAS ATTENDED BY THOUSANDS OF KIDS -- SOME
OF THOSE POINTS OF LIGHT I LIKE TO TALK ABOUT. I
CHALLENGED EVERY YOUNG AMERICAN TO FIGHT AGAINST SELF-
ABSORPTION. AND TO EMULATE THOSE LEADERS WHO HAVE
SHOWN THAT THERE IS NO PROBLEM IN AMERICA THAT IS NOT
BEING SOLVED SOMEWHERE.

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THEIR PRESENCE REMINDED ME OF THE SAYING, "LIFE IS NOT A STATE OF TIME -- LIFE IS A STATE OF MIND." SO IS OUR CALL TO COMMUNITY SERVICE. IT SUMMONS THE YOUNG, AND THE OLD. I BELIEVE AMERICANS WILL LISTEN TO THAT CALL. THE POET EMERSON ONCE SAID, "THE GREATEST GIFT IS A PORTION OF THYSELF." WELL, TODAY, ACROSS OUR FIFTY STATES, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS ARE GIVING OF, NOT TO, THEMSELVES.

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AMERICANS LIKE THESE ARE MISSIONARIES, AND THEY ARE HEROES. OUR MISSION IS TO ACHIEVE, NATIONALLY, WHAT THEY ARE DOING, LOCALLY. TO COMPLETE IT WILL REQUIRE A CATALYST. THIS BRINGS ME TO THE SECOND PART OF OUR STRATEGY. AND I AM PROUD TO ANNOUNCE IT NOW: A NEW EFFORT TO IDENTIFY SERVICE PROGRAMS THAT WORK -- AND CARRY THEM TO AMERICA.

WE CALL THIS CATALYST THE "POINTS OF LIGHT INITIATIVE" -- A FOUNDATION, OF WHICH I WILL SERVE AS HONORARY CHAIRMAN, AND THAT WILL HELP MAKE OUR MOVEMENT A REALITY.

I WILL SOON ASK CONGRESS FOR \$25 MILLION ANNUALLY TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE, WHICH, IN TURN, WILL SEEK MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

BUT I WILL ALSO NAME AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO REPORT TO ME WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF ITS FIRST MEETING ON THE STRUCTURE, COMPOSITION, AND LEGISLATION NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE FOUNDATION'S GOALS. ((AND I AM PROUD TO ANNOUNCE TODAY THAT GOVERNOR TOM KEAN OF NEW JERSEY, ONE OF THIS NATION'S MOST DEDICATED AND CARING PUBLIC SERVANTS, HAS AGREED TO HEAD THIS COMMITTEE))

BUT, A FEDERAL EFFORT ALONE CANNOT SUCCEED.

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THEREFORE, TODAY WE INVITE EACH GOVERNOR -- AND, THROUGH THEM, THE MAYORS OF ALL MUNICIPALITIES -- TO JOIN OUR MOVEMENT BY FORMING STATE AND LOCAL POINTS OF LIGHT WORKING GROUPS COMPOSED OF OUTSTANDING LEADERS.

THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BECOME A VEHICLE TO SOLVE PROBLEMS LOCALLY. AND TO HELP SOLVE PROBLEMS NATIONALLY, THE "THE POINTS OF LIGHT INITIATIVE" WILL BE A MAGNET FOR THE BEST IDEAS, AND BRIGHTEST PROGRAMS, IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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FOR WHILE COUNTLESS SERVICE INITIATIVES ARE ALREADY WORKING SUCCESSFULLY, THEY ARE TOO OFTEN ISOLATED AND UNKNOWN TO OTHERS. OUR FOUNDATION WILL CHANGE ALL THAT: BY BRINGING SUCCESS STORIES TO OTHER COMMUNITIES, WE WILL REPEAT THEM ACROSS THE NATION.

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WE WILL REPEAT THEM THROUGH A FOUNDATION INITIATIVE TO BE CALLED THE "SERVNET PROJECT." PROFESSIONAL FIRMS, CORPORATIONS, UNIONS, SCHOOLS, RELIGIOUS, CIVIC, AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT GROUPS WILL BE ASKED TO DONATE THE SERVICES OF SOME OF THEIR MOST TALENTED AND PROMISING PEOPLE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.

THESE EXTRAORDINARY INDIVIDUALS WILL FORM AND LEAD PEER-TO-PEER WORKING GROUPS.

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FOR EXAMPLE: LAWYERS GOING TO FELLOW LAWYERS, TEACHERS TO FELLOW TEACHERS, UNION MEMBERS TO FELLOW UNION MEMBERS. SERVNET WILL PROVIDE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE -- SHOWING WHAT WORKS, AND WHAT DOESN'T.

BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO IMPROVE CURRENT METHODS OF MATCHING PEOPLE WITH MEANINGFUL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.

"VOLUNTEER CENTERS" SHOULD BE DIRECTLY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL AMERICANS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.

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SUCH CONTACT POINTS MAY BE IN A PLACE OF WORSHIP, UNION HALL, LIBRARY, FIRE STATION, BUSINESS BUILDING, SERVICE GROUP HEADQUARTERS, OR NEIGHBORHOOD HOME.

OVER TIME, THROUGH AN INITIATIVE CALLED THE "SERVLINK PROJECT," THE FOUNDATION WILL STIMULATE THE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PRIVATE SECTOR RESOURCES OF "TECHNOLOGY LINKS" BETWEEN THOSE WHO WISH TO SERVE AND THOSE NEEDING SERVICE IN THE INQUIRER'S OWN COMMUNITY.

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AND IN ADDITION, WE WILL ASK BANKS, CREDIT CARD ISSUERS, TELEPHONE AND UTILITY COMPANIES TO INCLUDE IN STATEMENT ENVELOPES INFORMATION ABOUT HOW PEOPLE AND THEIR INSTITUTIONS CAN BECOME ENGAGED IN SERVING OTHERS.

LIKE THE FOUNDATION ITSELF, THESE EFFORTS CAN HELP INDIVIDUALS -- AND INSTITUTIONS -- PROVIDE NEW HOPE TO AMERICA.

AND SO CAN THE THIRD PART OF OUR MOVEMENT'S STRATEGY: OUR INITIATIVE TO DISCOVER AND ENCOURAGE NEW LEADERS OF EVERY AGE IN EVERY TOWN AND CITY. AND TO INSPIRE THEM TO DEVOTE THEIR TALENTS AND ENERGIES TO NATIONAL SERVICE. AND THEN, TO HONOR THOSE WHO EXCEL.

THROUGH THE FOUNDATION, THE YES INITIATIVE WILL ANNUALLY SELECT TWO COLLEGE-AGED YOUTH FROM EACH STATE AS "PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SERVICE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES."

THEY WILL SPEND ONE YEAR TRAVELING THEIR REGIONS AS SERVICE AMBASSADORS -- URGING OTHER YOUNG AMERICANS TO GET INVOLVED. AND "POINTS OF LIGHT" WILL CONVENE YOUTH AND REGIONAL "PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP FORUMS," UNITING YOUNG PEOPLE, EDUCATORS, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS.

FROM SUCH ACTION WILL COME ACHIEVEMENT. AND SUCH ACHIEVEMENT SHOULD BE REWARDED. WE WILL ASK MEDIA FROM SMALL-TOWN WEEKLIES TO NETWORK TELEVISION TO PROFILE THE BRIGHTEST STARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

AND OUR FOUNDATION WILL ALSO RECOGNIZE SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND OUTSTANDING LEADERS THROUGH TWO NEW PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS. THE "NATIONAL SERVICE YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS" -- GIVEN EACH YEAR TO INDIVIDUALS. AND THE "BUILD A COMMUNITY AWARDS" -- HONORING "PARTNERSHIPS" WHICH WORK TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES AND DECAYING NEIGHBORHOODS IN AMERICA.

ALL OF THIS WILL FULFILL US AS AMERICANS. BY ASKING US TO COMBAT PROBLEMS LIKE LONELINESS AND POVERTY, DRUG ABUSE AND HOMELESSNESS. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO FAIL, AND WE WON'T. FOR AS AMERICANS, WE KNOW WHAT IS AT STAKE.

WE KNOW THAT SERVICE CAN HELP THOSE FREE-FALLING THROUGH SOCIETY. WE KNOW THAT AS CITIZENS, AND INSTITUTIONS, WE CAN USE "ONE-TO-ONE" CARING TO TRULY "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR."

WE KNOW, FINALLY, THAT FROM NOW ON, ANY DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE MUST INCLUDE SERVING OTHERS. AND WE MUST RESOLVE TO CARRY THIS BELIEF TO EVERY PERSON IN THE LAND.

TWO CENTURIES AGO LAST YEAR, ALEXANDER HAMILTON SENT A LETTER URGING GENERAL WASHINGTON TO SEEK THE PRESIDENCY. HE WROTE HIM: "THE POINT OF LIGHT IN WHICH YOU STAND. . . WILL MAKE AN INFINITE DIFFERENCE. . . ."

MY FRIENDS, NATIONAL SERVICE WILL SUCCEED. IT CAN MAKE "AN INFINITE DIFFERENCE" IN THE LIFE OF THESE UNITED STATES. FOR "A THOUSAND POINTS" CAN LIGHT THE LIVES OF A PEOPLE, AND A NATION.

REMEMBER, THERE IS NO PROBLEM THAT IS NOT BEING SOLVED SOMEWHERE IN AMERICA. YOU -- YOU IN THIS ROOM -- CAN PROVE THAT STATEMENT A THOUSAND TIMES OVER. IT'S IN OUR HANDS.

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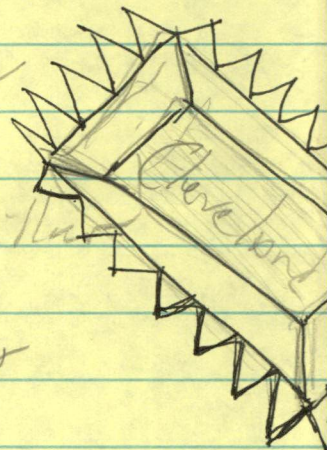
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NEW YORK PARTNERSHIP
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen. I appreciate your generous reception. And let me salute that magnificent film. It was a moving call to action.

It is indeed an honor to address the members and guests of the New York Partnership and the Association for a Better New York. For already, you have enriched fields from business and labor to education and the media. We meet today to go still further: To join hands, and link hearts, to light the American sky.

I begin with a single, simple statement: There is no problem in America that is not being solved somewhere [PAUSE] . . . There is no problem in America that is not being solved somewhere [PAUSE] . . . Think of that.

Today, millions of Americans -- the quiet Americans, the selfless Americans -- are giving of their time and of themselves. They work at day-care centers, inner-city schools, homes for the elderly. Anywhere there is a need. Anytime they are needed . . . making a difference in the lives of those for whom the American Dream seems an Impossible Dream.

Already, this involvement -- what we term national, or community, service -- has helped countless Americans find self-respect and dignity.

But the job is far from complete. Too many Americans still endure a living nightmare of want and isolation. That must stop. Ladies and gentlemen: We must bring back those who feel unwelcome. We must reawaken their hope for the future.

We know that government can't rebuild a family, or reclaim a sense of neighborhood. We know that during the past two decades we have spent more money, on more social programs, than at any time in our history. And some problems aren't better. In fact, they're worse.

Most Americans understand that the key to constructive change is building relationships, not bureaucracies. And they know that those who say, "It's government's problem," are really part of the problem themselves.

All my life I've believed that government could not substitute for "do unto others." Barbara and I, like all of you here, have tried to do our small part. In Midland, with the YMCA and United Way. Coaching Little League, helping to build a theater. And dating back to my days at Yale, raising funds for the United Negro College Fund.

We've all done these things, and as we participated we fulfilled ourselves. Learning that we are not what we drive, or where we live, or what kind of clothes we wear. Rather, learning that America's greatness rests on the goodness of her people.

These beliefs are beyond any individual, for they are timeless. Today, more than ever, we need community service to help drop-outs, pregnant teens, and drug abusers. The homeless and AIDS victims. The hungry and illiterate. Often they are disadvantaged, and as their communities disintegrate around them, they become disconnected from society.

Our challenge, then, is to raise their spirits and their expectations by engaging each citizen, school and business, church and synagogue, service organization and civic group. For this is what I mean when I talk of "a thousand points of light" -- that vast galaxy of people and institutions working together to solve problems in their own back yard.

I am here today to ask that both sectors, private and public -- and all branches and all levels of government -- join this great movement to extend national service into every corner of America. For it is a movement -- bold, and unprecedented. Not a program. Not another bureaucracy.

Let me tell you the strategy of this movement. First, to issue a call to action, and to claim problems as your own. Second, to identify, enlarge, and recreate what is working. And third, to discover and encourage new leaders.

First, our call to action. It is individual, and collective. And it begins this afternoon, with you.

So today, I ask all Americans and all American institutions, large and small, to make service central to your life and work. I urge all business leaders to consider community service in

hiring, compensation, and promotion decisions. I call upon non-profit and service groups to open your doors to all those who want to help, irrespective of age, background, or level of experience. And leaders of high schools and colleges, I urge you to uphold the values of community service and to encourage students, faculty, and personnel to serve others.

To every corporation, large and small, I say: Begin a literacy program that teaches each employee how to read. And to every member of a body of higher learning: Start a Big Brother or Big Sister program for kids in your neighborhood. Of every church and synagogue, I ask: Become an around-the-clock community center. And of every restaurant and grocery store: Distribute surplus food to soup kitchens and local shelters.

And to the youth of America, I issue a special appeal.

Yesterday, on the South Lawn of the White House, we held a kickoff rally for a key element of our strategy: the YES Initiative -- or "Youth Engaged In Service" to America. It was attended by thousands of kids -- some of those points of light I like to talk about. I challenged every young American to fight against self-absorption. And to emulate those leaders who have shown that there is no problem in America that is not being solved somewhere.

Their presence reminded me of the saying, "Life is not a state of time -- life is a state of mind." So is our call to community service. It summons the young, and the old. I believe Americans will listen to that call. The poet Emerson once said,

"The greatest gift is a portion of thyself." Well, today, across our fifty States, groups, and individuals are giving of, not to, themselves.

Americans like these are missionaries, and they are heroes. Our mission is to achieve, nationally, what they are doing, locally. To complete it will require a catalyst. This brings me to the second part of our strategy. And I am proud to announce it now: A new effort to identify service programs that work -- and carry them to America.

We call this catalyst the "Points of Light Initiative" -- a Foundation, of which I will serve as honorary chairman, and that will help make our movement a reality.

I will soon ask Congress for \$25 million annually to support this Initiative, which, in turn, will seek matching funds from the private sector. But I will also name an advisory committee to report to me within forty-five days of its first meeting on the structure, composition, and legislation needed to achieve the Foundation's goals. ((And I am proud to announce today that Governor Tom Kean of New Jersey, one of this Nation's most dedicated and caring public servants, has agreed to head this Committee))

But, a Federal effort alone cannot succeed. Therefore, today we invite each governor -- and, through them, the mayors of all municipalities -- to join our movement by forming State and local Points of Light working groups composed of outstanding leaders.

These individuals will become a vehicle to solve problems locally. And to help solve problems nationally, the "The Points of Light Initiative" will be a magnet for the best ideas, and brightest programs, in community service. For while countless service initiatives are already working successfully, they are too often isolated and unknown to others. Our Foundation will change all that: By bringing success stories to other communities, we will repeat them across the Nation.

We will repeat them through a Foundation initiative to be called the "ServNet Project." Professional firms, corporations, unions, schools, religious, civic, and not-for-profit groups will be asked to donate the services of some of their most talented and promising people for a period of time.

These extraordinary individuals will form and lead peer-to-peer working groups. For example: Lawyers going to fellow lawyers, teachers to fellow teachers, union members to fellow union members. ServNet will provide training and technical assistance -- showing what works, and what doesn't.

But we also have to improve current methods of matching people with meaningful service opportunities.

"Volunteer centers" should be directly accessible to all Americans in their neighborhoods. Such contact points may be in a place of worship, union hall, library, fire station, business building, service group headquarters, or neighborhood home.

Over time, through an initiative called the "ServLink Project," the Foundation will stimulate the development through

private sector resources of "technology links" between those who wish to serve and those needing service in the inquirer's own community. And in addition, we will ask banks, credit card issuers, telephone and utility companies to include in statement envelopes information about how people and their institutions can become engaged in serving others.

Like the Foundation itself, these efforts can help individuals -- and institutions -- provide new hope to America. And so can the third part of our movement's strategy: Our initiative to discover and encourage new leaders of every age in every town and city. And to inspire them to devote their talents and energies to national service. And then, to honor those who excel.

Through the Foundation, the YES Initiative will annually select two college-aged youth from each State as "President's National Service Youth Representatives." They will spend one year traveling their regions as service ambassadors -- urging other young Americans to get involved. And "Points of Light" will convene youth and regional "Presidential Leadership Forums," uniting young people, educators, and community activists.

From such action will come achievement. And such achievement should be rewarded. We will ask media from small-town weeklies to network television to profile the brightest stars of community service. And our Foundation will also recognize successful community initiatives and outstanding leaders through two new Presidential Awards. The "National

Service Youth Leadership Awards" -- given each year to individuals. And the "Build A Community Awards" -- honoring "partnerships" which work together to strengthen families and decaying neighborhoods in America.

All of this will fulfill us as Americans. By asking us to combat problems like loneliness and poverty, drug abuse and homelessness. We cannot afford to fail, and we won't. For as Americans, we know what is at stake.

We know that volunteerism can help those free-falling through society. We know that as citizens, and institutions, we can use "one-to-one" caring to truly "love thy neighbor."

We know, finally, that from now, any definition of a successful life must include serving others. And we must resolve to carry this belief to every person in the land.

Two centuries ago last year, Alexander Hamilton sent a letter urging General Washington to seek the Presidency. He wrote him: "The point of light in which you stand will make an infinite difference . . ."

My friends, national service will succeed. It can make "an infinite difference" in the life of these United States. For "a thousand points" can light the lives of a people, and a Nation.

Remember, there is no problem that is not being solved somewhere in America. You -- you in this room -- can prove that statement a thousand times over. It's in our hands.

God bless you -- we need your help, and God bless the United States of America.

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Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen. I appreciate your generous reception. And let me salute that magnificent film. It was a call to action, and to arms.

It is a pleasure, as always, to be back in Barbara's home State. And in a city that has been described as "the noblest of the American symbols" and, yes, "the capital of the world."

And let me also add that it is indeed an honor to address the members of the New York Partnership. For already, you have enriched fields from business and labor to education and the media. We meet today to go still further: To discuss, specifically, how we can join hands, and link hearts, to light the American sky.

I begin with a single, simple statement: There is no problem in America that is not being solved somewhere [PAUSE] . . . There is no problem in America that is not being solved somewhere [PAUSE] . . . Think of that.

I have just come from a place which embodies that statement. I refer to Covenant House -- a mirror of how, as Lincoln said, we can "bind up the Nation's wounds."

Twenty ^{one} two years ago, having moved to the East Village of New York to help the urban poor, Father Bruce Ritter opened his

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door one night to see six children. You know what they wanted? Amazingly, in a land as rich as ours, they were asking for a place to stay.

As word spread, every night young people of every race and creed came to this small apartment. And eventually, Father Ritter founded Covenant House to provide a shelter for abandoned and runaway kids.

My friends, how could one visit this house of love and leave uninspired? Because of kindness, one child has escaped the horror of adiction. Generosity has helped another find a warm bed and a meal.

Here, and now, I urge you to visit Covenant House. And others like it -- in Alabama, in Chicago, on the farmlands of Ohio. For there you will see millions of Americans giving of their time, and of themselves.

Last year, such Americans contributed 19.5 billion volunteer hours. And more than 21 million volunteered 5 hours or more per week. They work at a day-care center, the inner-city school, the local home for the elderly. They are selfless. They make a difference. They know that such citizen action can help those for whom the American Dream seems an Impossible Dream.

Already, this involvement -- what we term national, or community, service -- has helped more Americans than ever, find self-respect and dignity. This month marks the 78th straight month of economic growth -- the longest peacetime expansion in

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our history. Paraphrasing Churchill: Never have so many enjoyed so much for so long.

And yet it's not enough. For millions of Americans still endure a living nightmare of want and isolation. Ladies and gentlemen: We must end that nightmare. Those who feel left out, we must help to bring in.

But how?

Not through government alone. For over the past two decades we have spent more money, on more social programs, than at any time in our history. Government spending can't rebuild a family, or reclaim a sense of neighborhood. No amount of money can buy understanding, and love.

Most Americans realize that. For they know the key to change is relationships, not programs. If they saw a man lying on the street -- cold, stripped of pride -- they would say: "Let me take you home, warm you. Lend a hand, tend your wound." They know that those who say, "Let government do the job," are really falling down on the job.

My friends, all my life I've believed that "Government only" is a crutch. "Do unto others" is a ladder. In Midland, with the YMCA and United Way. Digging ditches for a Little League ball field, helping to build a theatre. And dating back to my days at Yale, a cause I love: Raising funds for the United Negro College Fund.

All the while, I believed in the capacity of groups, and individuals, to realize great and generous deeds. Deeds that

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could supplement, not supplant, the promise of government. And meet crises both economic and spiritual. I loved helping others. For I was also fulfilling myself. Learning that we are not what we drive, or where we live, or what kind of clothes we wear. Rather, that America is great because America is good.

These beliefs are timeless. And yet as timely as 1989. For more than ever, we need community service to assist Americans like drop-outs, pregnant teens, and drug abusers. The homeless and AIDs victims. The hungry and illiterate. Often disadvantaged, they feel -- far worse -- disconnected from society. Above all, they lack the hope that tomorrow will be better than today.

We can lift these Americans, and must. Not by more government, and capital -- but by more people, and caring. And by engaging each citizen, school and business, church and synagogue, service organization and civic group. In this room sit some of the most successful people in America. Well, to you I say: From now on, the definition of a successful life must include serving others.

In his book, Democracy in America, Alexis de Tocqueville wrote of America's "little platoons" -- groups, and individuals, helping each other. He was defining successful lives. And so am I when I talk of "a thousand points of light" -- that vast galaxy of voluntary associations of people and institutions working together to outlast problems in their own back yard.

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((You know, there's an old New England story about a man, stuck in the mud with his car, who was asked by a passing motorist whether he was really stuck. "Well, you could say I was stuck," the fellow said, "if I was really going anywhere."))

My friends, "a thousand points of light" show exactly where we are going, and how.

We are going to propel national service into every corner of America. By asking that all branches and levels of government -- and both sectors, public and private -- enlist in our crusade. I am here today to sound that clarion call: To action, and, even more, to claim society's problems as our own. Our call is individual, and collective. And it commences this afternoon, with you.

Therefore, today I ask leaders of Congress, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and each State and municipality to devise programs which involve themselves and their employees in community service. I ask all business leaders to consider volunteerism in hiring, compensation, and promotion decisions. And non-profit organizations and service groups -- I ask you to utilize all those who want to help, irrespective of age, background, or level of experience. And leaders of high school and college, respectively -- study how to use volunteerism in your curricula, and as a criteria for admittance.

To every corporation, large and small, I say: Begin a literacy program that teaches each employee how to read. And to every member of a body of higher learning: Start a Big Brother

or Big Sister program for kids in your neighborhood. Of every church and synagogue, I ask: Become an around-the-clock community center. And of every restaurant and grocery store: Distribute surplus food to soup kitchens and local shelters.

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And to the youth of America, I issue a special appeal.

Today, as part of our call to action, I announce the YES Initiative -- or "Youth Entering Service" to America -- challenging the young to man the front lines of the fight against self-absorption. And to look to leaders who show that there is no problem in America that is not being solved somewhere.

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Leaders like Sean Fox, 20, who began the Toldeo Community Food Bank to feed the hungry of his town. Or Eileen Cole, 17, of Washington, D.C., who works as a candy striper, a CCD teacher, and aid to a cerebral palsey patient. Or Carissa Griesinger of Florida, a former drug user and seller, who now, at 15, devotes 1300 hours each week to counseling troubled teenagers and tutoring handicapped children.

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These leaders show that what we are matters more than what we have. And they can help reach three of our movement's goals. For by 1992, we want to double the number of kids engaged in volunteerism; to double the number of adults involved in youth mentoring projects; and to triple the number of institutions engaged in youth development through community service.

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Yesterday, we held a kickoff rally for the "Yes" Initiative, attended by thousands of kids on the South Lawn of the White House. And their presence reminded me of how, at the age of

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ninety-one, Oliver Wendell Holmes resigned from the Supreme Court and spent the following summer at his country house in Massachusetts.

As the former Justice told it, old friends from Boston would come to see him. And they'd invariably bring their grand-kids. Which he relished even more. One day, sitting on his porch, he got to discussing life with a 16-year-old. Said Mr. Justice Holmes: "I won't refrain from talking about anything because you're too young, if you won't because I'm too old."

Justice Holmes believed, as the saying goes, that Life is not a state of mind -- life is a state of mind. So is our call to volunteerism. Does it summon the young, and old? You bet. Will Americans heed it? Why not? The poet Emerson once observed, "~~There is nothing closer to God than the act of giving.~~" Well, today, across our fifty States, groups, and individuals are already illuminating the heavens.

In Gaston County, North Carolina, where one out of five adults is illiterate, Olna Daves has founded a Literacy Council. And in Tucson, Kathleen Clark runs a nursery for up to 150 abused children per month. In Mississippi, Dr. Anne Brooks set up practice in an indigent delta town. Her care is, literally, priceless -- many patients can't afford to pay. "Hope is a gift that has been given me," Anne says. "I want to pass it on."

Americans like these are missionaries, and they are heroes. Our mission is to achieve, nationally, what they are doing, locally. To complete it will require a vehicle. And I am proud

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Anne Brooks said
"I'm a healer not a missionary"

to announce it now: A new effort to identify volunteer programs that work -- and carry them to America.

We call this vehicle the "Points of Light Initiative" -- and it includes a Foundation I will chair. Not as a figure-head. But daily, actively, with the full power of the Presidency.

I will soon ask Congress for a specific level of funding. And of you, at least that sum. Until Congress appropriates, our Foundation will be funded entirely by private donations. And I am announcing an advisory committee to report to me within thirty days on its structure, membership, and suggested legislation.

"The Points of Light Initiative" will be a strategy center. And act as a clearinghouse for the best ideas, and brightest programs, in community service. It will seek out, and find, successful programs -- the elementary school, for instance, whose students "adopt" a senior citizens' home and visit it regularly; or the consortium where banks, unions, and developers bring decent housing to the homeless. And by repeating their success in other communities, we will spread them across the Nation.

Will Rogers once said: "I love a dog. He does nothing for political reasons." My friends, neither will the "Points of Light Initiative." Too much is at stake.

Our foundation will be bi-partisan: It will ask each governor -- and, through them, the mayors of all municipalities -- to form President's State and local Points of Light Initiating Committees composed of outstanding private-sector leaders. And


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at its core will be our request -- I submit, your obligation --
to donate the services of the talented and the enterprising.

These people -- your employees -- will come from all
institutions: Civic to corporate, union to educational. And
they will act as peer-to-peer counselors: to wit, journalist-to-
journalist, or one clergyman to another [PAUSE] . . . after all,
both professions need prayers to thrive.

Think of it: Through "Points of Light," a lawyer in Chicago
can help a local law firm devise a pro bono program for the low-
income and handicapped. Or in Wilmington, having mentored inner-
city youths, a teacher can suggest to a nearby district which
programs work, and which do not.

We're calling this technical assistance and counseling
network ServNet. And it will work through a variety of forms. 
Each community will be asked to create a "volunteer center":
Here, anyone can learn what volunteer opportunities exist in his
or her locality to help others, and thereby America. And over
time, the Foundation will use technology to link volunteer
supply, and community demand. Imagine, for instance, a service
dubbed ServLink, where you can call a hot-line phone number, and
have that call automatically routed to a staff member of an
existing organization -- the Goodwill or March of Dimes; the
corner YMCA. Moreover, we will ask every bank, credit card
issuer, telephone, and utility company to include in billing and
statement envelopes information about where services are needed.

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Like the Foundation itself, these acts can help individuals -- and the private sector -- lift Americans from the Death Valley of despair. Well, so can yet another constellation of the "Points of Light Initiative": Our intent to find potential leaders of every age in every State and locality. And to train them to devote their talents and energies to national service. And then, to honor those who excel.

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Through the Foundation, I will annually select two college-aged youth from every State as "President's National Service Youth Representatives." They will spend one year traveling their regions as volunteer ambassadors -- urging other kids to get involved. And "Points of Light" will convene youth and regional "Presidential Leadership Forums," uniting young people, educators, and community activists.

From such action will come achievement. And such achievement should be rewarded. We will ask media of every sort to profile the best and the brightest of community service. And our Foundation will also recognize talented community programs and leaders. Specifically, through annual awards for individuals. And the "President's Build A Community Awards" -- honoring "partnerships" which work together to "build" surrogate families and rebuild decaying areas.

A call to action, and to share others' burden. "A thousand points of light." Not another program, or bureaucracy. But a movement -- bold, and unprecedented -- to locate, and repeat,

successful programs. To find, and train, leaders who move their fellow man. And to reward those who do.

All of this will test us as Americans. And challenge us to combat issues like hunger and health care, drug abuse and homelessness. We cannot afford to fail, and won't. For as Americans, we know these things.

We know, for instance, that volunteerism can help those free-falling through society. And that it ranks among the highest planes of patriotism.

We recognize that as Americans, life is measured not by what's in our bank account -- but by holding ourselves to account for the well-being of our community.

We know that as citizens, and institutions, we can use "one-on-one" caring to truly "Love thy neighbor." And that prosperity without purpose means nothing. And we must resolve to carry these beliefs to every person in the land.

Two centuries ago last year, Alexander Hamilton sent a letter urging General Washington to seek the Presidency. He told him: "The point of light in which you stand ^{with} will make an infinite difference in the respectability ~~in~~ which the government will begin its operations."

My friends, national service will work. For it is as honored as our history. National service can make "an infinite difference" in the life of these United States. For "a thousand points" can light the lives of -- how many? -- million citizens.

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I say to you, then: Join up, link hands, and march in our crusade. Today, there is no problem that is not being solved somewhere in America. Through the call to action, and to arms, that is community service, let us keep it so.

Thank you for inviting me, and for this wonderful occasion. God bless you, we need your help, and God bless the United States of America.

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—Alexander Hamilton to George Washington
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find, however (God be thanked), much to laugh at, though little to approve.

MARY WORTLEY MONTAGU: *Letter to James Stuart*, Jan. 13, 1761

What is the life of man? Is it not to shift from side to side — from sorrow to sorrow — to button up one cause of vexation and unbutton another?

LAURENCE STERNE: *Tristram Shandy*, v, 1761

After all, monseigneur, I must live!
I don't see the necessity for it.

The protest was made by a priest accused of publishing libels; the answer was by the Count d'Argenson (1696–1764), one of the ministers of Louis XV

Philosophers there are who try to make themselves believe that this life is happy; but they believe it only while they are saying it, and never yet produced conviction in a single mind.

SAMUEL JOHNSON: *Letter to Hester Thrale*, Sept. 30, 1773

Man lives in the world but once. (Man lebt nur einmal in der Welt.)

J. W. GOETHE: *Clavigo*, I, 1774

Life is the faculty of spontaneous activity, the awareness that we have powers.

IMMANUEL KANT: *Lecture in Königsberg*, 1775

Brother, I have watched men: their insect cares and giant projects — their godlike plans and their mouselike employments — their eager race after happiness; this one trusting to the swiftness of his horse — another to the nose of his ass — a third to his own legs; this checkered lottery of life, on which so many stake their innocence and Heaven to snatch a prize, and — blanks are all they draw; for they find to their disappointment that there was no prize in the wheel.

J. C. F. SCHILLER: *The Robbers*, III, 1781

A painful passage o'er a restless flood,
A vain pursuit of fugitive false good,
A sense of fancied bliss and heartfelt care,
Closing at last in darkness and despair.

WILLIAM COWPER: *Hope*, 1782

Men deal with life as children with their play,
Who first misuse, then cast their toys away.

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What is life, I ask myself, is it a gracious gift?
No, it is too bitter; a gift means something valuable conferred, but life appears to be a mere accident, and of the worst kind: we are born to be victims of diseases and passions, of mischances and death.

ST. JOHN DE CRÉVECOEUR: *Letters from an American Farmer*, XII, 1782

Life, as Cowley seems to say, ought to resemble a well-ordered poem; of which one

rule generally received is, that the exordium should be simple, and should promise little.

SAMUEL JOHNSON: *Boswell's Life*, Sept. 7, 1782

Life is not measured by the time we live.

GEORGE CRABBE: *The Village*, II, 1783

Thus we build on the ice, thus we write on the waves of the sea; the roaring waves pass away, the ice melts, and away goes our palace, like our thoughts.

J. C. VON HERDER: *Ideen zur Philosophie der Geschichte der Menschheit*, II, 1784

Life is all a variorum.

ROBERT BURNS: *The Jolly Beggars*, 1785

The art of life is the art of avoiding pain.

THOMAS JEFFERSON: *Letter to Mrs. Cosway*, 1786

A useless life is an early death.

J. W. GOETHE: *Iphigenia auf Tauris*, I, 1787

Life is still beautiful. (Das Leben ist doch schön.)

J. C. F. SCHILLER: *Don Carlos*, IV, 1787

Life is but a day at most.

ROBERT BURNS: *Lines Written in Friars' Carse Hermitage*, 1788

Were it offered to my choice, I should have no objection to a repetition of the same life from its beginning, only asking the advantages authors have in a second edition to correct some faults of the first.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: *Autobiography*, 1798

The dreary intercourse of daily life.

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH: *Tintern Abbey*, 1798

Every man has a rainy corner in his life.

JEAN PAUL RICHTER: *Titan*, 1803

Life is not the supreme good.

J. C. F. SCHILLER: *Die Braut von Messina*, 1803

Life is but a day:

A fragile dewdrop on its perilous way
From a tree's summit.

JOHN KEATS: *Sleep and Poetry*, 1817

We wither from our youth, we gasp away —
Sick — sick; unfound the boon, unslaked the thirst.

Though to the last, in verge of our decay,
Some phantom lures, such as we sought at first —

But all too late, — so are we doubly curst.

BYRON: *Childe Harold*, IV, 1818

What a bore life is! What a cross!

NAPOLEON I: *To Gaspard Gourgaud at St. Helena*, Jan. 16, 1818

The painted veil which those who live
Call life.

P. B. SHELLEY: *Sonnet*, 1818

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At Weber State College in Utah he spoke of youth and dissent: The youthfulness I speak of is not a time of life but a state of mind, a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over love of ease. . . . It does not accept the failures of today as a reason for the cruelties of tomorrow. It believes that one man can make a difference -- and that men of goodwill, working together, can grasp the future and mold it to our will.

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At Miami State College in north he spoke of youth and the youthfulness of the American people. . . . It does not accept the narrow perspective of today as a reason for the cruelties of tomorrow. It believes that one man can make a difference -- and that men of goodwill, working together, can grasp the future and mold it to our will.

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the world has ever known. This nation -- our nation -- has a food-producing capacity unrivaled in the history of the world. Yet, in the midst of our great affluence, children -- American children -- are hungry, some to the point where their minds and bodies are damaged beyond repair. . . . There are, conservatively, at least 10 million Americans suffering from hunger and malnutrition. This need not be the case. It must not be the case. If we cannot feed the children of our nation, there is very little we will be able to succeed in doing to live up to the principles that our founders set out nearly 200 years ago.

At a nighttime rally in Indianapolis on April 4, he gave his followers the news of Martin Luther King's assassination: What we need in the United States is not division; what we need in the United States is not hatred; what we need in the United States is not violence or lawlessness, but love and wisdom, and compassion toward one another, and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country, whether they be white or black.

In Indianapolis he proposed job retraining: As the pace of change increases, it has been estimated that the average American worker, now in his thirties, may have to change occupations two or three times in order to stay employed during the rest of his working life. . . . To meet this challenge, we have to give those now on the job opportunities equal to those who will be joining the labor force in the future.

Government training programs should concentrate not just on the jobless but also on upgrading the skills of those already at work.

On May 21 he spoke in San Francisco at a press luncheon about the "new politics": It is clear by now that 1968 will go down as the year the new politics of the next decade or more began. It is the year when the existing political wisdom has proved unable to cope with the turbulence of our times. . . .

What we do need . . . and what 1968 must bring, is a better liberalism and a better conservatism. We need a liberalism, in its wish to do good, that yet recognizes the limits to rhetoric and American power abroad; that knows the answer to all problems is not spending money. . . . We need a conservatism, in its wish to preserve the enduring values of the American society, that yet recognizes the urgent need to bring opportunity to all citizens, that is willing to take action to meet the needs of the future.

To students at Eastern Oregon College he proposed political participation: It is easy to sit in an office and design a policy; it is much harder to go out and talk with the people, discussing with them their hopes and their plans, and shape programs to meet those needs. But that is the kind of effort we are going to make if I am the next President -- traveling among you, talking not just to you but with you, offering our help and asking your advice so that the policy we make is policy you have helped to shape. For I think you want that kind of leadership in America.

On May 29, a week before the California primary, at an airport press conference in L.A., he restated his reasons for entering the campaign: The Preamble to the Constitution called upon the new nation to form a more perfect union, establish justice and insure domestic tranquility, to promote the general welfare and to provide the blessings of liberty for ourselves and for our posterity. . . .

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These are as much our goals today as they were 200 years ago. We can only restore those ancient values through imagination and ideas designed to suit the conditions of our future. This is what our Founding Fathers believed when they said our liberty needs to be freshly restored in every generation, and that is just what I am trying to do.

Shortly after midnight on June 5, after winning the California primary, he spoke to cheering supporters in the Ambassador Hotel ballroom. It would be the final speech of his campaign: What I think is quite clear is . . . what has been going on within the United States over a period of the last three years -- the division, the violence, the disenchantment with our society; the divisions, whether it's between blacks and whites, between the poor and the more affluent, or between age groups or on the war in Vietnam -- is that we can start to work together. We are a great country, an unselfish country and a compassionate country. I intend to make that my basis for running.

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Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen. I appreciate your generous reception. And let me salute that magnificent film. It was a moving call to action.

It is a pleasure, as always, to be back in Barbara's home State. And in a city that has been described as "the noblest of the American symbols" and, yes, "the capital of the world."

And let me also add that it is indeed an honor to address the members of the New York Partnership and the Association for a Better New York. For already, you have enriched fields from business and labor to education and the media. We meet today to go still further: To join hands, and link hearts, to light the American sky.

I begin with a single, simple statement: There is no problem in America that is not being solved somewhere. [PAUSE] .

. . There is no problem in America that is not being solved somewhere [PAUSE] . . . Think of that.

I have just come from a place which embodies that statement -- Covenant House -- a mirror of how, as Lincoln said, we can "bind up the Nation's wounds."

Twenty-two years ago, having moved to the East Village of New York to help the urban poor, Father Bruce Ritter opened his

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door one night to see six children. Amazingly, in a land as rich as ours, they were asking for a place to stay.

As word spread, every night young people of every race and creed came to this small apartment. And eventually, Father Ritter founded Covenant House to provide a shelter for abandoned and runaway kids.

I urge you to visit Covenant House. And others like it -- in Alabama, in Chicago, on the farmlands of Ohio. For there you will find the quiet Americans, the selfless Americans, giving of their time and of themselves.

Last year, such Americans contributed an estimated 19.5 billion volunteer hours. They work at day-care centers, inner-city schools, homes for the elderly. Anywhere there is a need. Anytime they are needed. Volunteers make a difference in the lives of those for whom the American Dream seems an Impossible Dream.

Already, this involvement -- what we term national, or community, service -- has helped countless Americans find self-respect and dignity. Today, America is prosperous and at peace. Even so, many of those who have secured material success know there must be something else: The opportunity to do good.

These Americans know the job is far from complete. For another group of Americans still endures a living nightmare of want and isolation. That must stop. Ladies and gentlemen: We must bring in those who feel unwelcome. We must reawaken their hope for the future.

But how?

We know that government can't rebuild a family, or reclaim a sense of neighborhood. We know that government can't buy understanding and love. We know that during the past two decades we have spent more money, on more social programs, than at any time in our history. And some problems aren't better. In fact, they're worse.

Most Americans realize that. They know that the key to constructive change is building relationships, not bureaucracies. And they know that those who say, "It's government's problem," are really part of the problem themselves.

My friends, all my life I've believed that government could not substitute for "do unto others." Barbara and I tried to do our small part. In Midland, with the YMCA and United Way. I remember digging ditches for a Little League ball field, helping to build a theatre. And dating back to my days at Yale, a cause I love: Raising funds for the United Negro College Fund.

Like so many others, I found joy and a sense of inner peace in helping others. For I was also fulfilling myself. Learning that we are not what we drive, or where we live, or what kind of clothes we wear. Rather, I learned that America is great because America is good.

These beliefs are beyond any individual, for they are timeless. Today, more than ever, we need community service to help drop-outs, pregnant teens, and drug abusers. The homeless and AIDS victims. The hungry and illiterate. Often

disadvantaged as their communities disintegrate around them, they become disconnected from society.

Our challenge, then, is to raise their spirits and their expectations, and we must. Not by more government -- but by more caring. Not by more programs -- but by more people. And by engaging each citizen, school and business, church and synagogue, service organization and civic group. In this room sit some of the most successful people in America. Well, to you I say: A life of ease is a life without reward. From now on, the definition of a successful life must include serving others.

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My friends, these "thousand points of light" can extend national service into every corner of America. By asking that all branches and all levels of government -- and both sectors, public and private -- enlist in our crusade.

I am here today to outline that crusade. First: A call to action, and to share others' burdens. Next: A catalyst to energize "a thousand points of light." Finally: An initiative to find, and train, leaders to help their fellow man. And to reward those who do. Let's be clear about one thing, though --

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this is not a program, or another bureaucracy. It is a movement -- bold, and unprecedented.

First, our call to action, and, even more, to claim society's problems as our own. Our call is individual, and collective. And it begins this afternoon, with you.

Today, I ask leaders of Congress, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and each State and municipality to devise programs which involve themselves and their employees in community service. I commend all business leaders who promote and reward volunteerism. I ask non-profit and service groups to open your doors to all those who want to help, irrespective of age, background, or level of experience. And leaders of high schools and colleges, respectively -- I thank those of you who promote volunteerism through curricula, and as a criteria for admittance.

But there's more. To every corporation, large and small, I say: Begin a literacy program that teaches each employee how to read. And to every member of a body of higher learning: Start a Big Brother or Big Sister program for kids in your neighborhood. Of every church and synagogue, I ask: Become an around-the-clock community center. And of every restaurant and grocery store: Distribute surplus food to soup kitchens and local shelters.

And to the youth of America, I issue a special appeal.

Today, as part of our call to action, I propose the YES Initiative -- or "Youth Engaged in Service" to America. I challenge every young American to fight against self-absorption.

And to emulate those leaders who have shown that there is no problem in America that is not being solved somewhere.

Leaders like Sean Fox, 20, who began the Toledo Community Food Bank to feed the hungry of his town. Or Eileen Cole, 17, of Washington, D.C., who works as a candy striper and aid to a cerebral palsy patient. Or Carissa Griesinger of Florida, a former drug user and seller, who now, at 15, devotes hours each week to counseling troubled teenagers and tutoring handicapped children.

These young leaders know that what we are matters more than what we have. And they can help reach three of our movement's goals. First: By 1992, we want to double the number of kids engaged in volunteerism. Second: We want to double the number of adults involved in youth mentoring projects. And, third: We want to triple the number of institutions engaged in youth development through community service.

Yesterday, on the South Lawn of the White House, we held a kickoff rally for the "Yes" Initiative, attended by thousands of kids -- some of those points of light I like to talk about. And their presence reminded me of the saying, "Life is not a state of time -- life is a state of mind." So is our call to volunteerism. Does it summon the young, and old? You bet. Will Americans listen to that call? I believe they will. The poet Emerson once said, "The greatest gift is a portion of thyself." Well, today, across our fifty States, groups, and individuals are giving of, not to, themselves.

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In Gaston County, North Carolina, where one out of five adults is illiterate, Olna Daves has founded a Literacy Council. And in Tucson, Kathleen Clark runs a nursery for up to 150 abused children per month. In Mississippi, Dr. Anne Brooks set up practice in an indigent Delta town. Her care is, literally, priceless -- many patients can't afford to pay.

Americans like these are missionaries, and they are heroes. Our mission is to achieve, nationally, what they are doing, locally. To complete it will require a catalyst. And I am proud to announce it now: A new effort to identify volunteer programs that work -- and carry them to America.

We call this catalyst the "Points of Light Initiative" -- and it includes a Foundation I will lead. Not as a figure-head. But daily, actively, with the full power of the Presidency.

I will soon ask Congress for funds to support this Initiative, with matching funds from the private sector. But I will also name an advisory committee to get the ball rolling while we await Congressional action.

"The Points of Light Initiative" will be a strategy center and a clearinghouse for volunteerism's best ideas, and brightest programs. It will seek out, and find, successful efforts --the elementary school, for instance, whose students "adopt" a senior citizens' home and visit it regularly; or the consortium where banks, unions, and developers bring decent housing to the homeless. And by bringing success stories to other communities, we will spread them across the Nation.

Our foundation will be bi-partisan: It will ask each governor -- and, through them, the mayors of all municipalities -- to form State and local Points of Light working groups composed of outstanding private sector leaders. And, at its core, will be our request -- I submit, your obligation -- to donate the services of the talented and the enterprising.

These people -- your employees -- will come from all institutions: Civic to corporate, union to educational. And they will act as peer-to-peer counselors: to wit, journalist-to-journalist, or one clergyman to another [PAUSE] . . . after all, both professions need prayers to thrive.

Think of it: Through "Points of Light," a lawyer in Chicago can help another local law firm devise a pro bono program for the low-income and handicapped. Or in Wilmington, an experienced mentor can help show a nearby district what works, and what doesn't.

This technical assistance and counseling network will work through a variety of forms. And over time, the Foundation will use technology to link volunteer supply, and community demand. Imagine, for instance, a service where you can call a hot-line phone number, and have that call automatically routed to a staff member of an existing organization -- the Goodwill or March of Dimes; the corner YMCA.

Like the Foundation itself, these acts can help individuals -- and institutions -- lift Americans from despair. Well, so can yet another constellation in "a thousand points of light": Our

initiative to find potential leaders of every age in every State and locality. And to train them to devote their talents and energies to national service. And then, to honor those who excel.

Through the Foundation, I will annually select two college-aged youth from every State as "President's National Service Youth Representatives." They will spend one year traveling their regions as volunteer ambassadors -- urging other kids to get involved. And "Points of Light" will convene youth and regional "Presidential Leadership Forums," uniting young people, educators, and community activists.

From such action will come achievement. And such achievement should be rewarded. We will ask media of every sort to profile volunteerism's brightest stars. And our Foundation will also recognize excellent community programs and leaders. Specifically, through the "President's National Service Youth Leadership Awards" -- given each year to individuals. And the "President's Build A Community Awards" -- honoring "partnerships" which work together to "build" surrogate families and rebuild decaying areas.

Yes, a call to action, and to share others' burdens. "A thousand points of light." An initiative to develop the leaders of tomorrow. Not a program, or another bureaucracy. But a movement -- bold, unprecedented.

All of this will test us as Americans. And challenge us to combat problems like hunger and disease, drug abuse and

homelessness. We cannot afford to fail, and won't. For as Americans, we know what is at stake.

We know, for instance, that volunteerism can help those free-falling through society. And that it ranks among the highest planes of patriotism.

We recognize that as Americans, life is measured not by the sum of our possessions -- but by the sum of how we conduct ourselves.

We know that as citizens, and institutions, we can use "one-on-one" caring to truly "love thy neighbor." And that prosperity without purpose means nothing. And we must resolve to carry these beliefs to every person in the land.

Two centuries ago last year, Alexander Hamilton sent a letter urging General Washington to seek the Presidency. He wrote him: "The point of light in which you stand will make an infinite difference in the respectability in which the government will begin its operations."

My friends, national service will work. For it is as honored as our history. National service can make "an infinite difference" in the life of these United States. For "a thousand points" can light the lives of a people, and a Nation.

I say to you, then: Join up, link hands, and march in our crusade. Today, there is no problem that is not being solved somewhere in America.

God bless you -- we need your help, and God bless the United States of America.

HUMAN SERVICES

Covenant House Volunteers
New York, NY

Covenant House was founded in 1968 by Father Bruce Ritter to provide a shelter for abandoned and runaway children in New York. Father Ritter had moved to the East Village in New York to work with the urban poor and in February, six children appeared at his door asking for a place to stay. Word spread and every night young people came to his small apartment. With little funding and mainly volunteer support, Father Ritter obtained the license to operate Covenant House as a home for children in 1972. In 1977, the first crisis center was opened in Times Square.

Today, Covenant House offers shelter to 25,000 kids every year. The program now offers five basic services. Crisis care includes filling immediate basic human needs such as food, clothing, a shower and necessary medical attention. Shelter is available to children trying to escape from life on the streets. Value communication involves teaching, by example, that the values of life on the street are not really values; rather that wholesome relationships are based on trust, respect and honesty. The program also offers important structure to the lives of the children and the opportunity to make a choice about their own future.

In order to reach more kids on the street, the program operates van outreaches that serve hot meals and direct support and a call-in radio program, "Family Talk from Covenant House" that allows staff to talk to kids who may be considering running away. Covenant House also operates a 24-hour national toll free hotline that provides advice, referrals and support for troubled parents and teens.

Covenant House involves volunteers both in direct child care and in non-child care. Non-child care volunteers basically do clerical and program support work and are eligible for work following the completion of a volunteer job application form, an interview and reference check. Those volunteers who work directly with the kids must be at least 23 years old, have their references checked, spend time with experienced volunteers observing the house and the residents, and undergo a training program which includes two evening sessions and a full day during a weekend.

Volunteers assist counselors on the floor, serve meals and snacks, work in the gymnasium recreation program, staff the lounge, tutor in the library, provide escorts and offer the flexibility to do whatever needs to be done at any given time they are on duty. Other volunteers raise funds and speak to community groups about Covenant House.

Covenant House involves approximately 300 volunteers a month. In the last fiscal year, volunteers contributed over 44,000 hours of services valued at over \$350,000. There are now Covenant Houses operating in New York, Houston, Ft. Lauderdale, New Orleans and Toronto, Canada. Funding comes largely from individual contributions.

ORGANIZATION MASTER LIST ENTRY FORM

To enter an organization on the Master Database, please complete this form.

Identification

Organization: Covenant House

Address: Locations: Toronto, NYC, Anchorage, Ft. Lauderdale, New Orleans, HOUSTON

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (25) _____ Phone: (305) 561-5559
Ft. Lauderdale

Director: ^{FATHER:} Lonice Ri Her

Contact: FLA: Karen Fortner

Briefly, describe what this organization does.

Short-term crisis center for runaway + homeless youth.

Available to youths under 21 including young mothers +

babies, 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week, 365 days/year.

Classification

Organization Type: (Check one)

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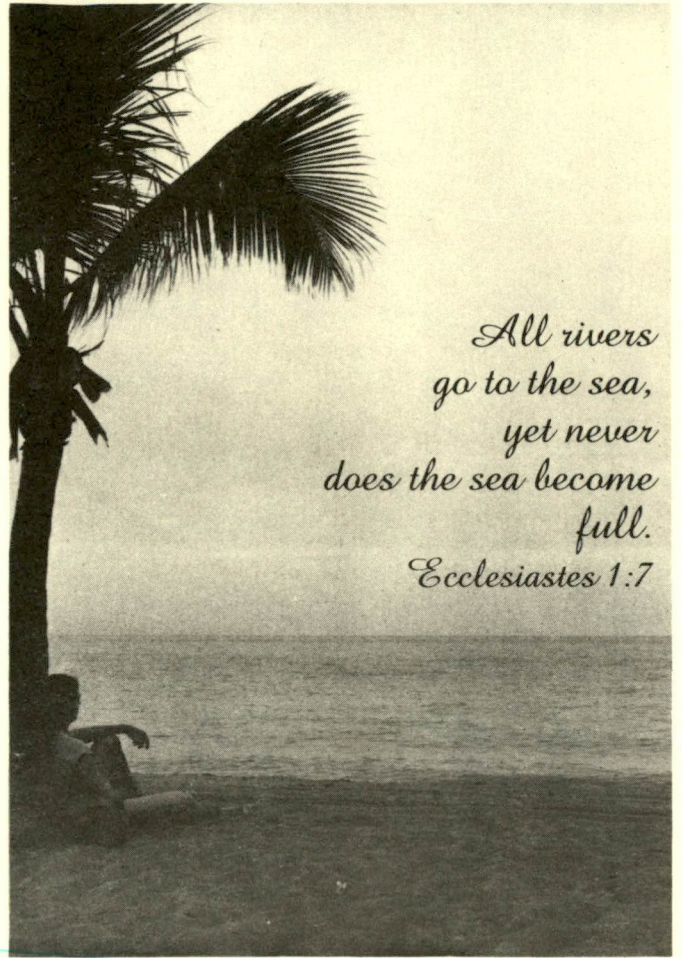
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Regardless of how many runaway and homeless youth who seek shelter, counseling, and caring, Covenant House/Ft. Lauderdale is never too full to accept a youth in crisis. An international, not-for-profit agency, Covenant House also provides for kids in New York, Houston, Toronto, and Antigua, and advocates for youth everywhere through legislative and judicial cooperation and through United Nations' consultative status.



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*All rivers
go to the sea,
yet never
does the sea become
full.
Ecclesiastes 1:7*

Covenant House - Ft. Lauderdale

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Dear Peggy,

Enclosed is the Annual Report that you requested.

I look forward to meeting you when you are in the Fort Lauderdale area.

Sincerely,
Karin Fortner

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Dear Peggy:

Thank you for your interest in our program and our kids.

Covenant House Florida is a short-term crisis-intervention center for runaway and homeless youth. Open intake, our hallmark, means that no matter how full or over-full we are, we will not turn away a youth initially seeking our help. We're available to youths under 21--male or female, including young mothers and their babies--24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Covenant House meets their basic needs--wholesome food, a hot shower, clean clothing, medical attention, a safe place to sleep--immediately. Then, individual counseling leads to family reunification, another appropriate home or program, or for older youth, independent living. Since opening in September 1985, Covenant House Florida has helped over 6,800 youths, approximately half from Southeast Florida, the rest from all over the state and country.

We offer: (1) pre-residential supports such as outreach, food, clothing, overnight shelter, and referrals; (2) residential care for a current average of 142 kids a day with services including needs assessment, health assessment, case management, individual, group, and family therapy, G.E.D. preparatory classes, substance abuse assessment and treatment through referral or for older adolescents through C.H.A.M.P. (Covenant House Addictions Management Project), Narcotics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous; and (3) aftercare for an average of 36 kids daily with services including counseling, referrals, and emergency assistance for kids who need extended or periodic help and structured group and individualized follow-up for pregnant and parenting teens.

Our Ft. Lauderdale center is a short-term solution for kids in crisis, but too many of our older kids have long-term problems that trap them between dead-end streets and dead-end jobs. We believe every youth has the "right" to "pass" from childhood to adulthood with a stable home, education or vocational training, and guidance. We recently opened our first Rights of Passage home for up to sixteen older boys, 18-20 years old, who have made significant progress in our crisis care program. The home is located in Davie near colleges, vocational schools, and employment opportunities. Each youth in the 18-month transitional living program is studying toward his chosen career, and participating in individual and group therapy, substance abuse prevention counseling, and practical life-management experiences in meal planning, cooking, laundry, housekeeping, and groundskeeping.

Covenant House Florida, a primarily-privately-funded, not-for-profit agency, is part of an international youth-care agency with other centers in New York, Houston, New Orleans, Toronto, Anchorage, and several cities in four Central American countries. Also, Covenant House's national toll-free help line called Nineline--1-800-999-9999--counsels troubled kids and families 24 hours a day. Together, we are committed to reaching out to kids in crisis.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to tour our center when you come to Ft. Lauderdale. I will be sending you additional information under separate cover.

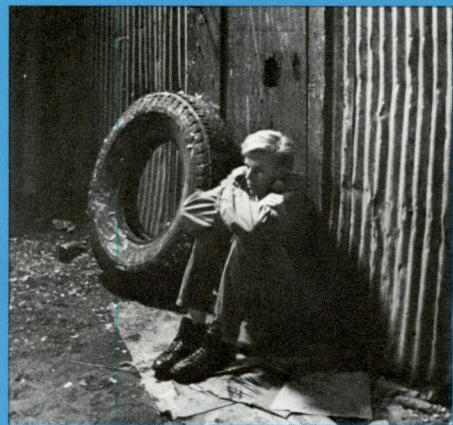
Sincerely,



Karen Fortner
Community Relations Coordinator

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**OFF THE STREETS
ON WITH THEIR LIVES**



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1988

Annual Report



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MESSAGE FROM FR. BRUCE



“After 20 years our credo has not changed: kids should not be bought and sold, they should not be exploited, it should not be unspeakably dangerous for kids to be alone and homeless on the streets of our cities.”

Fr. Bruce

Does anybody ever really read Annual Reports? This idle and dangerous thought assailed me as I sat safely anchored in seat 9H aboard Pan Am flight #91 from Zurich out of Vienna where I spoke to an International Congress on the Family.

Twenty years ago, with the apprehensive yet willing acquiescence of its occupant, six kids took over the apartment of a doubt-filled Franciscan . . .

Twenty years is an anniversary of sorts, worth commemorating, not so much because two decades have passed but because of what has happened and not happened to more than 100,000 street kids who came to us and who were taken into residence since 1968.

Anniversaries are also a time to make promises to the future: to the 25,000 homeless and often abused and exploited kids who will come to Covenant House this year and hesitantly ask for help. And to the tens of thousands of others who will follow them. Not one will be turned away.

We make that statement simply and proudly, but in practice its realization is infinitely complex, the collective achievement of hundreds of thousands of people who love them.

Off the Streets, On With Their Lives is an unromantic even prosaic title for an Annual Report. It nonetheless accurately describes the real work of Covenant House. **On with their lives!** Happy, productive, useful,

fulfilling, ordinary lives.

After 20 years I think we may say that Covenant House has succeeded in developing the basic formula, a program that can transform the lives of tens of thousands of street kids — because of God and because of you.

God’s work is a mysterious alchemy of our mutual unrelenting efforts together. It begins in our crisis centers where no kid is ever turned away — it ends, if it ever does, when our ropers (that’s what kids call our Rights of Passage residents) finally look forward, not backward, and dare to believe that they have a right to be happy and productive.

In 20 years Covenant House has become one of the major institutions in the world dedicated to the rescue and care of urban nomads — a phrase I coined in 1968 to describe the kids coming in my front door. We call them street kids now and the reason the United States is awakening to their existence and their suffering is in no small measure due to Covenant House.

Tragically, many, like patients who come too late to the emergency rooms of our urban hospitals, are already too traumatized, too wounded, too sick to be helped even by the best services available in our modern professionally staffed trauma centers that we simply call Covenant House, although many thousands are restored to health and to life.

After 20 years our credo has not changed: kids should not be bought and sold, they should not be exploited, it should not be unspeakably dangerous for kids to be alone and homeless on the streets of our cities.

Our basic conviction that kids must be loved unconditionally and respected absolutely has not changed, or our commitment to change the systems that have almost institutionalized the abuse and oppression of children in our society.

Our methods, our programs certainly have changed. Our national hotline, the Nineline, is almost as revolutionary in its scope as it is dramatic in its simplicity: if you’re a kid in trouble or a parent in pain or doubt just call 1 (800) 999-9999 and we will try to help. Over one million people called in the first year.

Our newest commitment is to the thousands of American street kids with AIDS. A special clinic and a special residential program to serve them will open by Christmas.

This year we expect more than a thousand kids to come to Covenant House who will test positive for the HIV virus, already have symptoms of ARC (pre-AIDS) or have full-blown cases of AIDS. They are also homeless, familyless and scared to death.

Something else has changed, and that is our ability to survive controversy and to grow from it — to directly mold the tensions and pain of public issue antagonisms for higher purposes. Twenty years has made Covenant House much more politically street wise in an arena larger, bloodier and infinitely more complex than the simple realities of cooking, cleaning and laundering for six street kids on the Lower East Side.

(Thomas Aquinas once said that only God is simple; the works of man become ever more complex as they become more perfect. Thomas was not praising bureaucrats!)

The promises to the future? My crystal ball is pretty cloudy and I can find no answers in wistful stargazing. Some growth — and change — is clearly inevitable and consistent with our history:

First, more of the same. More crisis programs in the United States to help more street kids move into a safer more humane environment — and more of our Rights of Passage centers, our long term educational and vocational residences to continue and complete the rehabilitation process.

Second, we must place more emphasis on reflective analysis and research. Because of its unique and incomparable data base Covenant House should be one of the country's foremost research sites, a laboratory for the study of urban nomadism, the rise of a permanent American underclass, the explosive disintegration of minority families and a host of other maladies afflicting our society.

At a time when traditional child welfare systems both public and private flounder helplessly under the onslaught of seemingly hopeless waves of needy children it is possible, and indeed imperative, to develop

those new responses that will fit our new problems.

Third: Advocacy! In every feasible arena, to guarantee the rights and protection of children from the ugliest kinds of sexual exploitation in a society that at times cruelly ignores the suffering of its children.

Fourth, it is possible now to think of greater expansion of our Central American programs and to extend our efforts to South America — or perhaps to begin planning for programs in Pacific rim countries. The need is as compelling as it is endless.

Fifth, and in some ways most important of all, it is time to plan for and address seriously the what-happens-when-Bruce-is-dead question. A newly established planning committee of our national Board of Directors will do exactly that. (Let me hasten to add that my health is just fine and that I seem to be quite recovered from my bout with cancer.)

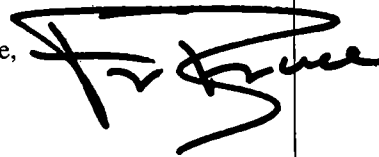
The role of the Church is inseparable from and always central to the work of Covenant House. By Church I mean not only that Church to which I gratefully give faith and allegiance, but also that Church of all believers in the provident, loving and saving God who is the object of our faith and obedience and love.

In Covenant House the care and love and protection of children is not a secular occupation!

When all is said and done, however, 25,000 kids a year, a budget of 60 million, a staff of 1,400 and endless opportunities to help even more kids are always reduced to and return to that absurd moment 20 years ago when, on a cold snowy night at two in the morning, six kids knocked on a door of an East Village apartment and gave us all a chance to love them. . .

"I have made a Covenant with you. I love you and you are mine."

Peace,



Fr. Bruce Ritter, OFM, Conv.



Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.) program for teen mothers and has already increased her reading scores six grade levels, an achievement she's very proud of. She also works in a boutique part-time, learning practical business skills.

This fall, Julie will take classes in pattern making at the Fashion Institute of Technology, where she plans to get a degree in design. From the encouragement and example of her mentor Rosea, a banking executive, Julie feels confident about her future.

She notes how the program provides a great foundation for her son's future, too. With the daycare services at Rights, she gets the chance she needs to study and work. "My biggest fear about my little boy's well-being during the day just disappeared when I came here. I know he's in good hands, which gives me great peace of mind. And this program also gives him a family, with lots of brothers and sisters. We're both very happy here."

Joey's story

When Joey first came to Covenant House New Orleans, it was difficult to believe he was going to make it. It was as though he was dead inside, reliving past nightmares and deciding whether or not it was worth the effort to live.

Joey's family — mother and sisters and brothers — were frequently evicted. They never stayed in one place more than a few months. The strain of transience, poverty, and chronic unemployment often erupted in violence.

One day, she went too far, and was arrested for abusing Joey's youngest sister in public. It was almost as if she wanted to be sent away, far away from the opportunity to hurt her kids. Joey hasn't seen his mother since.

The younger kids became wards of the state, but Joey made sure that the state didn't catch up with him. After all, he was fourteen, and figured he could take care of himself. He'd been doing just that all his life.

Joey ended up on the street, where he discovered drugs were the easiest way to forget about his overwhelming problems. When he woke up in a hospital one day,

Joey realized he could either get off drugs or wind up dead.

Trying to convince kids like Joey that they are worthwhile, after the street has beaten the self-esteem out of them, is extremely difficult. But that's what our Rights of Passage program is all about.

Day by day, Joey made small definitive steps towards positive goals. He surprises us every day with his tenacity and willingness to keep going along the road to self-esteem and a positive future.

In the Rights program, residents save 60 percent of their income and pay 20 percent for room and board. Joey is always first in line with his rent. He works, goes to school, cooks, cleans and attends special tutoring sessions. He's an incredible kid.

Our hopes for Joey are ambitious, and we are helping him out with his educational and vocational goals. But the biggest hurdle has to be overcome by Joey — to finally believe in himself.

Russ' story

"When I didn't have any money, I slept in abandoned buildings. I had to be hard, tough. I was always on edge. I turned to dealing drugs to make money to survive. I started making good money, but spent a lot of it on drugs for myself."

Russ had been on his own since he was 13. His mother died when he was 8, his father when he was 13. He wound up on the streets of Fort Lauderdale.

"I didn't like selling drugs, and I didn't like what was happening to me and my friends," says Russ, now in his late teens, tall and handsome. "Finally, eight of us came in off the streets and showed up at Covenant House."

On his first day at Covenant House, Russ got a job. He began saving money to share an apartment with a friend. After they left Covenant House, Russ continued working, but his roommate got back into crack.

"Boom — it was like I watched him fall apart," said Russ. "I'd come home and he'd be in the closet smoking a rock. He got so paranoid he wouldn't talk to me, and one





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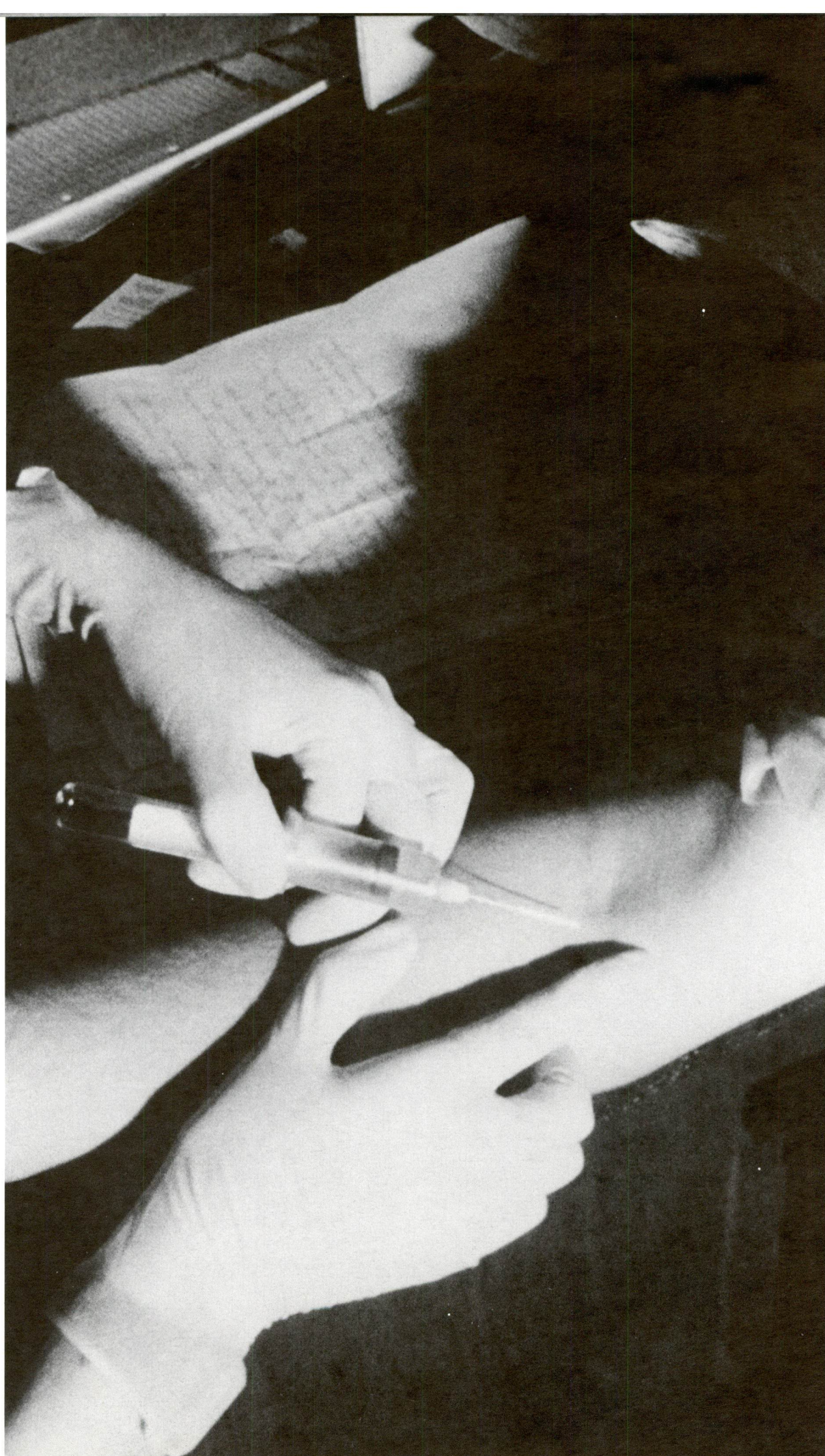
It's a cold, cruel fact that there will be a lot more kids like Robert coming to us for help.

"He never really had a chance," said Dr. Jim Kennedy, our medical director. "I mean, Robert lived in a garbage dumpster--it was his home. Who knows what kind of infections he picked up. He didn't exactly live a normal life with three square meals a day and sleep eight hours a night in a bed.

"Street kids are a high-risk group," says Dr. Kennedy. "And the AIDS virus can incubate for up to five years. What that means is we have a whole lot of time-bombs at our Covenant House centers waiting to go off. If we don't start planning now, they'll literally be dying on our doorstep."

Covenant House has developed a three-fold program designed to deal with this crisis:

— A special 26-bed residential floor will be built





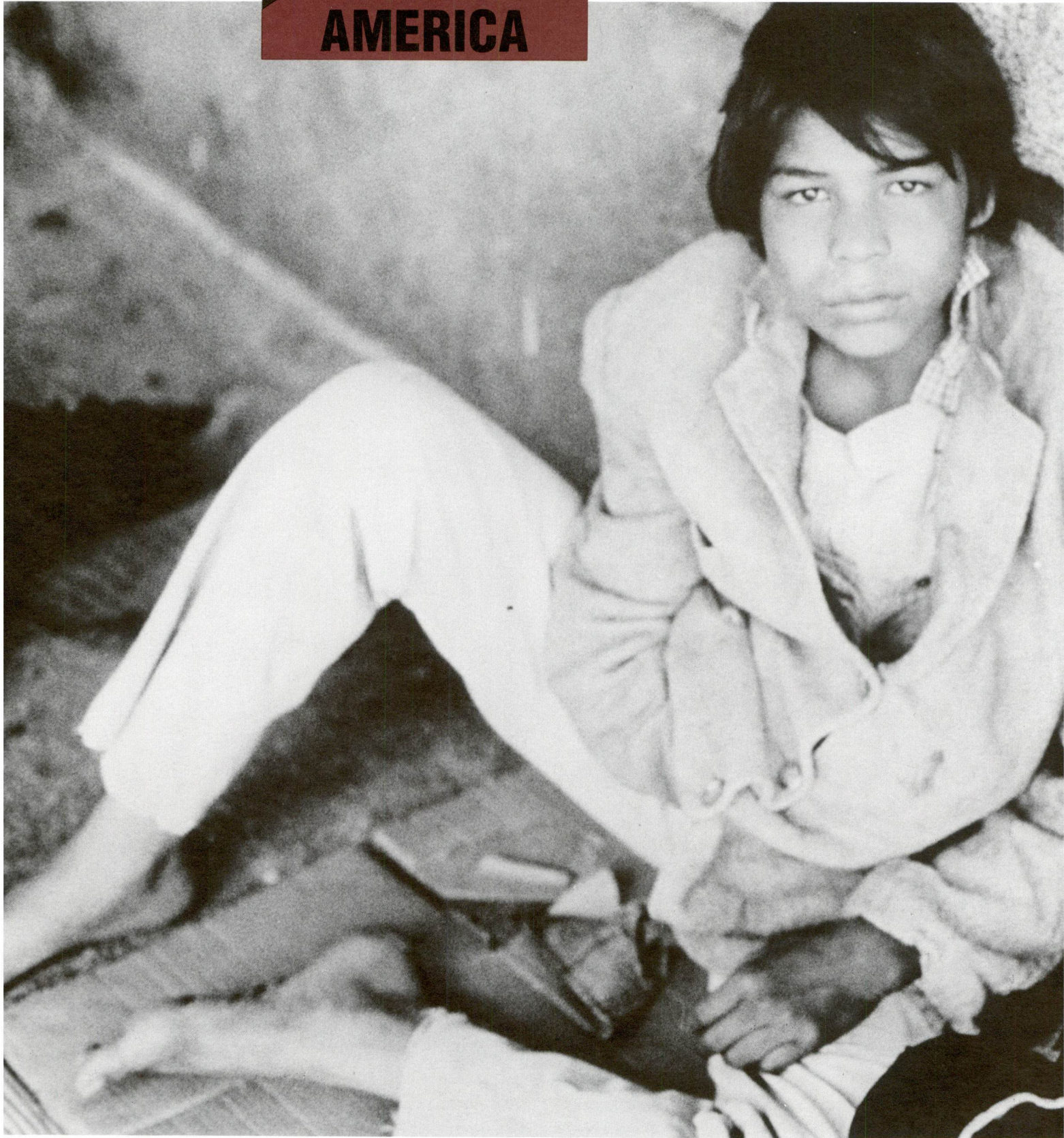
for adolescents with AIDS and AIDS-related diseases. On this "Special Needs Unit" residents will receive a broad range of services, from medical to vocational to psychological.

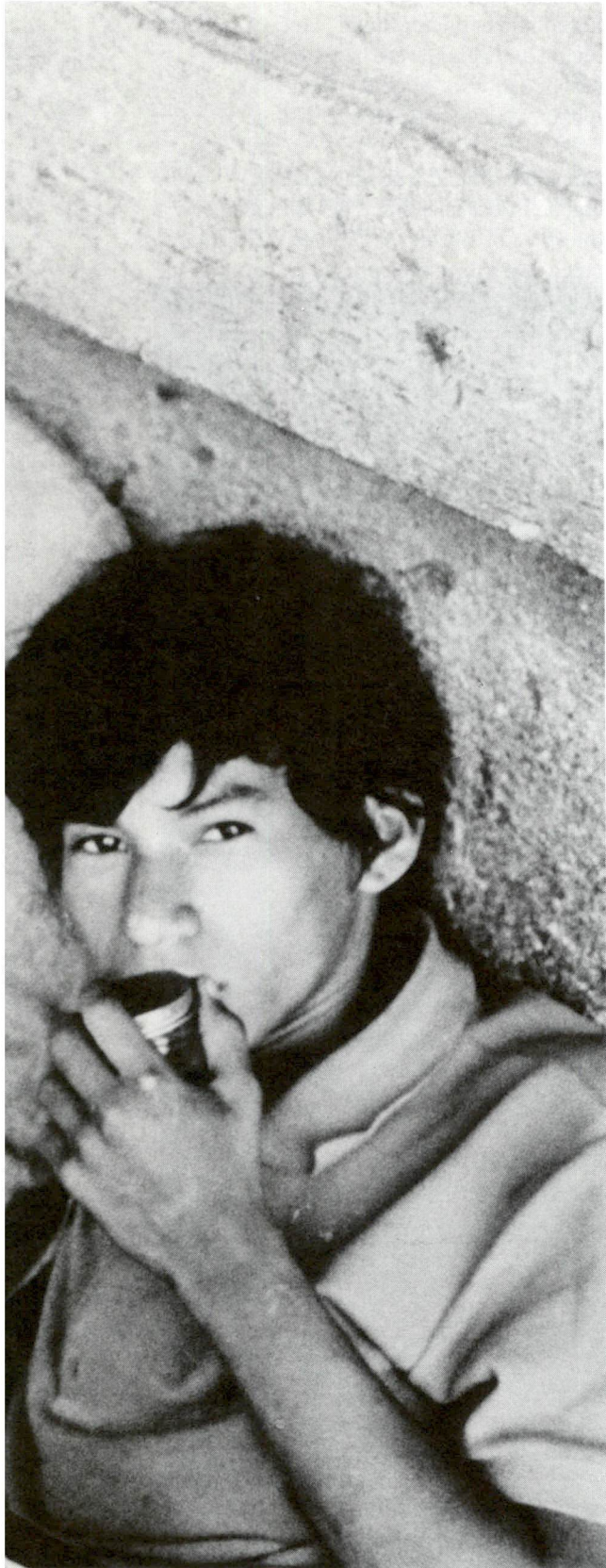
— Our current AIDS Education and Prevention program will be greatly increased to provide many more residents and staff with AIDS information through counseling, workshops and educational events.

— The size and staffing of our clinic will be expanded to provide the necessary services for the AIDS Unit and all residents. Target date for the opening of this program is December, 1988.



**CENTRAL
AMERICA**





Their third-world shacks are made of cardboard, plastic, or termite infested scrap-wood. Their small bodies have been malnourished since birth. Diseases that are curable for people with money rob them of their health. Many are left to fend for themselves on the streets.

They are the children of Central America, and Covenant House is bringing hope and a future to them in Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, and Mexico.

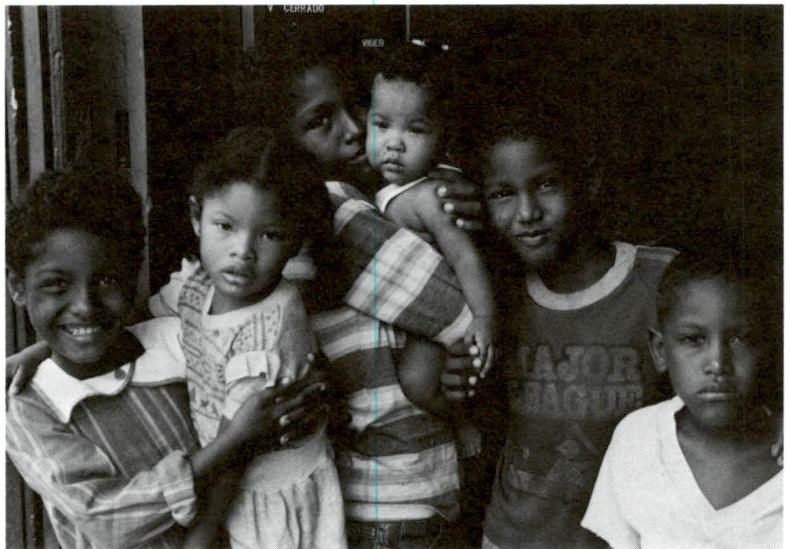
Twenty-six Covenant House programs in three languages care for the orphaned, abandoned, handicapped, malnourished, ill and uneducated in Central America. These programs were born from the very same love that motivated Father Bruce to open his door to those first six kids 20 years ago.

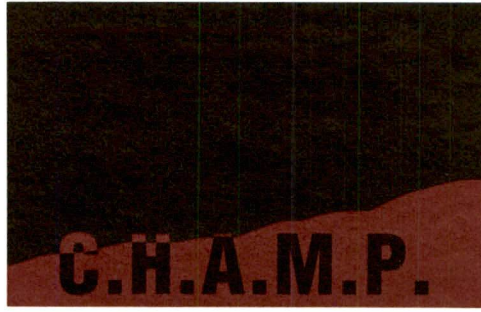
These programs were born because we believe that boundaries on a map are just lines on a piece of paper, pieces of one earth we call different countries. But the children are the same, with the same needs and the same rights. Our children can't wait for tomorrow for what they need today. Boundaries on a map don't limit the scope of our promise to keep the covenant.



"The first thing that stood out about him was his legs. They were very, very tiny. He stood 20 inches tall and weighed under 24 pounds. His tongue was parched, his stomach distended, and his face and body were horribly burned from the boiling water his mother poured on him to stop him from crying."

Pat Atkinson





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“I’ll never forget what it was like on the street. Never,” she promises, “because I always have to remember that I’m one drink or hit away from death.” Marguerite’s prominent cheekbones hint at how gaunt her face was when she was surviving on the streets of Florida. “I did a lot of drugs on the street, but my biggest problem was alcohol. I was tricking to get money for booze and then I started dealing drugs. I was living with a bunch of crack addicts in a rundown hotel on Ft. Lauderdale beach right down the street from Covenant House.

“The hotel was so gross, it didn’t even have hot water. One night I decided to take a bath so I could think about things, and I sat there in cold water realizing that I didn’t have anything at all to think about.

“I tried and tried to remember whatever I should be thinking about, but nothing came to mind. You can’t imagine what an awful feeling that is.

“I looked around at the street kids I was living with and they all looked like death from the crack they were smoking. It hit me that by dealing, I was feeding death to these people, and that I was going to die, too.

“I came to Covenant House and begged for help. I had been to Covenant House before but I had never stayed long because of my addiction. But the counselors there had always tried to help.

“They were the ones who had convinced me to put my baby Matthew in temporary foster care the last time I was there and still

thinking I didn’t have a problem. It’s a good thing they did because he never would have survived that spell where I faced death on the street. Covenant House was just starting C.H.A.M.P., and they let me right in.”

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“These are the kids no one else would care for,” says Nancy Lee Matthews, executive director of Covenant House Florida. “Almost all younger kids can qualify for rehabilitation programs through parental insurance or through the state. But our older kids were relegated to hopelessly long waiting lists for the handful of indigent placements in South Florida. After watching kids go back to the street because they couldn’t hold out any longer without treatment, we decided we couldn’t afford not to start C.H.A.M.P.”

The project incorporates individual and group therapy, addictions and 12-step education, leisure therapy, and relapse prevention, plus special counseling to help kids caught in the nightmare world of substance addiction.

Initiated in the fall of ’87, C.H.A.M.P. helped 149 kids in its first eight months of operation. Of those kids, 46 remained clean, 67 relapsed, and 36 were unknown.

In comparison, a representative of a private adolescent rehabilitation program nearby reports that just one in 35 youths completes that program and is clean after six weeks.

One of 14 programs recognized in the June 1988 final report of the White House Conference for a Drug Free America, the program has been described by President Reagan as a “national model.”

“C.H.A.M.P. was so hard,” Marguerite remembers. “I had so much to learn about my disease and myself. I had to face that my parents had never really wanted me, had never known how to care for me, because of their own addictions.



“And then I had to learn how to live. I didn’t know how to live,” she says, shaking her head at the wonder.

“I can’t believe I’ve been sober and clean

for a year now,” Marguerite says proudly. Her brightest smile returns as she proclaims, “Now I’m working, I started college, I’m getting my driver’s license, and my baby’s coming home to me. I feel great.”



“An 18-year-old girl called who had contacted us 10 months ago. Two days after the call she contacted her family and returned home. She now has her High School Equivalency diploma, job corps placement for computer training and a boyfriend. She called to thank us for helping her get her life together.”

Excerpt from Nineline log

Over one million calls were placed to the Covenant House Nineline (1-800-999-9999) since the nationwide hotline was launched in September, 1987. One million calls.

The calls came from all over the country. They came from kids in desperate need of help and no place to turn. They came from parents looking for help with their children. They came from people wanting to know how they could help homeless kids in their own communities.

With a data bank of 20,000 agencies across the country, our Nineline counselors were able to refer callers immediately to help in their area. With the ability to conduct conference calls, our Nineline counselors were able to hook up troubled callers with trained experts immediately.

It is a fact there are thousands of children surviving on the streets across this country. It is a fact there are thousands of families at the breaking point due to divorce, poverty, and drug or alcohol abuse. Covenant House started Nineline to reach out to every family and kid in America. Thanks to the support of thousands of friends who make exciting programs like the Nineline possible, help will continue to be only a phone call away.

“Hello, Covenant House Nineline, can I help you?”

“Oh God, I’m so desperate,” said the caller, her voice cracking. “I never thought this

was the way it was going to be . . . ”

“When I woke up in this sleazy hotel tonight, I started shaking and couldn’t stop,” she told our counselor. “I really scared the ‘trick’ I was with — and I scared myself, too. I know I have to stop, I want to, but I don’t know if I can. Do you think you can help me?”

A look into Jessica’s past makes it easy to understand what brought her to the brink of disaster. Three years ago, Jessica’s mother remarried. At first, Jessica loved all the attention she got from her new stepfather. But soon this “attention” turned into sexual abuse. “It’s okay,” he told her. “I love you. Some people won’t understand, they’ll get jealous, so it’s better if we kept it our ‘secret.’” Every time their “secret” happened, Jessica felt horrible. Finally, she told her mother.

“She didn’t even care,” Jessica told our counselor. “She told me if I was smart, I would learn to put up and shut up.” Jessica was 14 at the time.

Not knowing what to do, Jessica ran to the city, where she met up with a young girl who told her she could stay with her at her “uncle’s” house. The apartment was really her pimp’s.

Her new friend’s “uncle” took Jessica to fancy restaurants and treated her well. One day, he told her it was time to pay him back for his kindness. He slapped her hard when she tried to leave and locked her in the room. She thought she had to stay and do what she was told.

Soon Jessica got caught in the street life trap, abusing drugs to forget who she was and what she was doing. After a while, she was worth less money on the streets, and was no longer worth much to her pimp. But she had to continue selling herself to feed her drug habit. Finally, waking up in that sleazy hotel room, and not being able to stop shaking, she realized she needed help and called the Nineline.

“I think it’s too late for me,” Jessica said to our counselor.

“It’s not too late,” said our Nineline worker calmly to the young girl. “You don’t have to keep living like you’re living. You have choices. We can help you.”



Frankie

Frankie's childhood was tragically similar to so many kids who wind up on the street. His mother tried to raise him and his two sisters alone, but couldn't break out of the cycle of poverty in which she was trapped. When his mom remarried, his new stepfather saw Frankie as "in the way." Frankie ran to the streets to avoid the abuse. On the street, he developed a serious alcohol problem to forget his desperate situation.

Frankie's voice was slurred when he called Nineline, but he knew what he wanted. He wanted help to stop drinking. He remembered our number from a television commercial he had seen while he was living at home. Our Nineline counselor kept him on the line while she called the nearest detox center in his area. But the detox center wouldn't take someone his age without a police referral.

Having gone this far, Frankie was ready to take the next step. "Okay, call the police to

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come and get me in there.”

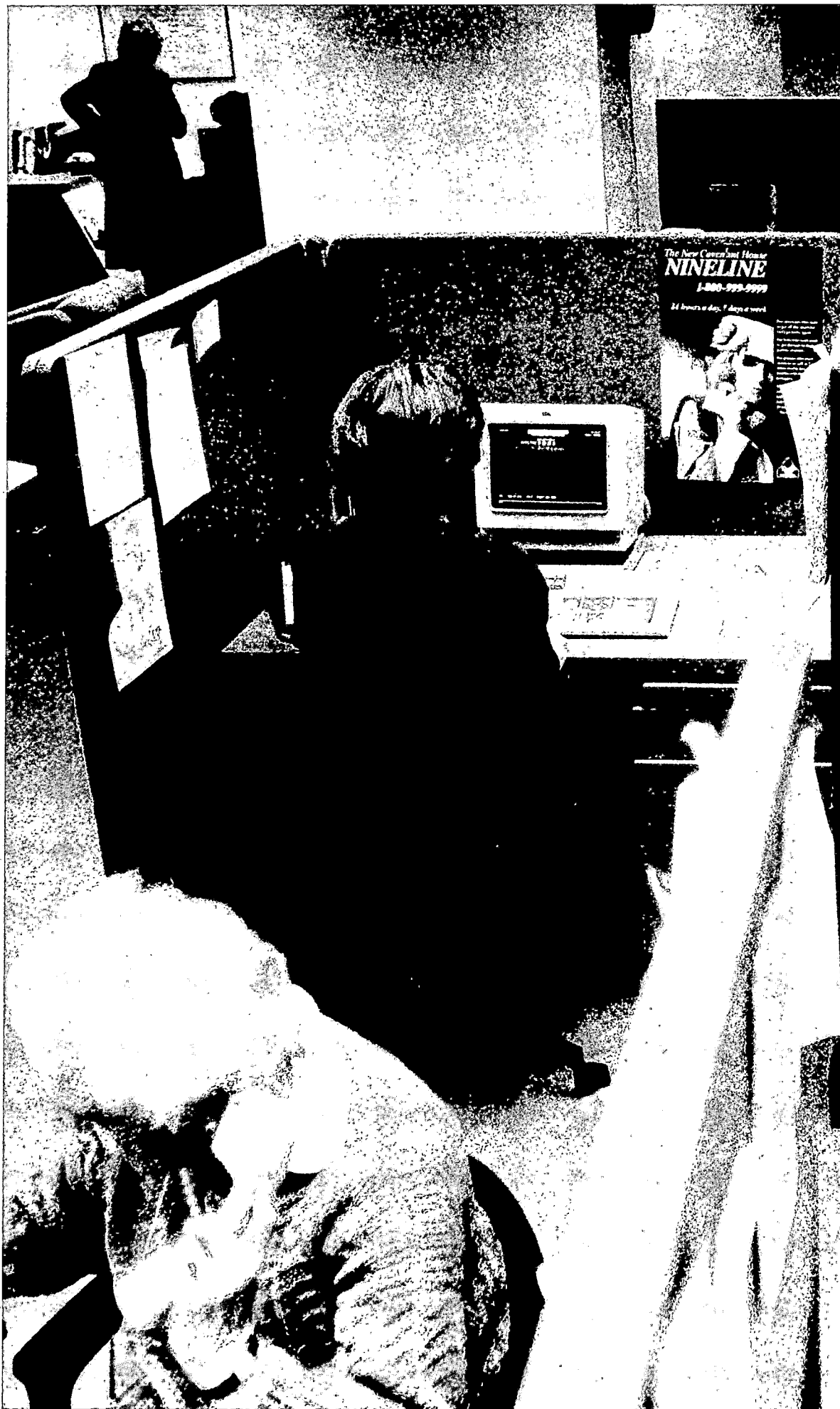
Our counselor called the police, then kept Frankie on the phone, easing his fears, until she heard the police arrive. “It’s okay,” said the officer. “We’re here, and he’s agreed to go with us to detox.”

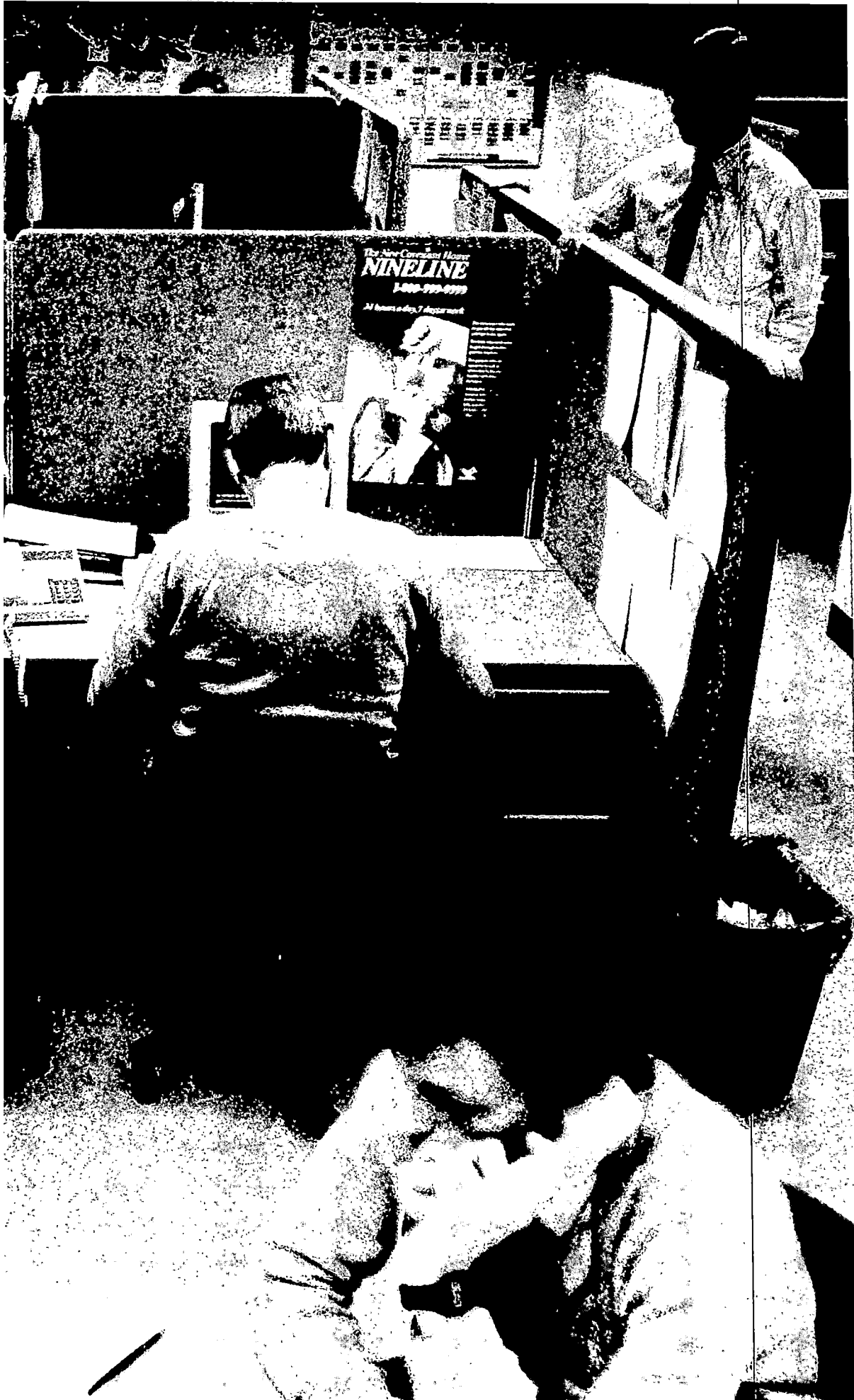
Frankie has a long way to go, but now at least there’s hope he can turn his life around. If he hadn’t remembered the Ninline, he might still be one of the thousands of faceless, nameless kids trying to survive on the streets.

Willow

Her nickname, “Willow,” fits her perfectly. She is very thin, very tall, and has delicate, fair features. One friend teased her when he asked if crying was her hobby. Her mother always insisted that Eileen was just too sensitive for her own good.

She was sensitive,





especially about her home life. Eileen's mother had constant money problems and would invariably take out her financial frustrations on her daughter. When her mother remarried, Eileen's problems multiplied. Her stepfather was abusive and saw her as in the way. Her mother often denied there was any problem between them at all.

Eileen finally confided in a high school teacher who told her about Ninline. She wrote down the number but didn't call. Three weeks later, after a frightening exchange with her stepfather, she called Ninline. Our counselor called the Covenant House outreach van, which picked up the terrified girl.

After two weeks at our center, Eileen got a job working as a hostess in a restaurant, a job she feels will help her overcome her shyness. Our counselors have been working with her to find a spot in a transitional living program.



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Abandoned and abused, kids on the street learn to trust no one. Rejected by family, exploited by pimps, johns, and drug dealers, they lose hope quickly. Without help, they are lost to the streets to live short, lonely lives and die lonely, painful deaths. Every night, Covenant House outreach counselors travel the streets, looking to help kids who have just about given up hope for a good life. Many kids are afraid to ride the van back to Covenant House. They're afraid to trust anyone; afraid their pimps might find out where they are and kill them; afraid they might be sent home where they can no longer live safely; or afraid to face their addictions and suffer the painful symptoms of withdrawal.

Our goal with every kid we meet is simply this: To get them off the streets and on the road to a happy, productive life.

Rita lived with her foster mom in Nova Scotia when she met her "boyfriend." He was bright, a good talker, fun to be with. Things weren't so bad for Rita at home, but somehow she wanted more. When her new boyfriend asked her to come with him to Toronto, 18-year-old Rita jumped at the chance.

What Rita didn't know was that her "boyfriend" was a pimp — a very skilled pimp who knew Rita was vulnerable and preyed on her naivete and her fears. Soon after they arrived in Toronto, he forced Rita to work on the streets, threatening her with physical

violence if she didn't obey.

Rita wanted to escape from her exploitative boyfriend and return home, but she didn't know where to turn. She was afraid if she tried to escape, her pimp would kill her.

Our outreach counselors spotted Rita late one night and asked if she needed help. Rita went with our counselors to the mobile van, which serves as the outreach team's "office." It was decided to act quickly before Rita's pimp discovered she was missing. The van sped off to the motel where Rita and her boyfriend were staying to collect her possessions.

Rita and Shelia, one of our outreach counselors, cautiously walked up to the motel room to retrieve Rita's things. Suddenly they heard footsteps coming closer and closer to the door. They quickly exited through the window and down the fire escape to the van, which drove directly to Covenant House.

A call was placed to Rita's foster mom and the next day Rita was on a plane bound for Nova Scotia.

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Audrey has been living with her brother, Timmy, and dozens of other homeless people on bare mattresses stacked atop piles of chemically-treated salt in a Sanitation Department warehouse.

As families of rats scramble out of the glare of the headlights, our "Off the Streets" van arrives and Audrey hops in, teddy bear in hand. She asks us to drop her off where Timmy has been hustling. Audrey is one of our "regulars." We see her every so often, but she refuses to accept more than a cup of lemonade and an "Off the Streets" card.

Seventeen-year-old **Benny** is a crack addict. His friends flagged down the van and shoved him in after voices in Benny's head told him to gash his left wrist with a knife. Benny says the voices he hears grow louder as his addiction to crack grows stronger. We took him back to Covenant



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House for medical help and a psychiatric evaluation.

Crack keeps 18-year-old **Julio** on the streets, too. He sells his body to men old enough to be his father so he can buy viles of the stuff. He thinks crack helps him deal with his problems. In reality, it just creates more.

Some nights he just keeps going back and forth from turning tricks to “beaming up.”

Smiling and glassy-eyed, Julio climbs into the van with three other teenagers and bums a Marlboro. He’s not hungry. They talk about their favorite musical groups and the night’s business, and our counselors interject

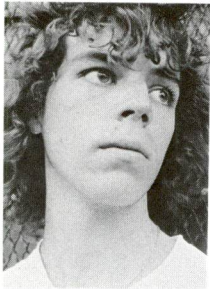
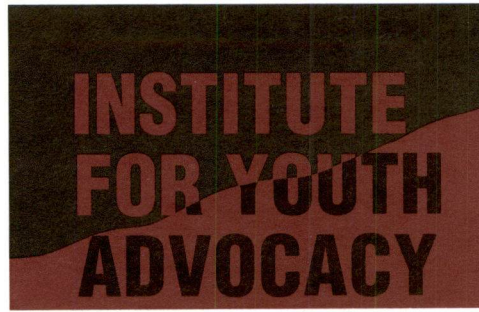


with warnings about AIDS. Julio stares at a spot on the floor and says he's not going to get it. He just knows he won't.

Every night, our outreach teams remind kids that there are choices, that there are alternatives to life on the street. We let them know that they don't have to be hungry and

homeless and hunted, that we want to help them when they are ready to help themselves. For every success story like Rita's, there are hundreds of Audrey's and Timmy's and Benny's and Julio's. We need to be there for all of them.





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“**L**ook, there’s this kid I know who really needs help,” 25-year-old Thomas told us. Thomas thinks — he knows — his life is over after 10 years hustling on the streets of New York. But there’s this kid, this 16-year-old runaway he met at the home of a child pornographer. This frightened slip of a teenager that Thomas was going to be paid to have sex with while the cameras rolled.

“I’ll do whatever it takes, work with the police, whatever. He’s just a kid, and it’s not right. And there are others. You see, this guy makes a lot of money doing this.”

He wanted to know what Covenant House, or anybody, could do to help. Could we stop the sale of the movie? Could we get the guy arrested? Most important, could we stop him from using other kids for the same purpose?

Covenant House was the right place for Thomas to come — we’ve fought to protect kids from sexual exploitation for almost two decades — but New York was the wrong state. In New York it’s legal to make a porn film if you’re over 15. When we called the police, they said, ever so delicately and politely, but firmly, to forget it.

But kids who are sexually exploited can’t forget it. And neither can people who care about them. That’s why, in 1982, Father Bruce Ritter established the Covenant House Institute for Youth Advocacy. Its primary mission was, and is, simple: to find ways to protect kids on the street from pornogra-

phers, pimps, drug pushers, cults, and anyone else who tries to exploit them. And then to find ways to get these kids the help they need to escape the street permanently.

A Pattern of Success

In most ways, the Institute’s record over its first six years has been a remarkable success story. In 1982, the Supreme Court ruled, by a vote of 9 to 0, that strong child pornography laws are constitutional — despite fierce opposition by the ACLU, and contrary rulings by lower courts. In reaching that result the Court relied heavily on the research and arguments Covenant House presented in its two friend-of-the Court briefs.

Then, in 1984, Covenant House and the Institute played a key role in the passage of the Child Protection Act. Drafted in part at the Institute, the Child Protection Act dramatically expanded the power of the federal government to attack child pornography. As a result of its provisions, federal prosecutions against child pornographers rose by over 300 percent in 1985, and federal officials have hailed the Act as the single greatest weapon ever devised against the “kiddie porn” industry.

Before long the Institute was recognized as a center for expertise and action in protecting kids on the street. It developed further safeguards for children in the federal Child Abuse Victims Rights Act of 1986, which allows children who are sexually exploited to sue the abusers in federal court. In 1987 the Institute published a major study of juvenile prostitution that proposed extensive, and specific, action to protect children from being caught in a life of prostitution. Back again on the legal front, the Institute successfully defended the constitutionality of existing state runaway and homeless youth statutes while designing a model statute that one state, Alaska, has already adopted.

The Future

True, it’s only a beginning. With a bare-boned staff — one lawyer, one researcher, and one secretary — the Institute has achieved remarkable things in its first years, but regards them as only a foundation for the real work ahead.

That work must center on one principle, one goal, above all: No child under 21 should be exploited in the making of pornography, the marketing of prostitution, or the sale of drugs. It should be a felony to misuse kids in these ways, even if we find out that some of our most respected citizens are involved in the abuse.

At the same time, no child under 21 should ever seek shelter or crisis services in vain. Open-intake centers should be available in every major city in this country, where homeless and runaway kids can come without fear. That means new state and federal laws making it easier to provide that help and making more substantial resources available.

If these immediate priorities are met, much will remain to do. Relieving youthful

homelessness at its source — in struggling families. Repairing an educational system that seems to have forgotten how to educate. Finding meaningful jobs for kids who need to feel they have something to contribute to society. Attacking the despair and listlessness that lie behind the drug and suicide epidemics among teenagers.

Are these goals realistic? Is major change to protect endangered kids really possible? It's not always easy to believe in the future of a group so forgotten, so damaged as kids on the streets of America. But it's not possible to stop fighting either. No 25-year-old like Thomas should think his life is over. And no 16-year-old should be legally allowed to make a porn film that will haunt him for the rest of his life. Fighting for the rights of these kids is what the Institute for Youth Advocacy is all about.



FAITH COMMUNITY



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The Covenant House Community is a short-term lay Community of men and women within the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church, but welcoming those of other traditions and encouraging diversity of background and religious dialogue. Service to the poor, particularly disadvantaged youth at Covenant House centers, is the fruit of our prayer and communal life, and a means towards holiness. With God’s grace and the support of one another, each one of us seeks to grow in a personal relationship with God and further discover what it means to be truly forgiving, loving, and committed Christians.”

(From the Covenant House Community Charism Statement)

"Why do it?" they are often asked. Why leave home, your family, your budding career, your comfortable retirement ... to work with street kids and runaways?

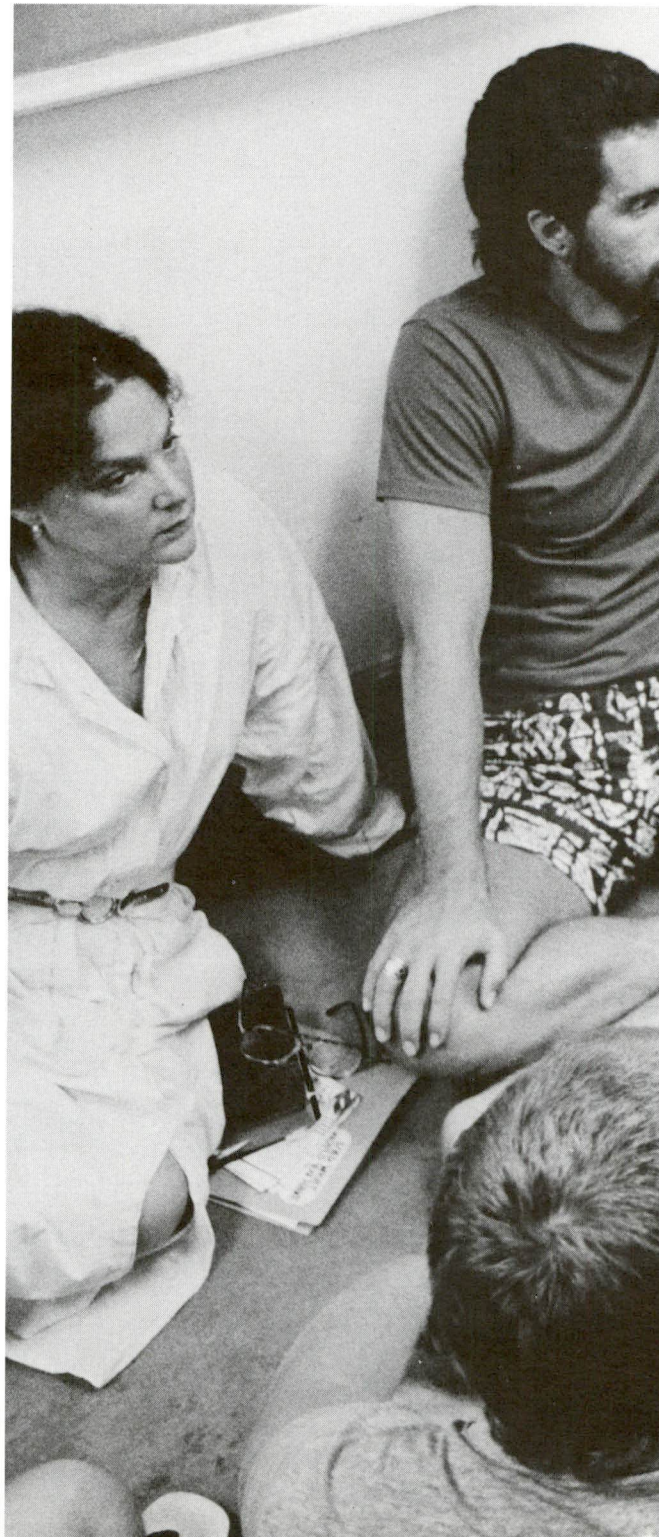
Sometimes the answer is simple; sometimes it is not. But for nearly 100 members of the Covenant Faith Community, the answer is ultimately yes -- yes to a life of prayer and community, and yes to the call to dedicate a year or more to our kids.

In 1977, when Fr. Bruce Ritter moved to Times Square to open the first Covenant House crisis center for street youth, he made a direct appeal for others to join him in prayer, full-time volunteer work and simple community living for a commitment of one year. Eight lay people came, and the Covenant Community became the spiritual

foundation of our work.

The Covenant Community now includes individuals from all over the United States as well as Canada and Mexico who serve at all our Covenant House sites.

Community members work with crisis staff round-the-clock to give urgently needed food, clothing, shelter, medical attention and counseling to our kids. They help young, pregnant teens and homeless mothers learn good parenting skills that will help them raise their babies with love and understand-



ing. They join street outreach workers in an effort to let the young kids trying to survive on our city streets know that Covenant House is there to help them. They precede other staff to new program sites, helping to establish the foundations upon which a solid program is built. They provide critically needed administrative, clerical and specialized support and skills to the professional staff.

"Wherever there is a high degree of active ministry, there is a need for a spiritual center," says Fr. Vincent Corso, the Spiritual

Director of our New York Community.

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"Religious commitment is not only a survival mechanism," says Fr. Bruce Ritter, "but an indispensable means of bringing the Lord's grace and presence into the lives of these kids."





Our Donors Write

Dear Fr. Bruce,

I was a street kid once. At 15 I had an infant son and life was very, very hard. My son is almost 11 years old now and life is a great deal better — but only for the grace of God and the kindness and generosity of others. There was no Covenant House Toronto back then, and I'm grateful you are here now.

I have a son who was saved by your wonderful work in 1983. He ran away for three days. The second day he turned to Covenant House, where he received food, clothing, a bed to sleep in and counseling. It was a very important part of his success. If there is anything I can do to help please let me know.

I am a senior in high school and it seems funny that my greatest problems are the test on Friday, or how hard is practice going to be, or sometimes will I get all my homework done. There are times when I'll be thinking, and a lump will come into my throat when I think of someone my age wondering if they will have a place to sleep or where will they get their dinner.

I just finished reading "Covenant House — Lifeline to the Street." Although I found myself unable to put it down, I wish I could say I enjoyed your book. My heart broke with each story you told. It is so hard to believe children are living like this and more people don't care.

Perhaps, like me, they wonder what one person can do.

I went in and out of Covenant House quite a few times and I finally made it. I would like to give back some of what I got. This is the first of several checks I will send you.

I have a husband who doesn't support the work of the church or ever goes to church. He thinks maybe there is a God. This money comes from money I have been able to save from my job and if my husband knew I was sending it he would probably tar and feather me.

Six months ago when my son was uncontrollable I was forced to put him out of my house and on the street. He decided that life on the street was not for

him. He did, however, seek shelter at Covenant House. I know from him how kind the staff was. My thanks to all of you.

I doubt if you remember me but a few months back me and my friends came to you for a place to stay. We were having problems at home and thought leaving would help solve them; you and your kids made us understand what a mistake we made.

Ten years ago you were the celebrant of a Mass in our chapel and gave a beautiful and pleading sermon about the plight of the children you were then trying to save. Every time I've passed Covenant House, I've remembered you and every time I've given money to a child on the street I've thought of you.

What a terrible plight these young people are going through. To each of them I would like to say, God loves you. Trust Him. But how to say that to youngsters who are hungry, cold, and abandoned?

I pray for your kids every day. When I learned there was such a thing as "throw-away kids, I found it hard to believe. I wish all these kids had parents who loved them like I do my children. I'm not a deeply religious person, but I thank God for places like Covenant House and I'm glad I can help in a small way.

I'm sending \$5, which my grandma gave me for my birthday. I wasn't sure if I should write because I don't think your staff wants to read my letter — they just want the money from the letters? Am I right? But wouldn't you want to know about your supporters? I'm sure you would, Father, and priests are trained to be good listeners anyway! When I get older I want to help and work with runaway and abused kids. I never would have started thinking about it if it wasn't for you....

I started donating to Covenant House because I believed in the work you do and

I hoped that one day, if for some strange reason my children ever needed help that they would have a place like Covenant House to turn to. I just learned from my sister that our nephew was at Covenant House for a while because he was strung out on drugs and living in the street. It was because of Covenant House the he is now clean, working and living at home. Thank you and God bless you.

I want my donation to be in memory of a beautiful little girl, who took her own life at 16. She felt inadequate, impure and unacceptable because she had been molested by a stepfather since she was five years old. She was the most pure soul I've ever known. The void she left will never be filled. Please help others to live.

I had the pleasure of meeting one of your kids in my role as recruiter for the Coast Guard. Without Covenant House, he wouldn't have been able to over-

come obstacles that stood in the way of his acceptance. But with your help, he passed his High School Equivalency Exam and got the specialized hearing therapy he needed. Our Coast Guard is the real beneficiary, because this kid is just great! Keep up the good work.

Our Kids Write

My name is Sally. I'm 20 years old, and I'm now living in a Covenant House because I was having problems with drugs. But thanks to God and to the people in Covenant House I'm not using them anymore. Before I felt that no one cared but now I feel so different about my life. I feel that now I finally have friends. Drugs can really make you a different person; you don't care how you look, you don't care who laughs at you and you don't care if you eat or not. The only thing you care about is getting money to buy your drugs. It's amazing the things you can do when you're off drugs. I really want to go places, see the beautiful things

that life has in store. Sometimes I used to sit and wonder why no one loved me. Now I realize I was the one hurting people.

My name is Joey, I'm 18, and I came to Covenant House not knowing what to do. Then I heard about a program called Job Corps. You can take up any trade you want. I'm taking up computers, for there is a big future in this field. Now I feel a lot better about myself and that I'm getting my life back together. I really made the right choice coming here and I plan to succeed once I leave here and do the best I can.

My name is Julie. The experience I had coming here to the Covenant House was rather unusual; unusual because it was different from any other place that I had been to. Different because everybody was so friendly and understanding. The other people that I had talked to were here for similar problems; that made it much easier. In a way, it

reminded me a lot of a family that I wish my parents and I could share. That is why I hope Covenant House keeps prospering and that it expands wherever love and help is needed.

My name is Joan. When I first came to Covenant House, I didn't know what to expect, I was frightened and I felt all alone like I didn't have a friend in the world. I had problems on top of problems and I was ready to give up on myself, but a friend of mine talked me into coming here. I discovered I wasn't alone and that there are people who care. The staff here is wonderful and treats me with respect. There are people you can talk to, and they are very understanding. Since I've been here I haven't thought about any type of drugs and all I think about now is trying to get myself together and I feel real good about myself. I know there is no way to repay the people here except to follow my goals and make something of myself.

That is how I will express my gratitude.

My name is Jenny. The month that I spent at Covenant House helped me to make some important changes in my life. After living at home with just my parents it was difficult at first to live with so many other young women. I adjusted and made some good friends. I leaned to take responsibility for myself and my surroundings. With the help of my social worker I have gotten off to a good start in getting over personal problems we talked out together. After the time I spent at Covenant House, I went back home and have been able to hold a part-time job, enroll in college, and avoid many problems I was having at home before I left. My experience with the staff and residents has helped me in my growth and development, and I hope that by continuing to be productive and by volunteering my time and energy I will be able to show my appreciation to the staff and give them something in return.



New York

The Rights of Passage program found a new home last fall, with the purchase of the National Maritime Union Building. The 12-story building includes a large cafeteria, gym, pool, classrooms, outdoor deck and game room, which ideally suits the program's vocational and recreational design. Complete medical facilities are also available, as well as ample office space for all administrative needs.

Program operations began in March 1988 when 25 young men left the Rights of Passage floor on 41st Street and moved into the Maritime Building on 17th Street. In June, the women's program also moved downtown. Today, 55 residents and 10 babies live at the new program site.

The new building provides us with more space and better facilities to serve the increasing numbers of young people seeking help.

The Off the Streets vans continue to offer immediate counseling, food, and referrals to those kids who haven't found Covenant House on their own. One van cruises designated areas through the night, seven days a week. Another van rides through Queens, Brooklyn, and the Bronx several nights a week. This summer we've also used a fully equipped Winnebago van, which we use in especially high volume neighborhoods in Manhattan.

The daytime outreach counseling program at our Eighth Avenue office also continues. Here, kids can come during the day for help, referrals, and something to eat.

Over 1500 residents have had their first introduction to the world of word processing, data entry, and floppy disks by visiting the Computer Learning Center at Covenant House. Now a year old, the program provides kids with a chance to learn marketable computer skills and to brush up on their writing and communications abilities. Resumes, stories, essays, poems and even an in-house newsletter are just some of the projects residents worked on at the center this year.

Prompted by the success of the 41st Street site, a second program was designed to supplement the Rights of Passage educational and vocational program components. Called "Rights of Processing," this program, located at the Maritime Building, gives young men and women a chance to improve their academic and career-related skills. Individual and group tutoring sessions, as well as supervision for independent study, are offered as well.

Covenant House volunteers have always been high on the list of reasons for the agency's success. This year, volunteers logged 45,000 service hours in all areas of Covenant House, from direct child care to clerical work in the offices. We estimate their love and concern for our kids added up to a contribution worth \$350,000.

New York Statistics Fiscal '88

Unduplicated Visits	8,531
Total Visits	12,716

Average Daily Census	232
Average length of stay	7 days

Demographics

Male	66%
Female	34%

Black	63%
Hispanic	21%
White	12%
Other	4%

New York Rights of Passage	65
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Off the Streets	
Street Contacts	18,852
Counseling Encounters	5,904
Referrals to Covenant House	593

Florida

Kids on the Fort Lauderdale beach quickly learn to recognize the Covenant House Florida staff and volunteers who walk the coastal route and side streets offering help and hope. But street kids don't trust easily, so outreach counselors build relationships with them on their own turf, often over extended periods of time. The benefit for the miles walked in the hot sun or humid darkness is that each month an average of 17 kids comes to the Florida center as a direct result of outreach.

The kids in many other Florida cities aren't so fortunate. Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Orlando, Tampa, and Fort Lauderdale were among the sites examined for a study entitled *Prostitution in Florida* (Florida State University, September 1988) commissioned by the Supreme Court of Florida.

In the report, author Phillippa Levine, assistant professor of history, F.S.U., describes juvenile prostitution as a "serious, urgent, and growing cause for alarm," and states that "prostitution is the most obvious means of support for runaway youngsters." Dr. Levine recognized only one program for widespread services to runaway and homeless youth — Covenant House Florida. In particular, she commended Covenant House street outreach.

During visits to Covenant House supporters in other areas of Florida, Nancy Lee Matthews, Florida's executive director, has talked to street kids adrift from help. "I always come away with a piece of the kids' despair," she said.

"Danny, one of the kids I described in a letter to Covenant House friends, had absolutely no hope left in him. I can't forget his young, desperate face.

"That letter was my first public description of a dream: a mobile outreach van that would go to targeted cities on a scheduled basis. Two counselors and a nurse would provide food, clothing, emergency medical care, referrals, and a safe respite for the forgotten children of Florida's streets."

Although Covenant House Florida has already received the first donation toward Off the Streets, the van program

needs a great deal of help before it can begin.

Florida Statistics Fiscal '88

Unduplicated Visits	2,697
Total Visits	4,230

Average Daily Census	121
Average length of stay	11 days

Demographics

Male	68%
Female	32%

Black	21%
Hispanic	6%
White	71%
Other	2%

Texas

The Rights of Passage program opened in November 1988, and currently has eight young men living in the facility. All eight are employed and two completed their 11th year of high school, while two others took a semester of college courses. All are teamed up with volunteer "mentors," volunteers who act as teachers, parent figures, and friends.

Currently there are nine active mentors who meet with the young men weekly. Some of the activities our Rights of Passage residents have participated in include a mentor family picnic, a breakfast with some of our donors, and a dinner sponsored by our Night Guild. Al O'Brien, the Covenant House Texas pastoral minister, conducts regular value communication classes and is available for one-on-one counseling.

A unique aspect of the Texas program is the Guild, a group of over 650 men and women who volunteer their time to help our kids. The clothing room committee sorts and sizes donated clothing and staffs the clothing room each day. The kids-fun committee plans monthly birthday parties, special outings, and holiday parties. The awareness committee members are members of our speakers' bureau, and members of many other committees donate their time to activities ranging from gardening to organizing fundraisers.

The Night Guild, nearly 100 strong, is

made up of volunteers who are students or who work during the day. They are involved in activities promoting community awareness as well as extra-curricular activities for the residents. They teach a money management class to our residents as well.

We can never place a value on the energy expended by our Guild. The value lies in the lives that they help change daily, and their vision and commitment is felt throughout the city.

Texas Statistics Fiscal '88

Unduplicated Visits	1,659
Total Visits	3,117
Average Daily Census	84
Average length of stay	7.5 days
Demographics	
Male	58%
Female	42%
Black	41%
Hispanic	15%
White	42%
Other	2%

Canada

The past year has been a busy one for the kids and staff at Covenant House Canada. We held our Second Annual Symposium on Street Kids in November. And the results of our second major research project entitled *Adolescent Runaways: Causes and Consequences* were released.

Thanks to our faithful supporters, we were able to begin several new programs this year. Our On the Street outreach program was launched in July 1987. We started our Runaway Prevention program in October 1987. In January 1988, our Retail Job Link program got underway. And we recently opened our Bond Street facility to house our non-residential and support programs.

We received a grant of \$5 million from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services to be used for our building project. The design phase of the project has been completed.

Canada Statistics Fiscal '88

Unduplicated Visits	2,340
Total Visits	3,609
Average daily census	76
Average length of stay	7 days

Demographics

Male	66%
Female	34%
Black	9.14%
White	80.49%
Hispanic	.25%
Nat. Indian	3.02%
Asian	.72%
Other	6.37%

Walk-In Services

Total youth served	582
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Outreach Statistics Fiscal '88

Total contacts on street	7,104
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New Orleans

The letter from Rebecca went to our New Orleans center. "Someone came to our school awhile back and explained what Covenant House was all about. I wanted to stay after and talk to someone but I was scared and embarrassed . . . I used to drink very heavily, but I quit about two and a half months ago. My mother and stepfather both drink, and when we get into our bigger arguments he always asks me to leave."

Our New Orleans staff counseled Rebecca by phone, letting her know how dangerous it would be for her to run away to the streets. She agreed to try to work things out.

In her next letter Rebecca confided in us that she was being sexually abused by her stepfather. Our staff immediately arranged to have Rebecca stay with her aunt in a nearby city. There, away from the abuse she's suffered all her life, she is finally beginning to believe there's chance she can be happy, and is looking forward to the future for the first time in her life.

Our staff continues to counsel Rebecca as she tries to rebuild her life.

Covenant House New Orleans has counselors that visit schools and parent groups all over the Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi area. We're trying to reach out to kids like Rebecca, to let them know help is available. And we're trying to keep families together whenever possible so your kids don't become our kids.

New Orleans Statistics Fiscal '88

Unduplicated Visits	511
Total Visits	704
Average daily census	60
Average length of stay	15.3 days
Demographics	
Male	56.3%
Female	43.6%
Black	53.4%
White	41%
Hispanic	2.1%
Nat. Ind.	1%
Asian	5%
Other	1.7%

New Orleans Rights of Passage

Admissions	21
Discharges	1
Current Census	20

Alaska

Covenant House Alaska, a 24-hour crisis shelter based in Anchorage, opened on Monday, Oct. 31, 1988 with a brief ribbon cutting ceremony led by Anchorage Mayor Tom Fink. One hour later, the first youth arrived for help, and by the second day, 20 kids had come through the doors asking for help.

The Anchorage community is extremely supportive of our new shelter. Over 1,000 people attended the open house and dedication ceremony. "I know it's hard to believe, but the building is too small already," said Father Bruce at the opening.

Central America

Covenant House is bringing hope and a future to children in Central America. So far, 26 programs in three languages in

Central America care for the orphaned, abandoned, handicapped, malnourished, ill and uneducated. These programs were born from the very same love that opened one single door in New York's Lower East Side so many years ago.

Central America Statistics Fiscal '88

*Casa Alianza,
Antigua, Guatemala*

Average daily census	140
Average length of stay	364 days
Male	100%
Latino	50%
Indian	50%

Group homes (17)	
Average daily census	214
Average length of stay	364 days
Male	54%
Female	46%
Latino	48%
Indian	52%

*Refugio Alianza,
Guatemala, Guatemala*

Crisis Center	
Average daily census	48
Average length of stay	62 days

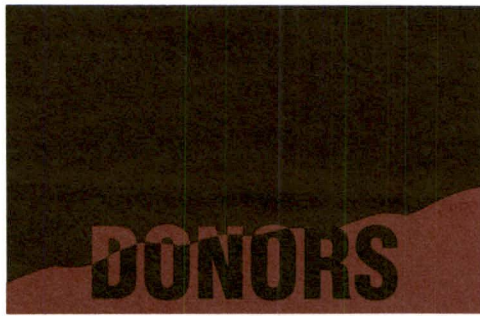
Group homes	
Average daily census	55
Average length of stay	364 days
Male	88%
Female	12%
Latino	55%
Indian	45%

*Casa Alianza Honduras
Tegucigalpa, Honduras*

(not calculated)

*Casa Alianza Panama
Panama, Panama*

Average daily census	72
Male	72%
Female	28%
Black	16%
Latino	84%



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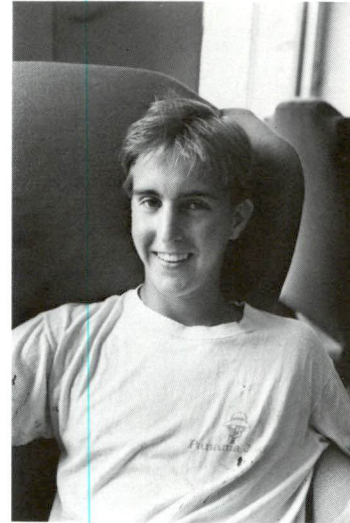
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But the problem of abandoned children is not going away. More and more, we feel the urgency to making long-term provisions to help the growing numbers of kids who will come to us for help in the future.

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Covenant House and Affiliates
 Combined Statement of Support,
 Revenue and Expenses
 for the Year Ended June 30, 1988

Public Support & Revenue:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Expendable Funds	Endowment Funds	Total All Funds
Public support:				
Contributions	\$45,466,923	\$20,336,925	667,635	\$66,471,483
Donated services, merchandise & advertising	<u>1,510,674</u>			<u>1,510,674</u>
Total public support	<u>46,977,597</u>	<u>20,336,925</u>	<u>667,635</u>	<u>67,982,157</u>
Revenue:				
Governmental grants & contracts	2,323,596	67,359		2,390,955
Loss of affiliate— Dove Services, Inc.	(114,730)			(114,730)
Interest, dividends & other	921,250	35,867	72,957	1,030,074
Loss from designated assets	<u>(2,927,956)</u>			<u>(2,927,956)</u>
Total revenue	<u>202,160</u>	<u>103,226</u>	<u>72,957</u>	<u>378,343</u>
Total public support & revenue	<u>47,179,757</u>	<u>20,440,151</u>	<u>740,592</u>	<u>\$68,360,500</u>
Expenses:				
Program services	<u>31,139,166</u>	<u>1,870,007</u>		<u>\$33,009,173</u>
Supporting services:				
Fund raising	9,292,592	4,111,216		13,403,808
Management & general	<u>4,646,269</u>	<u>249,201</u>		<u>4,895,470</u>
Total supporting services	<u>13,938,861</u>	<u>4,360,417</u>		<u>18,299,278</u>
Total expenses	<u>45,078,027</u>	<u>6,230,424</u>		<u>\$51,308,451</u>
Excess of Public Support & Revenue Over Expenses	2,101,730	14,209,727	740,592	
Fund Balances, End of Year	35,071,579	\$2,099,290	3,620,934	

If you would like more detailed information, please let us know. We will be happy to provide a copy of our certified financial statement to anyone who requests it. Copies may be obtained by writing to the Controller at any of our centers.

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Little Platoons

STRONGLY BOUND communities, fulfilling complex public functions, are not creations of the state. They form because they must. Human beings have needs as individuals (never mind the "moral sense" or lack of it) that cannot be met except by cooperation with other human beings. To this degree, the often-lamented conflict between "individualism" and "community" is misleading. The pursuit of individual happiness cannot be an atomistic process; it will naturally and always occur in the context of communities. The state's role in enabling the pursuit of happiness depends ultimately on nurturing *not* individuals, but the associations they form.

The text for this discussion is one of Burke's best-known passages: "To be attached to the subdivision, to love the little platoon we belong to in society, is the first principle (the germ as it were) of public affections. It is the first link in the series by which we proceed towards a love to our country, and to mankind."¹ I will be using the image of the "little platoon" to represent the essential relationship of social organization to the pursuit of happiness and, by extension, the relationship of the state's social policy to the pursuit of happiness. We each belong to a few "little platoons." The great joys and sorrows, satisfactions and preoccupations, of our daily life are defined in terms

of them. This observation, I will assert, holds true wherever his little platoons fall within the scope of work.

Using a central government to enable the pursuit of happiness becomes in this perspective a process of enabling the little platoons work. The enabling process is met—in a properly constructed society, I believe—in the access to material resources, safety, self-respect, and so on. But the little platoons of work, family, and community are the nexus within which these conditions are met. It is through this nexus through which the satisfactions that have been obtained. That being the case, "good" is defined only after we have answered the

How do little platoons form?
How are they sustained?
What makes them nourishing?

AFFILIATION AS THE MEANS FOR FORMING LITTLE PLATOONS

When in part 2 I began to explore the enabling process of the pursuit of happiness via Abraham Maslow's theory, I observed that the third of the needs, for affiliation, was also a resource; in effect, it was a resource whereby human beings in society go beyond their other needs are met. The label I will give to this resource is "affiliation." Here, too, Burke has distilled the concept. I mean: "Men are not tied to one another by sympathy. They are led to associate by resemblance and sympathy."²

The last two chapters presented an exploration of affiliation. Parents, teachers, and (in the case of the child) the child were engaged in a tacit, complex process of meeting certain individual interests. So did each of the others. The result was not just the meeting of the interests but something more. The little platoon had been enriched, with positive results. The sum of the educational and profes-

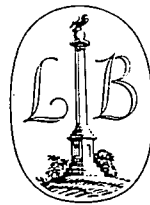
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- ¹ It has long been a grave question whether any government, not too strong for the liberties of its people, can be strong enough to maintain its existence in great emergencies.

Response to a serenade
[November 10, 1864]

- ² Human nature will not change. In any future great national trial, compared with the men of this, we shall have as weak and as strong, as silly and as wise, as bad and as good.

Ib.

- ³ I desire so to conduct the affairs of this administration that if at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power, I have lost every other friend on earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and that friend shall be down inside me.

Reply to the Missouri Committee of Seventy [1864]

- ⁴ Dear Madam, I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant-General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five¹ sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Letter to Mrs. Bixby
[November 21, 1864]

- ⁵ It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces,² but let us judge not, that we be not judged.³

Second Inaugural Address
[March 4, 1865]

- ⁶ The Almighty has His own purposes.

Ib.

- ⁷ Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood

¹ Later, the records were revised; the correct number was two.

² See *Genesis* 3:19, 7:12.

³ See *Matthew* 7:1, 38:8.

drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."⁴

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right,⁵ let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

Ib.

- ⁸ I have always thought that all men should be free; but if any should be slaves, it should be first those who desire it for themselves, and secondly those who desire it for others. Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally.⁶

Address to an Indiana Regiment
[March 17, 1865]

- ⁹ Important principles may and must be inflexible.

Last public address, Washington, D.C. [April 11, 1865]

- ¹⁰ If you once forfeit the confidence of your fellow citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem. It is true that you may fool all the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all the time; but you can't fool all of the people all the time.

To a caller at the White House.
From ALEXANDER K. McCCLURE,
Lincoln's Yarns and Stories
[1904]

- ¹¹ If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference.

Conversation at the White House.
From FRANCIS B. CARPENTER, *Six Months at the White House with Abraham Lincoln* [1866]

- ¹² Love is the chain whereby to bind a child to his parents.

Ib. Washington, D.C. [c. 1860]

⁴ See *Psalms* 19:9, 18:1.

⁵ See John Quincy Adams, 418:6.

⁶ See *Fragment*, 520:6.

— a way which if followed the world will forever applaud and God must forever bless.

Ib.

- 1 Beware of rashness, but with energy and sleepless vigilance go forward and give us victories.

Letter to Major General Joseph Hooker [January 26, 1863]

- 2 The Father of Waters again goes unvexed to the sea.

Letter to James C. Conkling [August 26, 1863]

- 3 I have endured a great deal of ridicule without much malice; and have received a great deal of kindness, not quite free from ridicule. I am used to it.

Letter to James H. Hackett [November 2, 1863]

- 4 Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.¹

Address at Gettysburg [November 19, 1863]

¹See Wycliffe, 143:12; Webster, 450:14; Disraeli, 501:6; Garrison, 505:19; and Parker, 537:15.

- 5 The President last night had a dream. He was in a party of plain people and as it became known who he was they began to comment on his appearance. One of them said, "He is a common-looking man." The President replied, "Common-looking people are the best in the world: that is the reason the Lord makes so many of them."

From Letters of John Hay and Extracts from His Diary, edited by C. L. HAY [December 23, 1863]

- 6 I claim not to have controlled events, but confess plainly that events have controlled me.

Letter to A. G. Hodges [April 4, 1864]

- 7 The world has never had a good definition of the word liberty. And the American people just now are much in want of one. We all declare for liberty; but in using the same word we do not mean the same thing. With some, the word liberty may mean for each man to do as he pleases with himself and the product of his labor; while with others the same word may mean for some men to do as they please with other men and the product of other men's labor. Here are two, not only different, but incompatible things, called by the same name, liberty. And it follows that each of the things is by the respective parties called by two different and incompatible names, liberty and tyranny.

The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat, for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act. . . . Plainly the sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon a definition of liberty.

Address at the Sanitary Fair, Baltimore [April 18, 1864]

- 8 I do not allow myself to suppose that either the convention or the League have concluded to decide that I am either the greatest or best man in America, but rather they have concluded that it is not best to swap horses while crossing the river, and have further concluded that I am not so poor a horse that they might not make a botch of it in trying to swap.

Reply to the National Union League [June 9, 1864]

- 9 Truth is generally the best vindication against slander.

Letter to Secretary Stanton, refusing to dismiss Postmaster-General Montgomery Blair [July 18, 1864]

- 1 For it is not meters, but a metermaking argument that makes a poem—a thought so passionate and alive that like the spirit of a plant or an animal it has an architecture of its own, and adorns nature with a new thing.
*Essays: Second Series [1844].
The Poet*
- 2 We are symbols, and inhabit symbols.
Ib.
- 3 Language is the archives of history. . . .
Language is fossil poetry.
Ib.
- 4 Nature and books belong to the eyes that see them.
Ib. Experience
- 5 Of what use is genius, if the organ is too convex or too concave and cannot find a focal distance within the actual horizon of human life?
Ib.
- 6 The only gift is a portion of thyself.¹
Ib. Gifts
- 7 The less government we have, the better—the fewer laws, and the less confided power.
Ib. Politics
- 8 We think our civilization near its meridian, but we are yet only at the cock-crowing and the morning star. In our barbarous society the influence of character is in its infancy.
Ib.
- 9 Money, which represents the prose of life, and which is hardly spoken of in parlors without an apology, is, in its effects and laws, as beautiful as roses.
Ib. Nominalist and Realist
- 10 Every man is wanted, and no man is wanted much.
Ib.
- 11 The reward of a thing well done, is to have done it.
Ib.
- 12 He is great who is what he is from Nature, and who never reminds us of others.
Representative Men [1850]. Uses of Great Men
- 13 When nature removes a great man, people explore the horizon for a successor; but none comes, and none will. His class is extinguished with him. In some other and quite different field, the next man will appear.
Ib.
- 14 Every hero becomes a bore at last.
Ib.
- 15 Great geniuses have the shortest biographies.
Ib. Plato; or, The Philosopher
- 16 Things added to things, as statistics, civil history, are inventories. Things used as language are inexhaustibly attractive.
Ib.
- 17 Keep cool: it will be all one a hundred years hence.² *Ib. Montaigne; or, The Skeptic*
- 18 Is not marriage an open question, when it is alleged, from the beginning of the world, that such as are in the institution wish to get out, and such as are out wish to get in?³
Ib.
- 19 Self-reliance, the height and perfection of man, is reliance on God.
The Fugitive Slave Law [1854]
- 20 Classics which at home are drowsily read have a strange charm in a country inn, or in the transom of a merchant brig.
English Traits [1856]
- 21 Great men, great nations, have not been boasters and buffoons, but perceivers of the terror of life, and have manned themselves to face it.
The Conduct of Life [1860]. Fate
- 22 Men are what their mothers made them.⁴
Ib.
- 23 Coal is a portable climate.
Ib. Wealth
- 24 The world is his, who has money to go over it.
Ib.
- 25 Art is a jealous mistress.⁵ *Ib.*
- 26 All educated Americans, first or last, go to Europe.
Ib. Culture
- 27 Solitude, the safeguard of mediocrity, is to genius the stern friend.
Ib.
- 28 There is always a best way of doing everything, if it be to boil an egg. Manners are the happy ways of doing things.
Ib. Behavior
- 29 Fine manners need the support of fine manners in others.
Ib.
- 30 The highest compact we can make with our fellow is—"Let there be truth between us two forevermore."
Ib.
- 31 Shallow men believe in luck.⁶
Ib. Worship

²What matters what anybody thinks? "It will be all the same a hundred years hence." That is the most sensible proverb ever invented.—GEORGE DU MAURIER, *Peter Ibbetson* [1891]

³See Montaigne, 165:19.

⁴See Freud, 679:6.

⁵See Story, 447:18.

⁶Luck is infatuated with the efficient.—*Persian proverb*

¹See Lowell, 567:14; Whitman, 574:26; and Gibran, 782:16.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THE POINTS OF LIGHT INITIATIVE

OVERVIEW

The Points of Light Initiative is a Foundation which will be created and chaired (ex officio) by President Bush to begin mobilizing Americans to address the many social problems facing our nation.

At a time when our country is enjoying one of the longest periods of economic growth on record, poverty and disadvantage beset large numbers of our people. Problems like drugs, violent crime, homelessness and illiteracy are symptoms of decay beneath the surface of our prosperity.

The causes of these problems are complex and deep-rooted, and cannot be solved by government alone. Still, without solutions, our prospects for the next century are dimmer than they might be.

But Americans are unique among world peoples. When faced with great challenges, we have always risen to the occasion. When called to act for the common good, Americans have never failed to respond.

Now we must exercise our obligations of citizenship and join together to address and correct the most difficult challenges facing our nation and its future.

To accomplish this task, the President will:

- o Call the entire nation to action;
- o Encourage the nation's governors, Members of Congress, mayors, business managers, university presidents, religious leaders and other local and state government and community leaders to make similar calls to action;
- o Ask each of these leaders to identify the successful programs presently working in their communities in order to encourage the development of similar programs elsewhere;
- o Ask each individual to affiliate with his or her employer, school, religious group, local volunteer organization, and/or other individuals to become part of a team and be an active participant in some service to others;

- o Generate funding from the private sector to assist unique social initiatives and to help replicate successful programs;
- o Help to identify successful initiatives throughout the nation and to circulate widely the details of their success;
- o Work with television, radio networks, newspapers, magazines and other forms of media to spotlight successful programs, recognize extraordinary initiatives and inspire others to emulate them;

President Bush believes that Americans are more willing to give of themselves to help others than ever before. The commitment of the entire nation is essential if we are to ameliorate the serious challenges facing our communities.

FIRST MAJOR INITIATIVE OF THE POINTS OF LIGHT FOUNDATION:

YES TO AMERICA

The first of many initiatives of the President's Points of Light foundation will be YES (Youth Entering Service) to America.

YES to America is President Bush's call to all young people to lead a movement to help solve problems such as drugs, illiteracy, and homelessness by engaging in community service.

To assist the youth in this effort, the President will call upon leaders from all institutions - business managers, educators, union leaders, religious leaders, network executives, publishers, editors, lawyers, consultants, accountants, doctors, foundation heads, civic leaders, and other state and community leaders, to engage their organizations in the development of America's youth.

The President will challenge:

- o Education Boards to include community service in the curricula of elementary and high schools;
- o College and university presidents to require admissions officers to weigh community service in judging applicants and to include community service in their curricula;
- o Community leaders and students to reach out to alienated young people and develop community service opportunities which redirect these young people toward a high school diploma and job training and placement.
- o Communities to devise a program to engage each young American in the pivotal summer between 8th and 9th grade in service to the community. This **YES to America** summer initiative will hopefully instill in each young person in America a lifelong ethic of serving others.

Through **ServNet**, corporations, professional firms and other institutions will be advised by teams of their peers, whose services are donated for a period of time, of successful youth community service programs throughout the country and helped to replicate them in their own institutions.

Those young people engaging in community service will also have access to **ServLink**, the foundation's hotline telephone network established to direct those who wish to engage in service to opportunities in their own communities.

To mobilize the people to action, the President will ask:

- o Cabinet members and heads of Federal agencies to devise and implement service programs to engage themselves and their employees in community service and to recognize and commend the most outstanding employees who do so;
- o Governors and mayors to form **state or local President's Points of Light Initiating Committees**, to ignite this movement at the grassroots level;
- o Corporate leaders to make community service a criterion in hiring, compensation and promotion decisions, and to suggest each employee devote five hours per week to community service;
- o Leaders of non-profit groups, service organizations and civic institutions to make room for those who want to help, regardless of their age, background, or level of experience;
- o Each young person in the nation to lead the way to accept and promote our historic ethic of service to the nation, the community and other individuals.

To carry out the President's objectives, the Foundation will:

- o Initiate **ServNet**, a network consisting of some of the nation's most talented private sector leaders who will canvass the country identifying programs that are working, challenging their peers to participate in existing programs and devise community service and youth development programs in their own institutions and communities. **ServNet** participants will provide technical advise and counsel regarding program structure, training and fundraising, as well as information about successful programs and how they might be replicated.
- o Create **ServLink**, a hotline telephone number answered by existing volunteer agencies in one's own community, to direct those who wish to engage in service to opportunities in their own communities. This will be developed within the next three years;
- o Award the "**President's Build a Community Awards**" which will honor those partnerships among disparate people and institutions who have worked together to revitalize decaying communities and to "build" surrogate families;
- o Provide a forum to develop and discuss policy initiatives to alleviate the problems at their source;

Through the Foundation the YES initiative will also:

- Direct the President's National Service Youth Representatives who will travel around their regions calling other young people to action, suggesting ways that they too might become involved in community service, assisting in local program development and implementation and offering examples of successful programs that might be replicated;
- Convene national and regional President's National Service Youth Leadership Forums which will bring together young people, educators, community activists, and others to examine the issue of creating and developing a new generation of community leaders;
- Administer the President's National Service Youth Leadership Awards to outstanding young community leaders.

By 1992, the YES Initiative will:

- Double the number of young people engaged in meaningful service to their communities;
- Double the number of adults and peer groups involved in youth mentoring projects;
- Triple the number of institutions, e.g. businesses, firms, unions, schools, colleges, churches, synagogues, civic groups and service organizations, formally engaged in youth development through community service.

In answering the President's call to service, not only will the nation's communities harness the energy, talent and ambition of America's young people to help solve pressing community problems, but also every young person will acquire an important lifelong ethic of service. The President aims to instill in all young people the recognition that from now on in America any definition of a successful life must include service to others.

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Young American Volunteers

RedElk Banks

RedElk, 18, generously serves a Minneapolis community which suffers a seventy percent school drop-out rate and an even more staggering rate of substance abuse. As president of Soaring Eagles, a 140 member group of American Indian youths, RedElk has supported his urban community by urging peers to stay in and succeed in school. RedElk also provides counseling for teenagers suffering from the effects of substance abuse in work with one of 4-H's inner-city programs, Project IV. Additionally, he is a volunteer tutor, standardized test giver, teacher of computer skills, and very active in school extracurricular activities including the swim team, the school newspaper, and the school orchestra.

The Yoshiyama Award for Exemplary Service to the Community
Felicia B. Lynch (202) 457-0588

Ron Brooks

Ron Brooks, 23, became the first double amputee to earn the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, an accomplishment which only 1.5% of all Boy Scouts are able to achieve. Ron is an active volunteer for United Way, Boy Scouts of America, the Voluntary Action Council, St. Edmond's Home for Crippled Children, and many other organizations. Currently, Ron is completing a major in Communications as a junior at Villanova University in Rosemont. Ron continues to teach the public about the needs of disabled people and provides an exemplary model of volunteerism as he proves that every member of society has something to give.

The Alexis de Toqueville Society Award
The United Way of America
Sally DeLuca (703) 836-7100

Lisa Caccamise

Lisa, 17, volunteered 1,000 hours in a wide range of ~~community service activities~~ during 1988. She sings in a church choir and acts as a layreader and usher in church. Lisa visits the elderly in nursing homes in her Milford, Delaware community. Additionally, she volunteers in a hospital nursery and has baked for numerous worthwhile causes. This recent graduate of Milford High School shows her commitment to volunteerism through service to many different groups.

Delaware Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards
Nancy F. Olson (302) 736-4456

Eileen Marie Cole

Eileen, 17, has volunteered as a candy striper, a CCD teacher, and an aid to a cerebral palsy patient. Eileen is an optimistic, responsible person who has enriched the lives of the people with whom she has worked. She was one of the first recipients of the Bronze Congressional Award from the District of Columbia. In addition to maintaining her coursework as a high school student, she has served as a candy striper for four hours per week, taught CCD to fourth graders for one hour per week, and performed patterning for a child with cerebral palsy one hour per week. As a Girl Scout Troop for five years, Eileen has served 781 hours recycling over 3050 tons of paper. Eileen is a selfless, dedicated volunteer who makes a difference in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan community and serves as an example to us all.

Catechism

The Bronze Congressional Award, D.C. Chapter
Maggie A. Kennedy (202) 624-8554

Sean T. Fox

Sean, 20, began the Toledo Community Food Bank to feed the hungry in Toledo. Currently a sophomore at Stanford University, he serves as a volunteer tutor in an impoverished local school district. The relationship is similar to that promoted by Big Brothers/Big Sisters except that Sean's relationship is academically grounded. After serving as a volunteer tutor for a year, he stepped up to volunteer coordinator of one of the six schools in the district and still maintained his tutoring activities. This summer Sean will be working in his home state of Washington in the Community Development Office in order to study and strive to resolve the problem of homelessness in the Seattle/Tacoma area.

Sea Breeze Awards
Ellen Anderson (718) 268-6994

Stephanie Ann Fox

Stephanie, 17, volunteered 1,115 hours during 1988 in service efforts in her Milton, Delaware community. As a member of Spirit, a group of students who sing, dance, and speak against drugs and alcohol, she has volunteered about 300 hours. Stephanie has helped raised funds for the Epilepsy Foundation, Cancer Research, and Alzheimer Foundation. Because of her volunteer work, the International Order of Job's Daughters, of which she is a member, donated \$500 to Families in Transition, a shelter for battered women.

Delaware Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards
Nancy F. Olson (302) 736-4456

Carissa Griesinger

Carissa, 15, a former drug user and seller, is today drug-free and devotes hours each week to counseling troubled teenagers and tutoring handicapped children. She not only overcame a difficult past, but turned it into a significant learning experience for others whom she helps. Carissa's counseling includes assisting fellow students with academic and emotional troubles. Also she works with mentally handicapped students and enrolled in a Swim-a-thon in her Florida community. Carissa is an outstanding person because she overcame the difficulties of her parents' divorce as a child and her mother's participation in drug abuse with her. She has truly reversed the course of her life and is genuinely committed to others.

JCPenney Golden Rule Award
Jackie Noll (214) 591-1319

Aja Henderson

Aja, 14, created her own home-based library in order to promote literacy in her local Baton Rouge community. She runs the home-based library for her peers who cannot get to the town library because they lack a means of transportation. Currently, Aja is gearing-up her library to prepare for the increased demand for books over the summer. Additionally, she participates in a tutorial program run by her local church in order to help inner city children with reading.

Sea Breeze Awards
Ellen Anderson (718) 268-6994

Deaven Jenkins

Deaven, 21, volunteers in Jacksonville, Florida to train students in job responsibility and literacy. She dedicated 749 hours of volunteer service to Project Literacy as a college student. Deaven leads by example, and her radiant enthusiasm caused her peers to participate in Project Literacy. She is a particularly unique American in that she began with Job Corps as a drop-out who earned her GED degree, and then, realizing the disadvantages which others lacking schooling suffer, jumped in as a volunteer with Project Literacy.

JCPenney Golden Rule Award
Jackie Noll (214) 591-1319

Dale Long and Michael Jackson

Dale, 36, and Michael, 17, were matched by the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Dallas. Dale's commitment to his Little Brother Michael is tireless as demonstrated by the fact that he continued to dedicate time and effort to his brotherhood with Michael through two job lay-offs. Evidence of the importance of family dedication to service, Dale's parents were always involved in community service activities. Dale has raised Michael's self-esteem, helped him in school, taken him fishing and to sporting events, gotten him involved in church activities, and helped him find a job. And, Michael has undoubtedly played a significant role in Dale's life as a younger brother and a close friend.

Prince Matchabelli National Hero Award
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Dallas
(214) 871-0876

Bobby Saddler

Bobby, 14, is a dedicated volunteer who has participated in the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Royal Ambassadors, and the school safety program in his LaCrosse, Virginia community. He has earned badges for Advanced First Aid, Hazardous Materials Emergency, CPR, and Junior Lifesaving. Bobby has worked to collect money for the Red Cross, and he assists the LaCrosse Volunteer Fire Department and Southside Rescue Squad. Additionally, he helps the elderly in the community as an aid and a friend, voluntarily checking their blood pressure, carrying their groceries, and visiting with them.

American Institute for Public Service (Jefferson Award)
Linda Whitmarsh, Sam Beard (302) 323-9116

Angelica Skouras

Angelica, 11, is a sixth grade student of the First Academy in Florida with a deep concern for the homeless, and she shares President Bush's interest in encouraging all young people to engage in community service. Angelica writes to the President, "I believe if kids of all social levels are encouraged to become involved and physically help the less fortunate to make it in this world, it will give them a purpose in life." She recently started a drive throughout Orlando to help the homeless people of Central Florida and dreams of encouraging other youngsters nationwide to do the same.

Personal Letter to the President
Angelica Skouras (407) 876-2828, (407) 876-4859

Jennifer Faith Sussal

Jennifer, 17, is deeply troubled by the problem of drinking and driving, and she believes that education is the key to successful prevention. As President of Students Against Drunk Driving and coordinator of Remove Intoxicated Drivers, she has organized an on-going educational campaign about the dangers of drinking and driving, fetal alcohol syndrome, liver disease, cancer, and the addictive qualities of drinking. Jennifer also runs a safe-ride hotline on Friday and Saturday nights in her Rockville Center, New York community to help prevent the tragedies which drunk driving can cause.

American Institute for Public Service (Jefferson Award)
Linda Whitmarsh, Sam Beard (302) 323-9116

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 8, 1989

MEMORANDUM TO GREGG PETERSMEYER

FROM: STEPHANIE BLESSEY

RE: Volunteer Week

Enclosed is another list of volunteers that you may find useful. These are from a special report in Newsweek magazine. (July 1988) With Volunteer week approaching, I thought that they might be helpful.
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cc: Gretchen Pagel
Clark Ervin ✓
Chriss Winston
Dave Demarest

June 8, 1989

MEMORANDUM

RE: 1,000 Points of Light

The following is a list of people featured in "A Holiday for Heroes," a special report in Newsweek magazine (July 4, 1988.)

Education

"An Apple for Teacher" -- Jay Jackson, after five years as a juvenile-court officer, became a teacher and principal of a tiny Missouri Elementary School. He along with other town members fought to keep this small school alive and went on to watch it grow.

"Keep the Kids in School" -- Arzie Galvez is Assistant Principal at Denver North High, a predominantly Hispanic inner-city school. There she motivates kids to stay in school. She encouraged and coached five teams into the finals of Odyssey of the Mind.

* "Doing It by the Book" -- In Gaston County, North Carolina, an area in which one out of five adults is illiterate, Olna Daves teaches people to read. She is one of the founders of the Gaston Literacy Council.

Help and Home

"An Enemy Named Drugs" -- Vernon Shorty, 44, has run the Desire Narcotics Rehabilitation Center in New Orleans since it was founded in 1970. Aside from rehabilitation, the center provides help for people short on rent or who have lost their welfare checks and even has a barber for kids in the neighborhood.

"They're Nuts for Huts" -- In Atlanta, a group of young professionals in their 20s build huts for the homeless on the weekends.

"The Big House That's Home" -- Carole Pope, an ex-convict herself, designed and started Our New Beginnings, headquartered in a 44-roomed Victorian home, which helps ex-convict women to get skills, housing and adjust to a new life after of prison.

"Shelter for the Innocents" -- Kathleen Clark started a nursery for abused children in Tucson. She takes up to 32 children at a time and helps 150 kids per month.

Medical Attention

"Delivering for the Babies" -- Pediatrician Herman Hein, combined the inadequate facilities for critically ill newborns from all three hospitals in his area into one fully equipped facility. He and his team now coordinate infant care in hospitals all across Iowa.

"Hope is a Gift" -- Dr. Anne Brooks set up practice in a poverty stricken delta town in Mississippi. She offers medical care for everyone, even those who can not pay her.

Minorities

"Bridge Builder" -- Caroline Chang, mathematician and lawyer, fights to bring Boston's Chinatown out of isolation. She helped found the Chinese American Civic Organization to bridge language barriers and promote education. Her efforts have led to improved health care for Asian-Americans and legal assistance for the poor.

"Connecting the Cultures" -- Terko Shiono, a Japanese American, has been called a one-woman amity committee. She helps bridge the language gap between many Japanese speaking and non-Japanese speaking people in Pittsburgh.

Youth

"Speaking Out" -- Chaunta Dooley, a 12 year old in Newark, New Jersey, fought to get the prostitutes and drugs out of their neighborhood playground.

"Role Model" -- June Martin-Perry is a mentor for black girls in who live in Milwaukee housing projects. In the One Reach One program she has matched 250 girls with mentors they can talk to.

* "An Author with a Different Message" -- Jason Gaes, a recovered victim of cancer, has written a book for fellow kids called My Book for Kids with Cansur [sic]. He wanted kids to have a story about cancer with a happy ending.

"An Oasis for the City" -- The Off The Street Club is a club to get kids away from the streets and the gangs of Chicago. The club is directed by Ralph Campagna and it offers inner-city kids a place to hang out.

"I Haven't Lost One of Them" -- Marlene Walters, a paster at Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church, works to fight suicide among teenagers in her community.

* "Lesson for Today: How to Be Somebody" -- Russell Spencer owns a bait shop in Ohio in which he gives credit to kids who can't afford to get sandwiches, sodas or use the fishing gear. In turn

the kids sweep out the store or offer their services to the elderly in the community.

Misc.

"Digging In" -- Norman Chamberlain, a resident of Washington State, fights visual pollution, such as graffiti, in his community.

* "General Grant's Promise" -- Grant Cushinberry made a promise to God during WW II that if he came out of the war alive he would do everything possible to help his fellow man. He and his followers make up "General Grant's Army," a community service group. Because of his help the community built a park in his name.



KEITH MYERS—KANSAS CITY TIMES

Under Jackson, a tiny school earned straight A's

MISSOURI

An Apple for Teacher

After five years as a juvenile-court officer, Jay Jackson was frustrated: "We were getting the kids too late," he says. So in 1977 he signed on as a teacher and principal of the tiny Missouri City Elementary School, which had no state classification and was under constant pressure to consolidate with a larger district. When a former pupil set the building on fire, many people wanted to close it down, but Jackson and a few supporters won them over and the school was rebuilt.

Now, with its 85 students testing well above average, with gung-ho volunteers and a faculty of five, it has won a triple-A rating from the state, almost unheard of for such a small school. Parents credit Jackson, 38, who sometimes subs as janitor, bus driver and basketball coach. In sports, he says, "rule number one is you don't laugh at anyone." Any kid who wants to play does and is sidelined only for poor grades. It's what can truly be called democracy in action.



JAMES COOK

Galvez nags, prods, coaches—anything to motivate students

COLORADO

Keep the Kids in School

The running figure of assistant principal Arzie Galvez is a familiar sight in the halls of Denver's North High School. "She never slows down," says one sophomore. Galvez's official job is scheduling, budgeting and curriculum planning. Her unofficial job is to motivate kids and keep them in school until they graduate.

The first in her family to get a high-school diploma, Galvez graduated from North in 1966 and returned as an adminis-

trator two years ago. A predominantly Hispanic inner-city school, North has a dropout rate of 45 percent. Too high, Galvez says. So she's made it her mission to improve what kids think of themselves any way she can—nagging, prodding, coaching five teams into the world finals of Odyssey of the Mind, an international scholastic competition. "What I do for students is believe in them," she says. "We've got a dream to turn this school around."



NANCY PIERCE

Literacy Council founder Daves introduces world of words

NORTH CAROLINA

Doing It by the Book

One of Olna Daves's favorite stories is the one about the truck driver. He used to have to ride around Gastonia, looking for somebody—a kid, preferably, since kids were less likely to snicker—to read his manifest of his day's deliveries. Finally he found Daves. Today he can read for himself.

It was back in 1964, at a Baptist Women's Association meeting, that Daves learned that one out of every five people in Gaston County was illiterate. "Every year we have two missions," she says. "That year, one was soul-winning and the other was literacy." Daves and the other women hired an instructor to

teach them how to tutor reading, and soon the Gaston Literacy Council was born. "We left 'Baptist' out," says Daves. "because some people might not be interested if they thought it was tied to one church group." To pay for gas and books for her tutoring sessions, Daves began taking in sewing jobs. "I don't mind spending my money," she says. "It's so rewarding to see somebody learn to read." Now 66, Daves stitches about 100 prom dresses and wedding gowns each year to help make Gastonia's well-to-do happy. And to make some of its less fortunate citizens even happier.

LOUISIANA

An Enemy Named Drugs

In the housing project named Desire, he's known as "The Mayor." Vernon Shorty, 44, has run the Desire Narcotics Rehabilitation Center in New Orleans since it was founded in 1970. He has turned it into a social-services center for the massive housing project, helping people who are short on the rent, have lost their welfare checks or need to bail someone out of jail. Sundays, Shorty even brings in a barber to cut the project kids' hair.

But the center's main business is still weaning addicts from drugs. Shorty, who grew up in Desire, employs 12 people to help heroin addicts, crack users and alcoholics and to provide extensive follow-up care. The money comes from state and city grants. Among his clientele, Shorty has the best rapport with heroin users, who he says were historically "strong people, decent people, with principles and a code—they helped each other and their word was good." He has little patience for today's smorgasbord of addicts, whom he criticizes as "people with low

self-esteem using crack, weak and insecure people playing a strong man's game."

While doing good for New Orleans, Shorty has also done right by himself, picking up degrees in history and sociology in his spare time away from the center. He now teaches a course on drug abuse at Southern University in Baton Rouge.



—VILLY KNAPP

Shorty barbers and counsels

GEORGIA

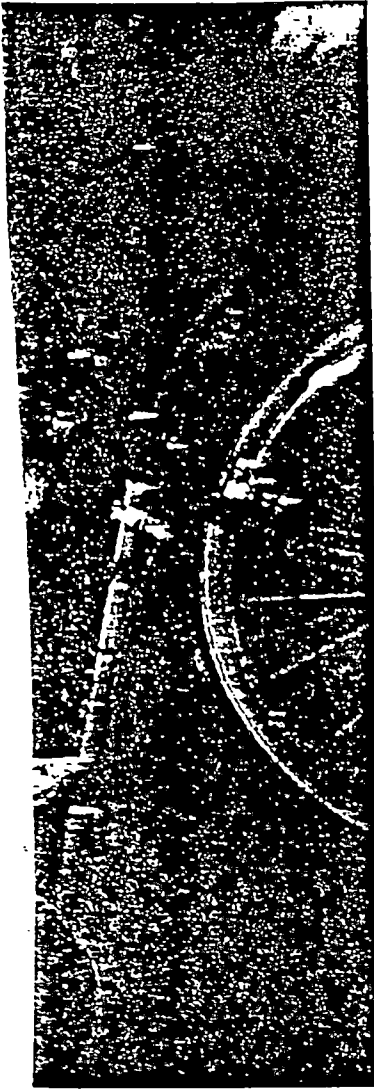
They're Nuts for Huts

Their unofficial motto is "We build huts because we're nuts." The "nuts" in question are the Mad Housers, a loosely knit group of Atlantans, most of them professionals in their 20s, who spend weekends constructing huts for the homeless. When Mike Connor, a founding member of the organization, was an architecture student at Georgia Tech, he was impressed by makeshift shacks some people had erected to avoid going to public shelters. Connor and seven others, eager to offer quick assistance, decided they could build better units, more cheaply.

In 16 months the Housers, now a much larger group, have made 30 simple, movable huts. They set up their first for anyone to use, but now select clients beforehand, making sure they actually *want* huts and usually getting them to assist in construction. "It's important that the person feels like it's his," says one member. Built on empty property owned by the government or held by railroads, the huts are, in fact, illegal. Though the Housers have had a few run-ins with authorities, they're committed and their idea is spreading. They have already sent out about 50 "starter kits."



The homeless in Atlanta needed



PETER BLANKELY—PICTURE GROUP
roy Belanger's athletic spirit

OREGON

The Big House That's Home

At 44, Carole Pope has made it from the Big House, where she served four years on charges of theft and forgery, to the big house in Portland, where, since 1981, she has helped more than 1,000 female ex-convicts. Our New Beginnings, the nonprofit program she designed while still in prison, has its headquarters in a 44-room Victorian home. Pope says her clients tend to be felons, in their 30s, with no job skills and two children. They've usually abused their kids—and drugs—just as they (in almost all cases) have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused. Prostitutes and addicts, society calls them, but, says Pope, "there's a lot more to them than the labels. I know what they represent and how they got that way."

The first thing Pope offers newcomers is trust. "In prison they assume you're a liar," she says. "I'll trust them until they show me I can't." Some do break her ironclad house rules; they get bounced from the pro-



JAMES D. WILSON—NEWSWEEK

Pope offers help and trust

gram and, often, bounce back into jail. ("She can be frightening," says a 20-year-old who served time for prostitution.) "But when they acquire some belief in themselves, it's the most incredible high," says Pope. "These are very decent women." And most of the women do learn, gradually, says Pope, that "their lives can be meaningful." Nearly half the women who go to prison wind up going back. But nearly two-thirds of the women who leave Our New Beginnings stay clear of trouble.

ARIZONA

Shelter for the Innocents

Sister Kathleen Clark, 65, had seen hundreds of abused children during her years as a nurse in Tucson. But it was a particularly nasty case about 20 years ago, involving a physician who never came to trial, that caused Clark to start Casa de los Niños, a nursery for abused children. She had \$17 to her name. "I realized that there was a need for someone to stand up and fight for these little children who so badly needed the help of an adult," says Clark, a member of the Order of Saint Joseph of Carondelet.

Clark leased a rundown building, but she was able to renovate only after workers at city hall took up a collection to pay for building permits. Much of the initial work was done by volunteers. Now Casa de los Niños has an annual budget of \$1.2 million, mostly from donations, and operates two shelters, a school and a thrift shop. It takes up to 32 children at a time and helps about 150 kids per month. Some 38 crisis nurseries throughout the United States have used Clark's center as a model. "There is nothing more innocent nor more loving than a child," she says. Clark had to retire as head of her shelter last year because she suffers from Parkinson's disease, but she still lives and works at the center.



TOM IVES

Clark's loving touch

Delivering for the Babies

Pediatrician Herman Hein had a lucrative private practice, but he wasn't satisfied. Bureaucracy and territoriality were getting in the way of caring for Iowa's babies. Three hospitals in Dubuque had separate facilities for critically ill newborns; no *one* hospital was fully equipped. It seemed obvious to Dr. Hein that the hospitals should combine resources, but getting other doctors to agree wasn't easy. Hein managed it. After his first program took off he started another, coaxing funds out of the state government and taking a 50 percent cut in income. Doctors and nurses trained by Hein and his team now coordinate infant care in hospitals across Iowa. The state's neonatal mortality rate has dropped from 14 deaths per thousand births in 1972 (the year before the first program began) to 5.2 deaths per thousand in 1986. Hein spends half his 70-hour workweeks not with babies but with student doctors. "The real joy is teaching them something they will use five years down the line to help others," he says. "You can't buy that feeling."



JIM HEEMSTRA—PICTURE GROUP

Hein's centers for newborns



Healer with a mission. Dr. Anne Brooks attends patient in the delta

MISSISSIPPI

'Hope Is a Gift'

When Dr. Anne Brooks set up practice five years ago in Tutwiler, a poverty-stricken delta town, she had 14 patients before she finished unpacking. Brooks, Tutwiler's first physician since 1964, is also a nun. "I made it clear I was a healer and not a missionary," she says. But Brooks, 50, and her clinic staff have a mission, treating everything from rat bites to heart attacks. She battles her worst enemies, malnutrition and ignorance, with a food bank and reading lessons. "Hope is a gift that has been given me," says Brooks. "I want to pass it on."

BY DAVID SMART

MASSACHUSETTS

Bridge Builder

For two decades Caroline Chang has struggled to bring Boston's Chinatown out of its isolation. Trained as a mathematician, and now a lawyer, Chang helped found the Chinese American Civic Organization to bridge language barriers and promote education; her efforts have led to improved health care for Asian-Americans and legal assistance for the poor. And Chang, 48, works to ease conflicts among people from different Asian backgrounds. Last year she was greeted by overwhelming applause from 500 Bostonians of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian descent at a "unity" dinner. "There is always more to do," she says.



IRA WYMAN FOR NEWSWEEK

Chang crosses ethnic gaps

PENNSYLVANIA

Connecting the Cultures

Shortly after she arrived in this country, Teruko Shiono was given a baby shower by her new friends in Pittsburgh. She has never forgotten that unexpected kindness and has spent the better part of 30 years trying to repay it.

Mrs. Shiono is a one-woman Japanese-American amity committee. When a Japanese woman went into labor at Pittsburgh's Presbyterian-Univers-

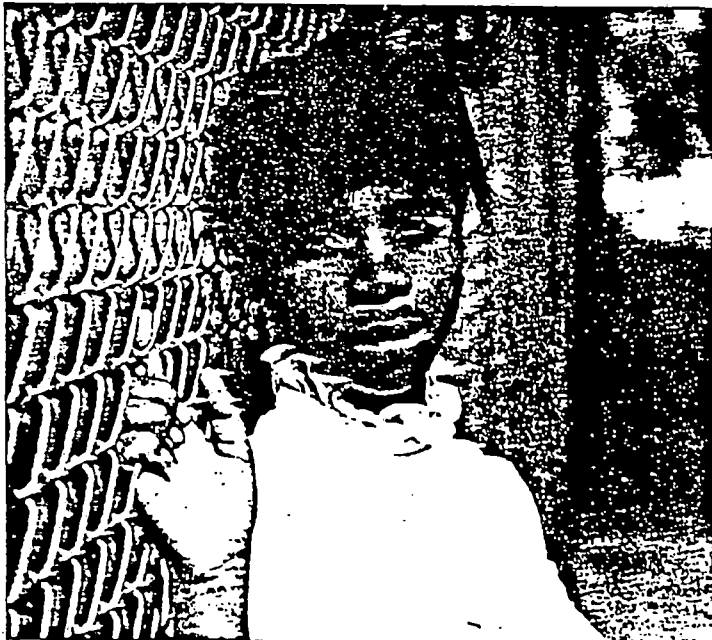


LANN JOHNSON—BLACK STAR

Shiono repays kindness

sity Hospital, and it developed that the mother-to-be and the doctors couldn't speak to each other. Mrs. Shiono hurried from her Highland Park home

to bridge the gap. When Japanese athletes come to town, Mrs. Shiono is always available to whip up some home cooking—rice, sushi, yakitori. The recorded Japanese voice that describes sights on local tour buses is hers. When the Pittsburgh Opera Theater wanted to stage "Madame Butterfly" it was Mrs. Shiono they turned to, and the costumes were found. And when a Japanese student is homesick in Pittsburgh, the school is likely to give him Mrs. Shiono's number. "They want to talk," she says, "so I listen. It's a Japanese custom—the older helps the younger. You do what you can. That's the American way too, yes?"



ROBERT MAASS—PHOTOREPORTERS

Dooley rallied a city to reclaim playground from prostitutes

NEW JERSEY

Speaking Out

I don't think my playground should be used for a motel," Chaunta Dooley, then 12, told Newark's school board last January. In her part of town, prostitutes didn't respect the distinction, so Chaunta, an honor student, also went to the city council. Her neighbors then organized marches to harass the prostitutes and began regular meetings to plan strategies against drug sales as well. Chaunta is disappointed that prostitution has not disappeared from her neighborhood, but if she fulfills her wish to be a lawyer, perhaps she will get another chance to stop it.



STEVE LEONARD

Mentor Martin-Perry (right)

WISCONSIN

Role Model

June Martin-Perry is part mother and part mentor for black girls who live in Milwaukee's housing projects. Determined to help teenagers break the pattern of young motherhood, Martin-Perry, 41, developed the Each One Reach One program. Now in its seventh year, the program has matched 250 girls with mentors they can talk to and trust. "Kids need role models," she says. "When I was in school, I thought my teacher could walk on water." Martin-Perry's girls feel the same way about her.



Recovered lymphoma victim and writer Jason Gues (left) with his twin brother, Tim

MINNESOTA

An Author With a Different Message

Burkitt's lymphoma is a rare form of cancer that is sometimes fatal, but when Jason Gues recovered from it two years ago, he was a little angry. He was also only eight years old and disturbed that all the books he saw about cancer seemed to end with people dying. "Someone else always wrote the last page," he

recalls. "It's real depressing. I wanted to let people know it can be different." So he wrote "My book for kids with cancer" (available from Melius & Peterson Publishing Inc., 524 Citizens Building, Aberdeen, S.D. \$11.95), a reassuring story, printed in a child's scrawl. Jason, who shares royalties with the American Cancer Society,

included his address and phone number in the book and has heard from hundreds of children, many hospitalized and frightened. "I have one main message," says Jason, now a cheerful fifth grader. "People don't always die of cancer. Some people, like President Reagan and me and lots of others, we go on and do just fine."



KATHY RICHLAND

Campagna gets kids off the mean streets and out of trouble

ILLINOIS

An Oasis for the City

The Off The Street Club is an oasis in the gang-scarred landscape of Chicago's West Garfield Park neighborhood. No gang members allowed, no colors to be worn inside; even mentioning gangs is discouraged. "Nobody's going to run it but us," says executive director Ralph Campagna. "We'll do whatever it takes."

OTSC offers inner-city kids a safe place to hang out, work

out, study and get to know computers. Through its World of Work program, members can spend time with Chicago-area professionals, getting a taste of the business world. Campagna, a former teacher, has devoted full time and more to the club since 1982. "I'm married to the club," the executive director says. "It's my bride." It's been a long, faithful marriage: Campagna himself joined at the age of three.



JOHN FICARA—NEWSWEEK

Walters fights teen suicide

DELAWARE

'I Haven't Lost One of Them'

Last January, a 17-year-old Wilmington high-school student committed suicide. Before breaking the news to the student body, the principal did what any principal in this part of the state would have done: he called Mariene Walters. Walters, 55, is pastor of Wilmington's Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church: unofficially, she is Delaware's champion of suicide prevention among the young. She was at the school for the next two weeks; out of 1,100 students, more than 400 sought counseling. During the past five years Walters has talked several kids

down off bridges and taken countless late-night phone calls. Her work began when she learned that while suicide was the number-two killer of young people, there was no support group in her community for those with suicidal tendencies. She soon changed that—though her professional liability insurance went "sky high." Hundreds of teenagers have now joined groups she organized or inspired. A few of these kids have seriously contemplated suicide, but called a buddy or a hot line in time. "So far," she says, "I haven't lost one of them, thank God."



D. GORTON—AP/WIDE WORLD

For kids in Columbus, Simpson teaches how to fish, cut bait and get along better in life

OHIO

Lesson for Today: How to Be Somebody

Russell Simpson dispenses a few quiet lessons along with the merchandise in his Columbus bait shop. Bait, fishing gear or soft drinks are always there for neighborhood kids who can't afford to pay. All they have to do is help clean up the shop, or the street outside, or look after the old folks in the neighborhood. "I want them to learn discipline, manners, how to be somebody," he

says. "It's easy to be nobody."

Simpson admits that he's "not the easiest to get along with. I get on them." One boy tried to cut to the front of the line on a busy day; Simpson threw him out, and the boy later came back and apologized. Sometimes kids try to test him by swiping sandwiches or soda. He's good at catching them. He thought: "I did it myself when I was young." One boy who made

Simpson's acquaintance by stealing a sandwich is now one of his best helpers in the shop.

In business for three years on Columbus's east side, Simpson has a new wrinkle this year: credit, up to \$3, for kids who keep up A's and B's in school. "I'm just trying to pass a little along," he says. "You can't take it all, like a cookie jar. You've got to leave something, or put something back in."

WASHINGTON

Digging In

We're not giving up," says Norman Chamberlain, 55, of crime-beset southeast Seattle, where he and his wife live. Instead, he works tirelessly to improve it. Every other Saturday, he helps paint over the "visual pollution" of graffiti. He's helped establish a crime-tips hot line that has closed several crack houses and he helps criminals go straight: to show the effectiveness of work-release programs, he's even taken ex-cons into his home to live. Sure, he was scared—but willing to take the risk.

Fighting 'visual pollution'

JAMES D. WILSON—NEWSWEEK



KANSAS

General Grant's Promise

While serving as an Army medic in the South Pacific during World War II, Grant Cushinberry made a promise to God: if he survived the war, Cushinberry would do everything he could to help his fellow man. The people of Topeka can testify that Cushinberry, now 66, has lived up to his end of the bargain. His work with disadvantaged kids, including a program that encourages them to join "General Grant's Army" through community service, so impressed the city that a park was named after Cushinberry. (You can often find him giving away cloth-

ing in his park.) He operates a small garden patch, which he calls "God's Little Half Acre," where needy people can pick fresh vegetables. And every year he feeds a racially mixed group of about 7,000 Topekans at Thanksgiving. A former psychiatric aide who now operates a trash-hauling business, Cushinberry refuses to allow big businesses to bankroll his projects because "I want the whole town to get involved. It brings us closer together." Cushinberry has a knack for getting support from lots of people and Topeka is the better for his talent and dedication.



EARL RICHARDSON

Cushinberry makes his commitment to Topeka's needy