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Welfare to Work – Little Rock, AR

June 3, 2002

Draft #10

I am honored to be here with Governor Huckabee and the good people at the Church at Rock Creek. You are helping neighbors to know the dignity of work and self-sufficiency. You are providing love and support to people trying to make better lives for themselves. No government program could ever replace the personalized attention and caring that people receive here. But government can and should support this idealism – and that starts with the United States Senate re-authorizing the historic 1996 welfare reform law and passing faith-based legislation.

Acknowledgments

- Governor Mike Huckabee (R-AR) (will introduce the President)
- Secretary Tommy Thompson, Department of Health and Human Services
- Senator Tim Hutchinson (R-AR) – as a House member, he served on the conference committee for the 1996 welfare reform law
- Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-AR)
- Congressman John Boozman (R-AR) [BOZE-man]
- Lt. Governor Win Rockefeller (R-AR)
- Mayor Jim Dailey (D), Mayor of Little Rock
- Mark Evans, Senior Pastor, Church at Rock Creek
- Brenda Ross, USA Freedom Corps honoree – full-time AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) member working with the Arkansas Foodbank Network in Little Rock.

The Church at Rock Creek

- You are heeding the universal call to love a neighbor as you would like to be loved yourselves. Since 1998, you have trained 150 people in welfare to work classes where they have learned practical skills like interviewing for jobs, preparing a resume, and developing a strong work ethic. You have helped more than 2,000 families with food and housing assistance, medical care, aid to pregnant women, shelter for abused children and teens, and other services.

The 1996 Welfare Reform Legislation

- Welfare reform is one of the great success stories of compassionate government. It is helping people move out of poverty. Over eight years, single mothers at the bottom of the income scale saw their income from paychecks and the Earned Income Tax Credit increase more than 144 percent, while their income from welfare declined by nearly 46 percent. These single moms are bringing home more money and they are doing it themselves, through their own hard work.
- Today, the Department of Health and Human Services released new figures confirming the progress we have made. Since passage of the 1996 welfare reform, welfare caseloads have dropped by more than half, leading to a dramatic decline in welfare dependency. In 2000, 5.4 million fewer people lived in poverty than in 1996, leading to the lowest poverty rate in over twenty years.
- In Arkansas, the number of families on welfare has decreased by more than 44 percent since welfare reform was implemented in 1997.
- But the most important statistic in welfare reform is not the number of cases dropped, but the number of lives changed.

Welfare to Work Success Stories

- Vivian Webb had been on welfare eighteen months when she started life skills classes here at the Church at Rock Creek. She gained valuable experience through a temporary job and volunteer work – and in October 2000, she became a full-time executive assistant in the governor's office, where she is still working today.
- Jeanette Cain is a single mother of three boys. Two and a half years ago, Jeanette had no job and no income. The state gave her a job placement, a cash subsidy, and transportation to work. The Church gave her life skills training. After struggling through addiction and dependency, Jeanette now runs a substance abuse services office, where she counsels twenty-five people every week. She uses the lessons of her own struggle for independence to help others succeed.

- Spring Davidson is a single mom with three children. Six months ago she was out of work and receiving welfare but enrolled in a program to become a medical assistant. She attended the Church at Rock Creek's life skills training and is now working as a secretary at the church. Spring has steady employment, a work schedule that will allow her to complete her education, and the hope of a better life for herself and her children.

The Next Stage in Welfare Reform

- These are wonderful success stories. Now we must multiply them across America. We must take the next step of compassionate welfare reform to help even more Americans know the dignity and independence of work.
- Today, a little more than 30 percent of welfare recipients work. Under my proposal, within five years 70 percent of welfare recipients must work. And I mean full-time work – 40 hours a week – so people learn the value of work and the responsibility of work. Some people will not be ready for that, which is why my proposal would let them use up to two days each week for education or vocational training – to prepare for full-time work.
- We propose spending more than 17 billion dollars on welfare for fiscal year 2003. Because welfare caseloads have been cut in half, states would have more than twice as much money to spend per family on welfare and child care than they had just six years ago – almost 16,000 dollars under my plan, compared to less than 7,000 dollars in 1996.
- My plan would also allow states to be more innovative in providing better job training, housing and nutrition programs, and better child care services to low-income families.

The Senate Must Act

- The House of Representative passed welfare reform last month. Now the Senate must act. Millions of Americans are better off today because the House and the Senate passed a compassionate welfare reform bill

in 1996. That good work could be jeopardized if the Senate now focuses on politics and partisanship rather than reform.

- In 1996, the Congress put a lot of faith in America's governors – and the governors responded with effective, compassionate welfare policies. Now the governors need to know how to plan for the next five years – and it is up to Congress to give them a blueprint for continued reform. Governors need a clear picture of how much funding will be available to states and what guidelines they must follow in the years ahead.

Faith-Based Legislation

- As government promotes work, we must also promote the compassion of people like you. We must end discrimination against faith-based charities in government funding, and encourage Americans to give generously to private and religious charities. The House passed faith-based legislation last year, and now it is time for the Senate to pass the CARE Act.

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Biographies of Stage Participants

Pastor Mark Evans

In November of 1995, Pastor Evans returned to his hometown of Little Rock, Arkansas, and founded The Church at Rock Creek. Under Evans' leadership church membership has grown from 25 original congregates to over 1,300. Evans chairs the Arkansas Transitional Employment Board, a citizen board providing oversight to the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program in Arkansas. Pastor Evans brings a unique perspective to welfare services by blending his own experience of working with welfare dependant mothers through his ministry and his role as chair of the Transitional Employment Board.

Ms. Vivian Webb

Ms. Webb is a former third-generation welfare recipient who received Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) cash assistance for her two children from October 1997 until September 1999. She participated in The Church at Rock Creek Care Center Life Skills classes where she was trained in job skills, resume preparation, job interview skills, life skills, and gaining self-esteem. The Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) local office and the Rock Creek Care Center partnered in providing Ms. Webb with a vehicle for her commute to work, which she still drives. Since October 2000, Ms. Webb has been employed with the Governor's Office, as an Executive Assistant for Constituent Services.

Ms. Spring Davidson

As a single mother with three children, Ms. Davidson came to the TEA program six months ago. She attended the Rock Creek Life Skills Training Program as a component of her TEA Employment Plan. Upon completion of her Life Skills training, she was hired by Rock Creek as a secretary and given a work schedule allowing her to complete her education at Southeast College of Technology. Ms. Davidson is enrolled in a nine-month technical college program to become a Medical Assistant.

Ms. Jeannette Cain

Ms. Cain is a 30 year-old single mother of three boys, ages 16, 13, and 12. In October 1999, Jeannette was living in Dermott, Arkansas, with the father of her children and had no job or income. She received training from Transitional Employment Assistance and was provided transportation to work and job subsidy funds. After completion of a life skills training program, which included work ethics, she found a job at a nearby fast food restaurant, where she was quickly promoted to Assistant Manager. Ms. Cain overcame a history of substance abuse and now runs the Substance Abuse Services office in Monticello, Arkansas. She is able to combine her own experience and loving nature to counsel 25 individuals, teaching skills such as health, positive relationships, parenting, and substance abuse avoidance.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS AIRPORT WELCOME

Monday, June 3, 2002
11:55 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. (CDT)
Statehouse Convention Center
Little Rock, Arkansas
Karl Rove

I. PURPOSE

To deliver brief remarks to approximately 2,000 community leaders and local citizens, upon your arrival in Little Rock.

II. BACKGROUND

Little Rock is located in the 2nd Congressional District in Central Arkansas, home to three-term Congressman Vic Snyder (D-02). This event will allow you to reach area residents who cannot attend the welfare event at The Church at Rock Creek because of space limitations.

III. PARTICIPANTS

VIPs on stage

Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services

Governor Mike Huckabee (R-AR)

Senator Tim Hutchinson (R-AR)

Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-AR)

Congressman John Boozman (R, AR-03)

Brenda Ross, AmeriCorps airport greeter

2,000 Invited guests consisting of local businessmen and women, community groups, and local elected officials.

Joe Hagin, Deputy Chief of Staff

Karl Rove, Senior Advisor

Ruben Barrales, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You arrive at the Statehouse Convention Center and are greeted by greeting delegation.
Note: There will be a pre-program prior to your arrival.
- You proceed to hold.
- WHCA introduces you onto stage.
- Senator Hutchinson delivers brief remarks and introduces you to the podium.
- You deliver brief remarks, work ropeline, and depart en route to The Church at Rock Creek.

VI. REMARKS

Talking Points

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Talking Points
Arkansas State Political Briefing
Congressional Biographies

Little Rock, Arkansas Welcome
 June 3, 2002
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- It is great to be back in "The Natural State."

Acknowledgments

- Senator Tim Hutchinson (R-AR). Back in 1992, the people of Arkansas helped send a great leader to Washington. He is a fine American and I am honored that he is here with me today. Please join me in thanking your Senator, Tim Hutchinson.¹ (will introduce the President)
- Secretary Tommy Thompson, Department of Health and Human Services
- Governor Mike Huckabee (R-AR)
- Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-AR)
- Congressman John Boozman [BOZE-man] (R-AR)
- Brenda Ross, USA Freedom Corps honoree – full-time AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) member working with the Arkansas Foodbank Network in Little Rock
- Over the past nine months, our country has faced a great challenge, and we have risen to meet it.
- We continue to make solid progress in our three great priorities for America:
 - Winning the war against terror.
 - Protecting our people from attack.
 - Revitalizing our economy.
- As September 11th showed us all, Americans are a compassionate people. I am here today to talk about a cornerstone of our compassionate agenda – welfare reform.

¹ "In 1992, Hutchinson was elected to represent Arkansas' Third Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served two terms. He was sworn into office in the U.S. Senate in January, 1997." Senator Tim Hutchinson's U.S. Senate web site (<http://www.senate.gov/~hutchinson/biography.html>).

- I came to Arkansas to celebrate the inspiring commitment and persistence of Americans who left welfare for better lives ... to highlight the compassion of companies that hire them ... and to discuss the next actions we must take in welfare reform to encourage work and family.
- We must build on the progress of recent years with important welfare reforms that require work ... strengthen family ... and give states the freedom to innovate. This is the hallmark of compassion.
- My Administration is committed to working with Members of both parties to achieve a great goal: expanding the promise of America and bringing hope to countless lives.

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GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT ON AIR FORCE ONE

Name: Representative John Boozman (R-3-AR)

Date: Monday, June 3, 2002

Participation: Will travel aboard Air Force One from Little Rock, Arkansas to Washington, D.C.

Purpose: The Congressman has been invited to attend your welcome rally and welfare reform speech in Little Rock.

Notes:

- Sworn in last November after winning special election to replace Asa Hutchinson, who retired from Congress to become your DEA Administrator
- Played football at the University of Arkansas
- As a former rancher, the Congressman raised Polled Hereford cattle that were competitive in the show ring
- This is the Congressman's first trip with you aboard Air Force One

Background:

- U.S. House of Representatives (2001 - present)
- Rogers School Board (1994-2001)
- Owner of Boozman-Hof Regional Eye Clinic (1977-2001)
- Rancher (1982-1999)

Politics: Congressman Boozman is a conservative Republican who has supported all of your major initiatives during his brief time in Congress. The Congressman's district is safely Republican, and it supported you overwhelmingly in the 2000 election.

Legislation: The Congressman hasn't yet had a chance to introduce any major legislative initiatives, but as the son of an Air Force veteran and a Member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, Congressman Boozman is very interested in legislation that benefits veterans. He has declared passage of the Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2001 (commonly called "Concurrent Receipt") as his highest priority for veterans this Congress.

Bio:



U.S. Representative John Boozman (R-AR)

Spouse: Cathy

Children: Shannon (24), Kristen (21) and Lauren (17)

Education: Southern College of Optometry, O.D.

Committees: Transportation and Infrastructure
Veterans' Affairs

Term: 1st

GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE

Name: Senator Tim Hutchinson (R-AR)
Date: Monday, June 3, 2002
Participation: Senator Hutchinson will travel aboard Air Force One and attend the event in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Purpose: Senator Hutchinson has been invited to fly with you and attend the Welcome Rally and Welfare to Work Event.

Notes:

- Senator Hutchinson's election in 1996 made him the first Republican Senator from Arkansas since 1879.
- The Senator grew up on a farm in Northwest Arkansas.

Background:

- United States Senate, 1996 to present
- United States House of Representatives, 1992 to 1996
- Arkansas House of Representatives, 1984 to 1992
- Professor at John Brown University, 1989 to 1992
- Co-Owner and Manager of KBCV Radio, 1982 to 1989
- Founder and Administrator of Benton County Public School, 1975 to 1985
- Baptist Minister

Politics: In 1996, Senator Hutchinson defeated Attorney General Winston Bryant, 53 percent to 47 percent. Bryant had previously won seven races for various Statewide offices. The Senator recently surprised many Republicans by soundly defeating his Republican primary challenger, Jim Bob Dugger, 78 percent to 22 percent.

Legislation: Senator Hutchinson is a strong advocate of lifting the Russian Poultry Embargo. The Senator has also taken the lead on legislation to repeal the Clinton ergonomics rule and promotes open competition in government contracting.

Bio:

	<u>U.S. Senator Tim Hutchinson (R-AR)</u>	
	Spouse:	Randi
	Children:	Twin sons: Jeremy (28), Timothy (28); Josh (24) and 4 grandchildren
	Education:	Bob Jones University, B.A. (1979); University of Arkansas, M.A. (1990)
	Committees:	Aging (Special); Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Armed Services; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Veterans' Affairs
	Term:	1st

GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE

Name: Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-AR)
Date: Monday, June 3, 2002
Participation: Senator Lincoln will travel aboard Air Force One and attend the event in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Purpose: Senator Lincoln has been invited to fly with you and attend the Welcome Rally and the Welfare to Work Event.

Notes:

- Senator Lincoln's father and brother are sixth and seventh generation farmers.
- The Senator was one of nine to form a moderate caucus in February of 2000.

Background:

- United States Senate, 1998 to present
- United States House of Representatives, 1992 to 1996
- Lobbyist and Governmental Affairs Representative, 1985 to 1991
- Staff Assistant to United States Representative Bill Alexander, 1982 to 1984

Politics: Senator Lincoln was elected in 1998, defeating Republican candidate Fay Boozman, 55 percent to 42 percent. Boozman carried little more than the northwest corner of the state.

Legislation: Senator Lincoln voted in favor of the tax cut bill enacted last June, as well as an amendment on the Farm Bill favoring permanent repeal of the estate tax. She was also helpful during consideration and passage of Trade Promotion Authority on the Senate floor.

Bio:



U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-AR)

Spouse: Steve
 Children: Twin Sons: Reece (5) and Bennett (5)
 Education: Randolph Macon College, B.S.(1982)
 Committees: Aging (Special); Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Ethics (Special); and Finance
 Term: 1st

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June 3, 2002
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I am honored to be here with Governor Huckabee and the good people at the Church at Rock Creek. You are helping neighbors to know the dignity of work and self-sufficiency. You are providing love and support to people trying to make better lives for themselves. No government program could ever replace the personalized attention and caring that people receive here. But government can and should support this idealism – and that starts with the United States Senate re-authorizing the historic 1996 welfare reform law and passing faith-based legislation.

Acknowledgments

- Governor Mike Huckabee (R-AR) (will introduce the President)
- Secretary Tommy Thompson, Department of Health and Human Services
- Senator Tim Hutchinson (R-AR) – as a House member, he served on the conference committee for the 1996 welfare reform law
- Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-AR)
- Congressman John Boozman (R-AR) [BOZE-man]
- Lt. Governor Win Rockefeller (R-AR)
- Mayor Jim Dailey (D), Mayor of Little Rock
- Mark Evans, Senior Pastor, Church at Rock Creek
- Brenda Ross, USA Freedom Corps honoree – full-time AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) member working with the Arkansas Foodbank Network in Little Rock.

The Church at Rock Creek

- You are heeding the universal call to love a neighbor as you would like to be loved yourselves. Since 1998, you have trained 150 people in welfare to work classes where they have learned practical skills like interviewing for jobs, preparing a resume, and developing a strong work ethic. You have helped more than 2,000 families with food and housing assistance, medical care, aid to pregnant women, shelter for abused children and teens, and other services.

The 1996 Welfare Reform Legislation

- Welfare reform is one of the great success stories of compassionate government. It is helping people move out of poverty. Over eight years, single mothers at the bottom of the income scale saw their income from paychecks and the Earned Income Tax Credit increase more than 144 percent, while their income from welfare declined by nearly 46 percent. These single moms are bringing home more money and they are doing it themselves, through their own hard work.
- Today, the Department of Health and Human Services released new figures confirming the progress we have made. Since passage of the 1996 welfare reform, welfare caseloads have dropped by more than half, leading to a dramatic decline in welfare dependency. In 2000, 5.4 million fewer people lived in poverty than in 1996, leading to the lowest poverty rate in over twenty years.
- In Arkansas, the number of families on welfare has decreased by more than 44 percent since welfare reform was implemented in 1997.
- But the most important statistic in welfare reform is not the number of cases dropped, but the number of lives changed.

Welfare to Work Success Stories

- Vivian Webb had been on welfare eighteen months when she started life skills classes here at the Church at Rock Creek. She gained valuable experience through a temporary job and volunteer work – and in October 2000, she became a full-time executive assistant in the governor's office, where she is still working today.
- Jeanette Cain is a single mother of three boys. Two and a half years ago, Jeanette had no job and no income. The state gave her a job placement, a cash subsidy, and transportation to work. The Church gave her life skills training. After struggling through addiction and dependency, Jeanette now runs a substance abuse services office, where she counsels twenty-five people every week. She uses the lessons of her own struggle for independence to help others succeed.

- Spring Davidson is a single mom with three children. Six months ago she was out of work and receiving welfare but enrolled in a program to become a medical assistant. She attended the Church at Rock Creek's life skills training and is now working as a secretary at the church. Spring has steady employment, a work schedule that will allow her to complete her education, and the hope of a better life for herself and her children.

The Next Stage in Welfare Reform

- These are wonderful success stories. Now we must multiply them across America. We must take the next step of compassionate welfare reform to help even more Americans know the dignity and independence of work.
- Today, a little more than 30 percent of welfare recipients work. Under my proposal, within five years 70 percent of welfare recipients must work. And I mean full-time work – 40 hours a week – so people learn the value of work and the responsibility of work. Some people will not be ready for that, which is why my proposal would let them use up to two days each week for education or vocational training – to prepare for full-time work.
- We propose spending more than 17 billion dollars on welfare for fiscal year 2003. Because welfare caseloads have been cut in half, states would have more than twice as much money to spend per family on welfare and child care than they had just six years ago – almost 16,000 dollars under my plan, compared to less than 7,000 dollars in 1996.
- My plan would also allow states to be more innovative in providing better job training, housing and nutrition programs, and better child care services to low-income families.

The Senate Must Act

- The House of Representative passed welfare reform last month. Now the Senate must act. Millions of Americans are better off today because the House and the Senate passed a compassionate welfare reform bill

in 1996. That good work could be jeopardized if the Senate now focuses on politics and partisanship rather than reform.

- In 1996, the Congress put a lot of faith in America's governors – and the governors responded with effective, compassionate welfare policies. Now the governors need to know how to plan for the next five years – and it is up to Congress to give them a blueprint for continued reform. Governors need a clear picture of how much funding will be available to states and what guidelines they must follow in the years ahead.

Faith-Based Legislation

- As government promotes work, we must also promote the compassion of people like you. We must end discrimination against faith-based charities in government funding, and encourage Americans to give generously to private and religious charities. The House passed faith-based legislation last year, and now it is time for the Senate to pass the CARE Act.

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Biographies of Stage Participants

Pastor Mark Evans

In November of 1995, Pastor Evans returned to his hometown of Little Rock, Arkansas, and founded The Church at Rock Creek. Under Evans' leadership church membership has grown from 25 original congregates to over 1,300. Evans chairs the Arkansas Transitional Employment Board, a citizen board providing oversight to the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program in Arkansas. Pastor Evans brings a unique perspective to welfare services by blending his own experience of working with welfare dependant mothers through his ministry and his role as chair of the Transitional Employment Board.

Ms. Vivian Webb

Ms. Webb is a former third-generation welfare recipient who received Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) cash assistance for her two children from October 1997 until September 1999. She participated in The Church at Rock Creek Care Center Life Skills classes where she was trained in job skills, resume preparation, job interview skills, life skills, and gaining self-esteem. The Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) local office and the Rock Creek Care Center partnered in providing Ms. Webb with a vehicle for her commute to work, which she still drives. Since October 2000, Ms. Webb has been employed with the Governor's Office, as an Executive Assistant for Constituent Services.

Ms. Spring Davidson

As a single mother with three children, Ms. Davidson came to the TEA program six months ago. She attended the Rock Creek Life Skills Training Program as a component of her TEA Employment Plan. Upon completion of her Life Skills training, she was hired by Rock Creek as a secretary and given a work schedule allowing her to complete her education at Southeast College of Technology. Ms. Davidson is enrolled in a nine-month technical college program to become a Medical Assistant.

Ms. Jeannette Cain

Ms. Cain is a 30 year-old single mother of three boys, ages 16, 13, and 12. In October 1999, Jeannette was living in Dermott, Arkansas, with the father of her children and had no job or income. She received training from Transitional Employment Assistance and was provided transportation to work and job subsidy funds. After completion of a life skills training program, which included work ethics, she found a job at a nearby fast food restaurant, where she was quickly promoted to Assistant Manager. Ms. Cain overcame a history of substance abuse and now runs the Substance Abuse Services office in Monticello, Arkansas. She is able to combine her own experience and loving nature to counsel 25 individuals, teaching skills such as health, positive relationships, parenting, and substance abuse avoidance.

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USA FREEDOM CORPS SERVICE RECOGNITION
Little Rock, Arkansas

1. Name: Brenda Ross
2. Activity: You will meet Brenda and take photos with her under the Presidential seal on Air Force One upon arrival, after the general greeting.
3. Background: Brenda is a full time AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) member working with the Arkansas Foodbank Network in Little Rock.
4. Age: 34
5. Service Record: Brenda's family set an early example of service for her, volunteering with their church and helping those in need, particularly senior citizens living near a restaurant owned by her mother.

Before joining AmeriCorps VISTA, Brenda was an employee at the Arkansas Children's Hospital. At that time she also served as a volunteer probation officer and youth mentor with Pulaski County Juvenile Services and as a lay therapist with the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) program. Through SCAN, she visited families at least 4 times a month assisting them with problem solving and parenting skills. She also accompanied them to court when necessary. These experiences taught Brenda how important volunteering and service can be in the lives of others.

Brenda's AmeriCorps VISTA assignment is with the Arkansas Foodbank Network, where she is the coordinator for Kids Cafés. Kids Cafés operate in two local Boys and Girls Clubs and provide a late afternoon/evening meal for many children who would otherwise have their last meal of the day during school lunch. During her tenure with the Arkansas Foodbank Network, Brenda has overseen the opening of a second Kids Café and has secured several ongoing grants to assure operation of both Cafés well after her term of service is over.

Also as part of her work with the Kids Cafés, Brenda works with the Cooperative Extension Service, a part the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to bring nutrition and hygiene classes to the Boys and Girls Clubs. She also serves as a mentor and role model to many

of the children who use the Cafés, encouraging them to stay in school and make healthy life decisions.

6. Other:

Brenda will complete her second year of AmeriCorps service in August. After AmeriCorps, Brenda will seek a new job opportunity that she hopes will ultimately allow her to pursue a Ph.D. in Composition and Rhetoric to teach at the college level. She looks forward to continuing to volunteer to help others by working with the local literacy council.

Brenda has lived in Little Rock all her life, and is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

7. Participation:

Brenda will also join you for the message event.

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**The Schedule
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Monday, June 3, 2002

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