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Jay A. Winsten, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Center Director

November 22, 2000

Mr. Bruce Reed
Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Bruce:

I apologize for writing rather late this year. We would very much like to videotape a "designated driver" PSA featuring President Clinton that the broadcast networks will run in prime time in advance of Christmas and New Year's holidays. As you know, President Clinton has taped a "designated driver" message for the December holidays each year throughout his Presidency. This year's message provides an opportunity to thank the American public for what has been a major success story over the past eight years in preventing drunk driving fatalities.

I will forward a draft script early next week. If necessary, I can be reached over the Thanksgiving weekend at 617-491-9010. Many thanks for considering this request.

With best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving,

Sincerely,

Jay A. Winsten, Ph.D.
Associate Dean and
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To : Karen Collman
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Date : 12/3/00
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Karen -

Here's a draft of the President's PSA.
Please note, must be 23-25 seconds.
I'll check the statistic tomorrow (Monday).

This being the last time he'll be
doing this, I really want to be
present -- even if only before the
shoot starts -- to thank him and
for a photo-op. Please try to make
this happen.

Thanks -
Jay

Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.

--date unknown

John F. Kennedy

"What is the end of human life? It is not, believe me, the chief end of man that he should make a fortune and beget children whose end is likewise to make a fortune, but it is, in few words, that he should explore himself.

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

The soul is healed by being with children.

--Fyodor Dostoyevski

Children need models more than they need critics.

--Joseph Joubert

Children learn best from example; the trouble is they don't know a good example from a bad one.

--Anonymous

The best smell is bread; the best saver, salt; the best love, that of children.

--George Herbert

"Children, who play life, discern its true law and relations more clearly than men, who fail to live it worthily, but who think that they are wiser by experience, that is, by failure."

-- Henry David Thoreau, "Where I Lived, and What I Lived For," Walden, 96

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.

-- Haida Indian Saying

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I must study politics and war, that my sons may have the liberty to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history, and naval architecture, navigation, commerce, and agriculture, in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry and porcelain.

-- John Adams

Age does not make us childish, as some say; it finds us true children.

--Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

The old

-- like children

-- talk to themselves, for they have reached that hopeless wisdom of experience which knows that though one were to cry it in the streets to multitudes,

or whisper it in the kiss to one's beloved, the only ears that can ever hear one's secrets are one's own!
--Eugene O'Neill

You end up as you deserve. In old age you must put up with the face, the friends, the health, and the children you have earned.
--Fay Weldon

Every child has great ambitions. As he grows, he is bombarded by negative suggestions -- you can't do this; you can't do that; be careful; look for security, and so on. Year by year, he experiences the "realities" of life, and his ambitions fade away. Figuratively speaking, most children die by the time they reach their adulthood.
--Shall Sinha

The distinction between children and adults, while probably useful for some purposes, is at bottom a specious one, I feel. There are only individual egos, crazy for love.
--Don Barthelme

Men are but children of a larger growth, Our appetites as apt to change as theirs, And full as craving too, and full as vain.
--John Dryden

"It is ironical that in an age when we have prided ourselves on our progress in the intelligent care and teaching of children we have at the same time put them at the mercy of new and most terrible weapons of destruction."
--Pearl Buck, *What America Means to Me*, (1943)

"If we are to have real peace, we must begin with the children."
--Gandhi

Never advise anyone to go to war or to get married. Write down the advice of him who loves you, though you like it not at present. He that has no children brings them up well.
--Spanish Proverb

Many children, many cares; no children, no felicity.
--Christian Nevell Bovee

Children are curious and are risk takers. They have

lots of courage. They venture out into a world that is immense and dangerous. A child initially trusts life and the processes of life.

--John Bradshaw

A society in which adults are estranged from the world of children, and often from their own childhood, tends to hear children's speech only as a foreign language, or as a lie. Children have been treated. as congenital fibbers, fakers and fantasisers.

--Beatrix Campbell

For many children, joy comes as the result of mining something unique and wondrous about themselves from some inner shaft.

--Thomas J. Cottle

Parents are often so busy with the physical rearing of children that they miss the glory of parenthood, just as the grandeur of the trees is lost when raking leaves.

--Marcelene Cox

Better to be driven out from among men than to be disliked of children.

--Richard H. Dana

It might sound a paradoxical thing to say
--for surely never has a generation of children occupied more sheer hours of parental time
--but the truth is that we neglected you. We allowed you a charade of trivial freedoms in order to avoid making those impositions on you that are in the end both the training ground and proving ground for true independence. We pronounced you strong when you were still weak in order to avoid the struggles with you that would have fed your true strength. We proclaimed you sound when you were foolish in order to avoid taking part in the long, slow, slogging effort that is the only route to genuine maturity of mind and feeling. Thus, it was no small anomaly of your growing up that while you were the most indulged generation, you were also in many ways the most abandoned to your own meager devices by those into whose safe-keeping you had been given.

--Midge Decter

So long as little children are allowed to suffer, there is no true love in this world.

--Isadora Duncan

Your children will see what you're all about by what you live rather than what you say.

--Wayne Dyer

We must teach our children to dream with their eyes open.

--Harry Edwards

Grown men can learn from very little children for the hearts of little children are pure. Therefore, the Great Spirit may show to them many things which older people miss.

--Black Elk

Strange new problems are being reported in the growing generations of children whose mothers were always there, driving them around, helping them with their homework

--an inability to endure pain or discipline or pursue any self-sustained goal of any sort, a devastating boredom with life.

--Betty Friedan

Children seldom have a proper sense of their own tragedy, discounting and keeping hidden the true horrors of their short lives, humbly imagining real calamity to be some prestigious drama of the grown-up world.

--Shirley Hazzard

Children are our most valuable natural resource.

--Herbert Clark Hoover

Children need love, especially when they don't deserve it.

--Harold Hulbert

Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them.

--Lady Bird Johnson

Children are unpredictable. You never know what inconsistency they're going to catch you in next.

--Franklin P. Jones

Normally, children learn to gauge rather accurately from the tone of their parent's voice how seriously to take his threats. Of course, they sometimes misjudge and pay the penalty.

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Families and Communities: Strengthening America's Working Families

Tax Cuts for Working Families. 15 million additional working families received additional tax relief because of the President's expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit. In 1998, the EITC lifted 4.3 million people out of poverty – double the number lifted out of poverty by the EITC in 1993. This year, the President proposed expanding the EITC to provide tax relief to an additional 6.8 million hard-pressed working families. [[Good News for Low Income Families: Expansions in the EITC and Minimum Wage](#), CEA, 12/98; Treasury Department]

Helping Parents Balance Work and Family. The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for seriously ill family members, new born or adoptive children, or their own serious health problems without fear of losing their jobs. Nearly 91 million workers (71% of the labor force) are covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act and millions of workers have benefited from FMLA since its enactment. President Clinton has proposed expanding FMLA to allow workers to take up to 24 unpaid hours off each year for school and early childhood education activities, routine family medical care, and caring for an elderly relative. [[Five Years of Success: Report on FMLA](#), Department of Labor, 8/98 (updated number provided 7/99)]

Improved Access to Affordable, Quality Child Care and Early Childhood Programs. Under the Clinton-Gore Administration, federal funding for child care has more than doubled, helping parents pay for the care of about 1.5 million children in 1998, and the 1996 welfare reform law increased child care funding by \$4 billion over six years to provide child care assistance to families moving from welfare to work. Since 1993, the Clinton-Gore Administration has increased funding for the Head Start program by 90 percent, and in FY 2000, the program will serve approximately 880,000 children – over 160,000 more children than in 1993.

Increased the Minimum Wage. The minimum wage has risen from \$4.25 to \$5.15 per hour, increasing wages for 10 million workers. The President and Vice

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President have called for an additional increase to \$6.15. [Good News for Low Income Families: Expansions in the EITC and Minimum Wage, CEA, 12/98]

Enacted the Workforce Investment Act. The Workforce Investment Act reformed the nation's employment and training system so that it works better for today's workers. The WIA empowered individuals by giving adults more control and choice over their training or retraining and providing universal access to core labor market services; streamlined job training services by consolidating a tangle of individual programs into a simple system and creating a nationwide network of One-Stop Career Centers; enhanced accountability through tough performance standards for states, localities, and training providers; and increased flexibility so that states can innovate and experiment with new ways to train America's workers better. [White House, Office of the Press Secretary, 8/7/98]

Signed the Landmark Work Incentives Improvement Act. Americans with disabilities often become ineligible for Medicaid or Medicare if they work, forcing a choice between health care and employment. The Work Incentives Improvement Act keeps people with disabilities from losing their Medicare or Medicaid health coverage when they go to work. It also includes a \$250 million demonstration, which the President insisted on fully funding, that allows people with disabilities who are still working and are not yet sufficiently disabled to qualify for Medicaid to buy into the program. [White House, Office of the Press Secretary, 11/17/99]

Signed the Adoption and Safe Families Act. The Adoption and Safe Families Act, which was based in large part on the recommendations of the Clinton-Gore Administration's Adoption 2002 report, made sweeping changes in adoption law so that thousands of children in foster care move more quickly into safe and permanent homes. In 1998, 36,000 children in foster care were adopted, up from 28,000 in 1996. This is the first significant increase in adoption since the national foster care program was established nearly 20 years ago. [White House, Office of the Press Secretary, 11/19/97]

Enacted the Foster Care Independence Act. Nearly 20,000 young people leave foster care each year when they reach age 18 without an adoptive family or other guardian. The Foster Care Independence Act will ensure that those young people will get the tools they need to make the most of their lives by providing them better educational opportunities, access to health care, training, housing assistance, counseling, and other

services. [White House, Office of the Press Secretary, 12/14/99]

Putting Families First. The President and Vice President developed and implemented first-ever plan to protect our children from tobacco and end tobacco marketing targeted to young people. They also required the installation of V-chips in all new televisions, and encouraged schools to adopt school uniform policies to deter school violence and promote discipline. [Presidential Statement, 8/23/96; FCC Report No. GN 98-3, 3/12/98; Presidential Memorandum, 2/23/96]

Supporting Community Service. In just five years, AmeriCorps has allowed 150,000 young people to serve in their communities while earning money for college or skills training. [Corporation for National Service Press Release, 10/16/99]

President's One America Initiative. President Clinton has led the nation in an effort to become One America: a place where we respect others' differences and embrace the common values that unite us. The President has been actively involved in public outreach efforts to engage Americans in this historic effort, and followed up on the work of the Initiative on Race by appointing Robert B. (Ben) Johnson as Assistant to the President and Director of the new White House Office on the President's Initiative for One America. The office is working to ensure that we have a coordinated strategy to close the opportunity gaps that exist for minorities and the underserved in this country, and build the One America we want for all of our nation's children. The President's FY 2001 budget includes \$5 million for One America dialogues to promote and facilitate discussions on racial diversity and understanding. President Clinton has appointed the most diverse Cabinet and White House staff in history, presiding over an Administration that looks like America. [White House Fact Sheet, 6/12/97; The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, 2/5/99]

Welcoming New Americans. Since 1993, the United States has welcomed 4.4 million new American citizens. Faced with this unprecedented number of applications, the Administration undertook an initiative that has significantly reduced the backlog of citizenship applications and is restoring timely processing. Furthermore, the Administration's *English as a Second Language/Civics Education Initiative* will provide limited English speaking adults with instruction in both English literacy and critical life skills necessary for effective citizenship and civic participation.

Providing Fairness for Legal Immigrants. The

President believes that legal immigrants should have the same economic opportunity and bear the same responsibility as other members of society. In 1997 and 1998, the President fought for and succeeded in restoring disability, health and nutritional benefits for certain legal immigrants, and he will continue to press for additional restorations.

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PRESIDENT CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE

Expanding Educational Opportunity for All Americans

"Our administration has made education a high priority, focusing on standards, accountability and choice in public schools, and on making a college education available to every American -- with increased Pell Grant scholarships, better student loan and work-study programs, and the HOPE scholarship and other tax credits to help families pay for college tuition. Because of these efforts, more young people have the chance to make the most of their God-given abilities, and take their place in the high-tech world of the 21st century. "

-- President Bill Clinton
August 7, 1999

SUPPORTING QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN

Largest Investment in Education in Thirty Years. President Clinton and Vice President Gore have been committed to maintaining our nation's investment in education. The Clinton-Gore Administration enacted the largest investment in education in 30 years - and the largest investment in higher education since the G.I. Bill by doubling student aid to nearly \$60 billion.

Providing Early Education to Nearly 900,000 Children with Head Start. The President and Vice President have expanded Head Start funding by 90 percent since 1993. Head Start will reach approximately 880,000 low-income children in FY 2000 and, with the President's proposed increase for the program, will be on the way to reaching the President's goal of serving one million children and their families by the year 2002. The Administration also created Early Head Start, bringing Head Start's successful comprehensive services to families with children ages zero to three, and set high quality standards for both programs.

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Modernizing Our Schools. This year, the President and Vice President have proposed federal tax credits to pay the interest on nearly \$25 billion in state and local bonds to modernize and rebuild up to 6,000 public schools that are overcrowded, out-of-date, and unsafe. In addition, the Administration's FY 2001 budget includes a new \$1.3 billion school urgent renovation loan and grant proposal to repair 5,000 schools. An estimated \$127 billion is needed to bring America's schools into good overall condition, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Public and elementary enrollment is expected to increase by another million students between 1999 and 2006, to a record 44.4 million elementary and secondary students.

Providing Safe After-School Opportunities for 850,000 Students Each Year. The 21st Century Community Learning Centers program provides enriching after-school and summer school opportunities for 850,000 school-age children in rural and urban communities in FY 2000. Extended learning time has not only been shown to increase achievement in reading and math, but to decrease youth violence and drug use. Funding for this program more than doubled from FY 1999 to FY 2000. For FY 2001, the President's budget calls on Congress to invest \$1 billion in the 21st Century Program and to ensure that all children in failing schools have access to quality after-school and summer school opportunities. This proposal will double funding and nearly triple the number of students served to 2.5 million.

Expanding Access to Technology. With the Vice President's leadership, the Clinton-Gore Administration has made increasing access to technology a top priority. The President and Vice President created the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund to help connect every school to the Internet, increase the number of multimedia computers in the classroom and provide technology training for teachers. They increased overall investments in educational technology from \$23 million in 1993 to \$769 million in FY 2000, and tripled funding for Community Technology Centers to reach at least 120 low-income communities. Through the E-rate program, they secured low-cost connections to the Internet for schools, libraries, rural health clinics and hospitals, benefiting more than 80 percent of America's public schools. They also increased investment in education research to ensure all children benefit from educational technology. In 1999, 95 percent of public schools were connected to the Internet -- up from 35 percent in 1994. In 1999, 63 percent of all public school classrooms were connected to the Internet -- up from just 3 percent in 1994.

Turning Around Failing Schools. 11 million

low-income students in 13,000 school districts now benefit from higher expectations and a challenging curriculum geared to higher standards through Title I-Aid to Disadvantaged Students. The FY 2000 budget provides a \$134 million accountability fund to help turn around the worst performing schools and hold them accountable for results through such measures as overhauling curriculum, improving staffing, or even closing schools and reopening them as charter schools. This year, the President is proposing to double funding for this fund to turn around the nation's failing schools to ensure all children receive a quality education.

Placing High-Quality Teachers in Underserved Areas. President Clinton and Vice President Gore won \$98 million in the FY 2000 budget to enhance teacher quality and attract teachers to high need, high poverty school districts. This year, the President and Vice President have proposed a new \$1 billion teacher quality plan to recruit, train and reward good teachers. The Teaching to High Standards Initiative includes a Hometown Teacher Recruitment program to empower high-poverty school districts to develop programs to recruit homegrown teachers to address the shortage of qualified teachers.

English Literacy/Civics Initiative. The Clinton-Gore budget requests \$75 million for the English Language/Civics Initiative -- a nearly \$50 million increase to help an additional estimated 250,000 limited English proficient (LEP) individuals. This program helps states and communities provide LEP individuals with expanded access to quality English-language instruction linked to civics and life skills instruction, including understanding the U.S. government system, the public education system, the workplace, and other key institutions of American life.

Strengthening Bilingual and Immigrant Education. The President is committed to ensuring that students with limited English skills get the extra help they need in order to learn English and meet the same high standards expected for all students. The Clinton-Gore Administration fought for and won a 35% increase in bilingual and immigrant education in the 1997 budget deal, and in FY 1999 the Administration fought for and won a doubling of the investments in bilingual teacher training as part of its Hispanic Education Action Plan. Bilingual education funding helps school districts teach English to more than a million limited English proficient (LEP) children and helps LEP students to achieve to the same high standards as all other students. It also provides teachers with the training they need to teach LEP students. The Immigrant Education program helps more than a thousand school districts provide supplemental instructional services to more than 800,000 recent

immigrant students. In his proposal to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the President has proposed additional help to ensure that all teachers are well-trained to meet the needs of LEP students. His proposal would also make schools and districts more accountable for helping children with LEP master their academic subjects and learn English. The President's FY 2001 budget increases funding for these programs by an additional \$832 million.

HELPING ALL CHILDREN ACHIEVE HIGH STANDARDS

More High-Quality Teachers with Smaller Class Sizes. Research proves that children learn more in smaller classes - particularly in the early years. Small classes allow children to receive more individual attention from teachers; acquire a solid foundation for future learning; and learn to read independently by the end of third grade. The Clinton-Gore Administration won a second installment of \$1.3 billion for the President's plan to hire an additional 100,000 well-prepared teachers to reduce class size in the early grades, when children learn to read and master the basic skills. This year's budget provides \$1.75 billion, a \$450 million increase -- enough to fund nearly 49,000 teachers. Nearly 30,000 teachers have already been hired through the Class Size Reduction Initiative.

Expanding Choice and Accountability in Public Schools. The Clinton-Gore Administration has worked to expand public school choice and support the growth of public charter schools, which have increased from one public charter school in the nation when the President was first elected to more than 1,700 today. More than 250,000 students nationwide are now enrolled in charter schools in 30 states and the District of Columbia. The President won \$145 million in FY 2000 -- and has proposed \$175 million in his FY01 budget -- to continue working toward his goal of establishing 3,000 quality charter schools by 2002.

Teaching Every Child to Read by the 3rd Grade. The President challenged Americans to unite to be sure that every child can read well and independently by the third grade. In response to his America Reads challenge, more than 1,400 colleges have committed more than 26,000 Work Study students to tutor children in reading, and more than two million children have been taught, tutored or mentored by national service programs like AmeriCorps, VISTA, and Foster Grandparents. In addition, colleges and universities that participate in the Federal work-study program must include at least one tutoring or family literacy project as part of its community service activities, giving priority to the employment of work-study students as reading tutors in schools

participating in reading reform efforts. Grants are awarded through the Reading Excellence Act to high-poverty schools to improve the teaching and learning of reading.

Helping Students Master Mathematics by the Eighth Grade. President Clinton issued a Presidential Directive to the Department of Education and the National Science Foundation to work together to devise an action strategy for helping students to improve in mathematics. This joint effort led to the creation of America Counts, an initiative to ensure that all students master challenging mathematics, including the foundations of algebra and geometry, by the end of the 8th grade.

Striving for Excellence with National Education Standards. President Clinton has challenged every state to adopt high standards, and to test every 4th grade student in reading and 8th grade student in math so that parents, students, and teacher can tell if students are meeting high standards. Fifteen of the nation's largest urban school districts, as well as six states and the Department of Defense schools have joined the President's effort. The National Assessment Governing Board is developing voluntary national tests for the 4th and 8th grades, and the National Academy of Sciences is conducting studies on these tests.

Setting High Standards with Goals 2000. The National Standards and Testing effort builds upon the success of Goals 2000, President Clinton's education reform initiative enacted in 1994, which helps States establish standards of excellence for all children, and plan and implement steps to raise educational achievement. Communities in virtually every state receive Goals 2000 funds and are using these funds to upgrade the curriculum, improve teaching, increase parental involvement in schools, and make better use of computers in the classroom.

Supporting Local Education Reform Efforts. In April 1999, the President signed into law the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999 (Ed-Flex) to give all states the ability to use federal resources in ways that best complement local efforts and innovation.

OPENING THE DOORS OF COLLEGE TO ALL AMERICANS

Enacted Hope Scholarships and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits. President Clinton proposed and passed the HOPE Scholarships and Lifetime Learning tax credits, which in 1999 were claimed by an estimated 10 million American families struggling to pay for

college. The Hope Scholarship helps make the first two years of college universally available by providing a tax credit of up to \$1,500 for tuition and fees for the first two years of college. The Lifetime Learning tax credit provides a 20 percent tax credit on the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees for students beyond the first two years of college, or taking classes part-time (in 2003, this increases to \$10,000 of tuition and fees). In his FY 2001 budget, the President has proposed expanding the Lifetime Learning tax credit with a College Opportunity tax cut, which will give families the option of taking a tax deduction or claiming a 28 percent credit for the first \$5,000 of college tuition and fees through 2002, and \$10,000 thereafter.

Expanding Work Study and Pell Grants. One million students will be able to work their way through college because of the President's expansion of the Work Study Program, and nearly four million students will receive a Pell Grant of up to \$3,300, the largest maximum award ever. The maximum award has increased 43 percent under the Clinton-Gore Administration. This year President Clinton proposed a \$77 million increase in Work Study to continue to support one million awards, and a \$200 increase in the Pell Grant maximum award, to raise it to \$3,500.

More Affordable Student Loans. This Administration has introduced lower fees and interest rates that have saved the average borrower over \$500; more flexible repayment terms, including the option to repay as a share of income; and a restored tax deduction for student loan interest. The new Direct Student Loan program-established in 1994-bypasses federally guaranteed lenders to deliver loans to students more quickly, simply, and cheaply. Together, students and taxpayers have already saved \$15 billion through student loan reforms.

Paying for College through Community Service. In just five years, AmeriCorps has allowed 150,000 young people to serve in their communities while earning money for college or skills training. In 1999, nearly 50,000 young people had the opportunity to serve and earn an award of up to \$4,725 to pay for college or repay student loans.

Reaching Out to Disadvantaged Students. The TRIO programs are designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes five distinct outreach programs targeted to serve and assist students as they progress from middle school to post-secondary education. TRIO funding has increased by two-thirds over the past seven years, to \$645 million. The President's FY 2001 budget provides \$725 million for TRIO, an increase of \$80 million to help provide assistance to over 760,000

students, 37,000 more than in 2000.

Established the GEAR-UP Mentoring Program for Middle School Children. President Clinton and Vice President Gore created and expanded GEAR-UP, a nationwide mentoring initiative, to help over 750,000 low-income middle school children finish school and prepare for college. GEAR-UP expands mentoring efforts by states and provides new grants to partnerships of middle schools, institutions of higher education, and community organizations, to provide intensive early intervention services to help prepare over 750,000 students at high-poverty middle schools for college. The President's FY 2001 budget would expand services to 1.4 million students with a 63 percent increase.

Increased Funding and Grants for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The Clinton-Gore Administration increased funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities by over \$260 million between FY 1992 and FY 2000. Today, America's 105 HBCUs are educating almost 300,000 African Americans.

Enacted a Hispanic Education Action Plan. The Clinton-Gore Administration is reaching out to Hispanic youth, encouraging them to stay in school, do well academically and graduate from high school, and go on to college so that they can compete successfully for good jobs. The Administration proposed and won funding increases for a Hispanic Education Action Plan in the FY 1999 budget. As part of this plan, the President and Vice President proposed significant increases in a number of programs that enhance educational opportunity for Hispanic Americans. The final FY 2000 budget agreement included \$436 million in increases for programs that help to improve the educational outcomes of Latinos and limited English proficient students, including Title I grants to LEAs, Adult Education, Bilingual Education, and TRIO.

Dual Degree Programs for Minority-Serving Institutions. The Clinton-Gore Administration has proposed a new program to increase opportunities for students at four-year minority-serving institutions. Students would receive two degrees within five years: one from a minority-serving institution, and one from a partner institution in a field in which minorities are underrepresented. This new \$40 million program will serve an estimated 3,000 students.

Helping Students Finish College. This year the President has proposed new College Completion Challenge Grants to help reduce the college drop-out rate. Although college enrollment rates have risen, 37

percent of students that go on to post-secondary school drop out before they get a certificate or a degree. The problem is especially acute for minorities: 29 percent of African Americans and 31 percent of Hispanics drop out of college after less than one year, compared to 18 percent of whites. The CCCG program is designed to address this problem with a comprehensive approach including pre-freshman summer programs, support services and increased grant aid to students. This \$35 million initiative will improve the chances of success for nearly 18,000 students.

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Coordinating the Federal Government's Response to Youth Violence. President Clinton created the White House Council on Youth Violence to coordinate youth violence research and programs throughout the federal government, and to make information derived from the federal government's efforts more accessible to the public. Members of the Council include the Attorney General and the Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Education, and Labor, as well as the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Preventing Violence With the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative. Evidence shows that a comprehensive, integrated community-wide approach is an effective way to promote healthy childhood and youth development and address the problems of school violence and alcohol and other drug abuse. In 1998, President Clinton signed into law the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative (SS/HS), an unprecedented joint effort involving the Departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services to help communities design and implement comprehensive educational, mental health, social service, law enforcement services for youth. SS/HS has provided \$146 million to 77 local education authorities who have established formal partnerships with local mental health and law enforcement agencies. This year, the President has called for a \$100 million expansion of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative.

More Police Officers in Schools. President Clinton and Vice President Gore's community policing grants have been used to fund over 2,000 police officers to work in schools. These officers have been targeted to work in the 10 percent of America's schools with serious crime problems.

Keeping Schools Safe and Drug Free. President Clinton and Vice President Gore have increased funding for the Safe and Drug Free Schools program,

which provides grants aimed at eliminating violence to schools serving 40 million children. They have also enacted reforms that make sure that federal resources go to schools with the most serious problems. Now the President and Vice President are seeking to require schools receiving funds to adopt comprehensive school safety plans, use proven anti-drug and gang programs, intervene with troubled youth, establish security procedures for schools, and give parents annual school safety reports of drug and violence incidents at their children's school.

Zero Tolerance for Guns and Weapons in Schools.

President Clinton and Vice President Gore fought for passage for the Gun Free Schools Act, which requires the expulsion of students caught bringing weapons to schools. In the act's first two years, over 9,000 students were expelled for weapons violations.

Engaging the Private Sector in Youth Violence

Prevention: National Campaign Against Youth Violence. In August 1999, President Clinton announced the formation of an independent, national campaign to engage the private sector in addressing the problem of youth violence. The Campaign has developed anti-violence activities including a major media campaign, concerts, town hall meetings, and in-school and after-school programs. The Campaign also highlights effective youth violence initiatives in cities across the country.

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Enacted Most Comprehensive Medicare Reforms in History. In the 1997 Balanced Budget, the Clinton-Gore Administration protected, modernized and extended the life of the Medicare Trust Fund while offering new options for patient choice and preventive care. New preventive benefits passed include coverage of annual mammograms, coverage of screening tests for both colorectal and cervical cancer, and a diabetes self-management benefit. The President proposed a plan to reform and modernize Medicare's benefits, including an optional prescription drug benefit that is affordable and available to all beneficiaries. The President has also proposed a reserve fund to help Medicare beneficiaries with extremely high prescription drug costs. [White House at Work, 8/8/97; National Economic Council/Domestic Policy Committee, 7/2/99]

Extending the Life of the Medicare Trust Fund. When President Clinton and Vice President Gore took office, Medicare was expected to run out of money in 1999. Now, the life of the Trust Fund has been extended until 2023. Medicare is now in the soundest shape it has been since 1975. [HHS Press Release, 3/30/00]

Enacted Single Largest Investment in Health Care for Children since 1965. The five year, \$24 billion State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) will provide health care coverage for up to five million children. Two million children have already been enrolled, and in October 1999 President Clinton announced new outreach initiatives to enroll millions more uninsured, eligible children. Last year, the President launched a nationwide "Insure Kids Now" campaign that will bring together major TV and radio networks, healthcare organizations, religious groups and other community-based organizations to help enroll more children in the Children's Health Insurance Program, with the goal of enrolling 5 million of the estimated 10 million children eligible for health insurance under CHIP within 5 years. This year, the budget includes several of Vice President Gore's proposals to accelerate enrollment of children in CHIP. The President is also proposing a new

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FamilyCare program, which would give States the option to cover parents in the same plan as their children. [White House Fact Sheet, 1/11/00; White House, 2/23/99]

Passed Meaningful Health Insurance Reform. The President signed into law the Kennedy-Kassebaum Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, which helps individuals keep health insurance when they change jobs, guarantees renewability of coverage, and ensures access to health insurance for small businesses. As many as 25 million people will benefit from this law. The bill also eliminated the discriminatory tax treatment of the approximately 10 million Americans who are self-employed; strengthened efforts to combat health care fraud, waste and abuse by creating a stable source of funding; and provided consumer protections and tax incentives for private long-term care insurance. [FY 2000 Budget, p. 83; Domestic Policy Council]

Enacted Historic Comprehensive FDA Reform that Expedited the Review and Approval of New Drug Products. The President signed into law the 1997 FDA Modernization Act that includes important measures to modernize and streamline the regulation of biological products; increase patient access to experimental drugs and medical devices; and accelerate review of important new medications. This reform builds on the administrative initiatives implemented under the Vice President's reinventing government effort which have led U.S. drug approvals to be as fast or faster than any other industrialized nation. Average drug approval times have dropped since the beginning of the Administration from almost three years to just over one year. [Domestic Policy Council]

Signed Mental Health Parity Provisions into Law. To help eliminate discrimination against individuals with mental illnesses, the President signed into law mental health parity provisions to prohibit health plans from establishing separate lifetime and annual limits for mental health coverage. In 1999, the White House held the landmark, first-ever Conference on Mental Health and released the Surgeon General's first Report on Mental Health. This year, the President's budget includes an investment of \$100 million for mental health services, an increase of 16 percent over last year's funding level and a 90 percent increase since 1993. [Presidential Statement, 9/26/96]

Signed Legislation to End Drive-Through Deliveries. President Clinton signed into law common sense legislation that requires health plans to allow new mothers to remain in the hospital for at least 48 hours following most normal deliveries and 96 hours

after a Cesarean section. [Presidential Statement, 9/26/96]

Extended Strong, Enforceable Patient Protections for Millions of Americans. Leading by example, the President directed all federal agencies to ensure that their employees and beneficiaries have the benefits and rights guaranteed under the proposed Patients' Bill of Rights. 85 million Americans covered by federal health plans have the security of knowing they will have fair access to health care thanks to the President's work. The President and Vice President have called for passage of the bipartisan Patients Bill of Rights Act, to ensure that all Americans have essential protections, such as guaranteed access to needed health care specialists; access to emergency room services when and where the need arises; continuity of care protections to assure patient care if a patient's health care provider is dropped; access to a timely internal and independent external appeals process with a medical necessity standard; assurance that doctors and patients can openly discuss treatment options; and an enforcement mechanism that ensures recourse for patients who have been harmed as a result of health plan actions. [FY 2000 Budget, p. 85]

Fighting Medicare Fraud and Waste. Since 1993, the Clinton-Gore Administration has assigned more federal prosecutors and FBI agents to fight health care fraud than ever before. As a result, convictions have gone up a full 410 percent, saving more than \$50 billion in health care claims. The Balanced Budget Act gave an array of new weapons in our fight to keep scam artists and fly-by-night health care out of Medicare and Medicaid. [Domestic Policy Council, Health Care Achievements]

Increasing the Participation of Seniors in Clinical Trials. President Clinton signed an executive memorandum directing Medicare to begin covering all the routine medical costs of participation in a clinical trial, removing a major barrier to seniors' participation in these trials. These actions, strongly advocated by the Vice President and initiated through his leadership, follow a recent Institute of Medicine report recommending policy changes to encourage greater use of clinical trials by older Americans and the completion of a review of Administration policy. With the fast pace of medical advancement and continuing efforts to make evidence based medical decisions, clinical trials serve as the first step towards providing new clinical innovations to the forefront of medical practice. [White House, Executive Memorandum, 6/7/00]

Released Strong New Protections for the Privacy of Electronic Medical Records. The Clinton-Gore

Administration released a new regulation to protect the privacy of electronic medical records held by health plans, health care clearinghouses, and health care providers. This rule would limit the use and release of private health information without consent; restrict the disclosure of protected health information to the minimum amount of information necessary; establish new requirements for disclosure of information to researchers and others seeking access to health records; and establish new administrative and criminal sanctions for the improper use or disclosure of private information. [Domestic Policy Council]

Implementing Comprehensive Nursing Home Quality Initiative. The Clinton-Gore Administration has issued the toughest nursing home regulations in the history of the Medicare and Medicaid programs, including increased monitoring of nursing homes to ensure that they are in compliance; requiring states to crack down on nursing homes that repeatedly violate health and safety requirements; and changing the inspection process to increase the focus on preventing bedsores, malnutrition and resident abuse. Won \$43.5 million increase in FY 2000 to fund more rigorous inspections of nursing facilities and improved federal oversight and enforcement of nursing home quality. [HHS Fact Sheet, 12/14/99; National Economic Council, 11/18/99]

Ensuring Safe Food for America's Families. President Clinton created the President's Council on Food Safety to develop a comprehensive food safety strategic plan for federal agencies. The Clinton-Gore Administration has implemented a new science-based inspection system -- Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points -- and reduced the prevalence of *salmonella* in raw meat and poultry by as much as 50 percent. The Administration formed national computer network of public health laboratories, called PulseNet, to help rapidly identify and stop outbreaks of foodborne illness by performing DNA "fingerprinting" on foodborne pathogens. The President signed the Food Quality Protection Act, which included special safeguards for kids and strengthened laws governing pesticides and food safety. The Administration also issued new rules to prevent foodborne illness caused by pathogens such as *E. coli*. [Executive Order 13100, 8/25/98; USDA Press Release, 10/7/99; Presidential Statement, 8/3/96; USDA Press Release, 10/7/99]

Raised Child Immunization Rates to All Time High. Childhood immunization coverage rates in 1998 were the highest ever recorded. 90 percent of toddlers in 1996, 1997 and 1998 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines, surpassing the President's 1993 goal. Because childhood vaccination levels in the United States are at

an all-time high, disease and death from diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and Hib are at or near record lows. There was only one reported case of diphtheria, 100 reported cases of measles, and no reported cases of wild poliovirus for 1998. [HHS Fact Sheet, 9/23/99; HHS Fact Sheet, 12/31/99]

Issued Regulation that Drug Companies Provide Adequate Testing for Children. President Clinton directed an important Food and Drug Administration regulation requiring manufacturers to do studies on pediatric populations for new prescription drugs -- and those currently on the market -- to ensure that prescription drugs have been adequately tested for the unique needs of children. [Domestic Policy Council]

New Efforts to Help Consumers Understand Important Information on Over the Counter Drug Labels. The President unveiled a historic new FDA regulation that, for the first time, requires over-the-counter drug products to use a new product label with larger print and clearer language, making it easier for consumers to understand product warnings and comply with dosage guidance. The new regulation provides Americans with essential information about their medications in a user friendly way and takes a critical first step towards preventing the tens of thousands of unnecessary hospitalizations caused by misuse of over-the-counter medications each year. [Domestic Policy Council]

Promoting Reproductive Health. The Clinton-Gore Administration has taken strong steps to protect a woman's right to choose and to promote safe reproductive health services for women. The President has provided contraceptive coverage to more than a million women covered by federal health plans; provided family planning services to low income women through the Medicaid program; stood up against attempts to prohibit the FDA from approving RU-486; and continues to fight restrictions on international family planning. [Domestic Policy Council, Health Care Achievements]

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Thank you very much, Ambassador Holbrooke. That generous introduction confirms one of my unbreakable laws of politics, which is, whenever possible, you should endeavor to be introduced by someone you have appointed to high office. [Laughter]

I thank you, Deputy Secretary-General Frechette, for your welcome and for hosting me here today. And I'm delighted to see Olara Otunnu, Carol Bellamy. And thank you, Jim Wolfensohn, for being here and for your truly visionary leadership of the World Bank. I thank the members of the Security Council and the other Ambassadors who are here.

It's a special honor to have the President of Mali, President Konare, here, as well. I thank Secretary Summers for his work, and for coming here. And I'm delighted to be here with three Members of the House of Representatives, the chairman of the House Committee on International Affairs, Mr. Ben Gilman from New York, and Representative Carolyn Maloney, who represents the district in which the United Nations is located, and Sheila Jackson Lee from Houston, Texas, who did so much work on these subjects we're here to discuss today.

I also appreciate the presence here of members of the NGO community and members of the State, Defense, and Justice Departments' negotiating team who worked on these agreements. I'd also like to acknowledge the leadership of the Defense Department and the Joint Chiefs of Staff who worked hard to ensure that we could sign the child soldier's protocol in good faith, without compromising our military readiness or our national security in any way.

Let me begin just by expressing a general word of appreciation, if I might, to the United Nations for the work that you have done. You mentioned the 500 multinational protocols that have come out of this organization since it began. We are grateful for the attention that you are now devoting to the world health crisis, and for the opportunity that we will have to introduce this resolution tomorrow, for the work you are doing for peacekeeping, most recently in Sierra Leone, and in so many other ways. It's a profound honor for the United States to host the United Nations, especially in this millennial year, and I'm looking forward to coming back for the Millennial Summit.

These two protocols today, I believe, are very important statements that go beyond their very terms. With the Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labor I signed last year, they form a trio of vital protections for **children**, and they must be signposts for the future of the global society.

To give life to our dream of a global economy that lifts all people, first we must stand together for all **children**. Yet every day, tens of millions of **children** work in conditions that shock the conscience. Every day, thousands of **children** are killed and brutalized in fighting wars that adults decided they should fight in. Every day around the world, and even here in the United States, **children** are sold into virtual slavery or traffic for the worst forms of sexual abuse.

Think about what has been lost for the future because roughly 2 million **children** have fought in wars over the last two decades. In Sierra Leone today, as many as half the rebel forces are under 18, some as young as 5 or 6. In Columbia, guerrillas have taken thousands of **children** from their

villages to serve as soldiers.

Two years ago when we went to Africa, Hillary met with Ugandan **children** who had been abducted and heard their stories of unspeakable horror -- of **children** forced to kill each other, family members, even their own parents. In Africa and around the world, she has been an eloquent and strong and consistent voice on behalf of our **children** -- those who have been abused, exploited, and forced into war. And I wish she could be with me here today, because she's an important reason for why we're all here. This morning she reminded me that I should say, again, there is now worse sin in life than sending a child to kill the people who gave him life.

The Optional Protocol on **Children** in Armed Conflict sets a clear and a high standard: No one under 18 may ever be drafted by any army in any country. Its signatories will do everything feasible to keep even volunteers from taking a direct part in hostilities before they are 18. They will make it a crime for any non-governmental force to use **children** under 18 in war. And they will work together to meet the needs of **children** who have been forced into war, to save a generation that already has lost too much.

What happens to the world's **children** in peacetime can be just as shocking. In the 21st century, it is difficult to believe that the global traffic in human beings is the third-largest source of income for organized crime -- hundreds of thousands of **children** bought and sold, exploited and prostituted every year. Yet many countries don't even have laws against this kind of trade.

The Optional Protocol on the Sale of **Children**, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography will do a great deal to change that. It specifies that child pornography, prostitution, and enslavement are crimes everywhere. It provides better tools for law enforcement to extradite and prosecute those who profit from this dirty business.

Already we are waging a firm fight against those who traffic in **children**, but this protocol will make a big difference. And I was glad that the Deputy Secretary-General invited other countries to sign this and other outstanding protocols when they're here for the Millennial Summit.

Every American citizen should support these protocols. It is true that words on paper are not enough, but these documents are a clear starting point for action, for punishing offenders, dismantling the networks of trafficking, caring for the young victims. They represent an international coalition formed to fight a battle that one country, even a large country, cannot win alone. They represent a worldwide consensus on basic values, values every citizen of our country shares. In short, I believe they represent the United Nations at its very best. And they remind us why, at a time when crime, disease, and hate can spread faster than ever before, we need a strong United Nations more than ever before.

The United States has already passed a sense of the Senate resolution in support of the Protocol on **Children** in Armed Conflict. I will send both protocols to the Senate this month, and I hope very much that they can be ratified this year.

Both agreements are stand-alone documents; they create no obligations to other agreements which the United States has not ratified. They speak to an international sense of justice and to the belief profoundly shared by our people that **children** deserve love and protection.

During one of the darkest moments of the 20th century, the great German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, reminded us that "the test of the morality of a society is what it does for **children**." Today more than ever, this is a test the world cannot afford to fail. The United States should always be at the forefront of this effort.

I am grateful for the opportunity Americans had to take a leading role in negotiating these agreements and to be among the first nations to sign them. I pledge my best efforts to see that we are also leaders in implementing them and, in so doing, in granting the world's **children** a future far better than its recent past. I thank all of you for your support as well.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:35 p.m. in the West Foyer at the United Nations. In his remarks, he referred to U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Richard C. Holbrooke; U.N. Deputy Secretary-General Louise Frechette; Olara A. Otunnu, Secretary-General's Special Representative for **Children** and Armed Conflict; Carol Bellamy, executive director, UNICEF; and President Alpha Oumar Konare of Mali.

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Thank you very much. Thank you. Good morning. Thank you, Debbie. She did a good job, didn't she? Let's give her another hand. [Applause] Thank you. I would also like to ask the rest of her family to stand; her husband, Chris; and her son, Brian; her daughter, Melissa. Let's give them a big hand there. [Applause] There they are. Thank you for being here.

I also want to thank the advocates, whom Secretary Shalala mentioned, and three elected officials who have strongly, strongly supported our efforts. First, in the Congress, Representative Sandy Levin and Representative Robert Underwood, thank you for your help. And Linda Cropp from the DC City Council, thank you for being here.

Let me announce, before I get to the subject at hand, that I just signed the continuing resolution which Congress sent me yesterday, necessary because our fiscal year ends tomorrow and we have to have a stopgap funding measure for the Government to run. But I hope we can now pass the remaining appropriations bills. September has come and gone, and Congress still has obligations to fulfill.

These **children** behind me have been back in school for a month, but we still don't have the first assignment turned in from Congress, ensuring that our schools have the resources to meet the high standards we expect of them.

Now, let's get back to this story. Deborah's story is all too common in America. There are millions of our fellow citizens, like her and her husband, who get up every day, go to work, play by the rules, and still have a tough time finding affordable health insurance.

For 8 years now, Secretary Shalala and Hillary -- who I wish could be here today for this happy announcement -- and I have worked as hard as we could to make sure families get more health insurance. Yesterday we had more evidence that our approach is working. The census data shows that the number of uninsured Americans fell by 1.7 million in 1999, the first major drop in a dozen years.

Nearly two-thirds of these newly insured are **children**, like many of those who are here with us today. Since I signed the CHIP program into law, 2.5 million **children** have been able to get insurance through this program. In our budget, Vice President Gore and I have proposed a family care initiative, which would take care of the second part of Debbie's statement. It would expand CHIP to cover the parents of eligible **children**.

If we do this, we could cover a quarter of all the uninsured **children** and families in America and, I might add, those that are most at risk and need the health insurance most. Parents like Deborah and Chris Bredbenner know what a difference health insurance can make -- you just heard it -- not just in emergencies but for routine care.

Consider the child who doesn't get treated for an ear infection, who might suffer permanent hearing loss and, certainly, while in pain, would have a harder time learning in school. Consider the toll of untreated asthma, which will cause American students, listen to this, to miss 10 million

school days this year alone.

That's why we need to keep pushing forward until all our **children** are covered. To help accomplish this, the Department of Health and Human Services is awarding \$ 700,000 in grants today, to develop new and even more effective ways to identify and to enroll uninsured **children**. These grants will be used not only to get **children** enrolled but to keep them enrolled, so they can get the care they need. They will build on our recent success in improving outreach and enrollment around America.

If you look at how the States are doing with CHIP, you'll see that those with the best outreach programs have the most success in boosting the number of **children** covered. States like Indiana, Ohio, and Maine have done a remarkable job. I hope others will look to them for leadership.

There was a story in one of our major papers yesterday, outlining the dramatic differences in enrollments from State to State, and making it clear that the States that had the most systematic, determined effort and a strong leader, got kids enrolled, and those that didn't try as hard, didn't. This is a simple matter of systematic effort and real dedication.

I also hope that every working parent searching for **children's** health insurance will call the toll free number on everyone of these **children's** T-shirts: 1-877-KIDS-NOW.

We need to remember that the rising number of uninsured didn't develop overnight; it won't disappear overnight. In some ways, it reminds me of the challenges we faced when Vice President Gore and I took office in January of 1993. Some people said there was nothing we could do to stop the rising tide of red ink. The numbers on the national debt clock in New York were flashing so fast, people's eyes were glazing over.

But we made some tough choices: we cut some spending; we raised some money; we invested in the American people and eliminated hundreds of programs we didn't need and together, we turned a \$ 290 billion annual deficit into \$ 230 billion of surplus this year. That didn't happen by chance. It happened by choice. That's what is happening now with health coverage. If we make the right decisions, if we make smart choices and see them through, we can reduce the number of uninsured people in America.

First, as I said, it's very important to recognize that the laws on the books, we believe, would enable us to ensure up to two-thirds of the uninsured **children** in America -- 8 of the 12 million -- if every State did everything possible to enroll **children** in the CHIP program and got those who are Medicaid-eligible into Medicaid.

Second, we ought to expand CHIP eligibility to the parents of these **children**. It's very important.

Third, we ought to focus on another group of people that are having great difficulty getting health care, those who are over 55, but not 65, therefore are not old enough for Medicare, and many of them have taken early retirement or lost their jobs, or they're working in a place where the employer doesn't offer health insurance coverage.

We think they ought to be able to buy into Medicare, not to weaken the Medicare program. Our proposal is, give them a tax credit to defray some of the cost of buying into Medicare, so that we would, in effect, cut the cost for them of buying into Medicare but get the whole amount of money into Medicare, so that it would in no way, shape, or form weaken the financial stability of Medicare. This is very, very important.

And I might say to you, we ought to do this now, because this group is only going to get larger as the baby boomers age. Next year, exhibit A -- *[laughter]* -- the oldest of the baby boomers will be 55. For 28 years after that, you will have some portion of the baby boom generation in that 55- to 65-year-old age group. It's very, very important that we do this.

Next, Congress should pass our tax credit for small business, to strengthen their hand in negotiating quality affordable health insurance options for their employees. A lot of businesses try to offer health insurance, but as you just heard Debbie say, the cost to them is so high, and they have to pass so much of the cost on to their employees, that many of the employees can't afford it, even if it's offered.

Next, Congress should restore Medicaid benefits to the most vulnerable of our legal immigrants, including **children**. A few days ago, a bipartisan coalition on the House Commerce Committee voted to pass this important measure, and I applaud them for doing so. Surely now that the committee has supported it, we can work together to restore these benefits and do it this year.

Finally, there are some other items on our agenda. The American people still need Congress to pass a Medicare prescription drug benefit, a \$ 3,000 tax credit for long-term care, very important for families that are caring for family members who are disabled or aging, who have long-term care needs, and a strong Patients' Bill of Rights.

When Hillary and Donna and I started working on this back in 1993, we proposed a solution that would have covered all Americans, would have the Patients' Bill of Rights, would have the provisions of the Kennedy-Kassebaum bill, would take care of **children** who age out of foster care. And it was too much for the system to accommodate at once, so we've gone back, piece-by-piece, trying to achieve that.

We have now the **children's** health insurance coverage. We've taken care of the kids that age out of foster care. We passed a bill that protects you if you get sick or if you change jobs from losing your health insurance. But we need for people to make maximum use of this law. Every child in this country, like the **children** standing here and like the Bredbenner kids, who is eligible for CHIP, ought to be in it. The parents who need it, ought to be able to buy into the program. We can afford this now. It's quite manageable. And we absolutely know there are only two ways that you can provide health insurance for working people on modest incomes. There either has to be some sort of subsidy from the Government, or the employers have to provide it, or you have to have a combination of both. Next, we need to deal with the 55- to 65-year-old age group. And finally, we need to deal with the fact that there are so many of our seniors who don't have prescription drug coverage. And we need to deal with the long-term care challenge facing our country. And we need to pass this Patients' Bill of Rights that we've been working on since 1994. This is all very, very important.

The good news is, we know this approach will work. We know that the number of uninsured is going down, and I might say, we don't have the figures yet, but we know there are several hundred thousand **children** who, because of the CHIP program, have been enrolled in Medicaid.

So we just have to keep working on this. So I implore you to make sure every State in this country is making the most of the laws that are here and to do everything you can to get Congress, in this time of unprecedented prosperity, that enables us to do things -- we could not do this 6 years ago, because we did not have the money. We now have a surplus. We can do this. We still have a reasonably sized tax cut to help people with education and child care and saving for retirement and pay this country out of debt in 2012. We have the money to keep America's economy going, to get the country out of debt, and to provide more health insurance to families like those that are represented by these **children** here today. We ought to do it and do it now.

Thank you very much, and God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11 a.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Debbie Bredbenner, whose two **children** are covered by the **Children's** Health Insurance Program but who could not afford health insurance for herself.

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Thank you very much. Well, first I want to thank Sandy and Bob and all of you with the AFT and the NEA for all these years of support and friendship and for what you have done in our schools over the last 8 years. It seems like only yesterday that I started this odyssey to become President in late 1991, in no small measure because I wanted to see the President and the National Government really, really take education seriously on a consistent, day-in and day-out basis, to care for our **children** not just in word but in deed.

And one of the best decisions I made the whole time I was President, I think, was to ask my friend of more than 20 years, Dick Riley, to become the Secretary of Education. He and Tunky are here today, and he deserves at least -- at least -- 50 percent of the awards and the recognitions that you have given to me.

I can't tell you how much it has meant to me to know that what we have done together has actually made life better for the **children** of America. Bob gave a little history lesson. I got tickled, actually, when I heard them talking in Philadelphia. It was really almost funny, you know. [Laughter]

You know, when they were in -- remember that? -- [laughter] -- they took credit when the Sun came up in the morning. [Laughter] "It's morning in America." [Laughter] But now they want you to believe that the turtle on the fencepost got there by accident -- [laughter] -- and that we just somehow just coasted along. Where do they think I got all this gray hair? [Laughter]

What I'd like to point out is that all the things that Sandy and Bob talked about have actually changed the lives of millions of Americans. In our schools today the math scores are up; the reading scores are up. Some of the biggest gains have come in some of the poorest schools, and I'll just give two examples for the public record here.

I was in Harlem the other day, in a school, celebrating the "Save the Music" program that VH1 is doing. And I was in this elementary public school in Harlem which 2 years ago had 80 percent of the kids reading and doing math below grade level -- 2 years ago. So they get a new principal; the teachers all get together; they adopt a school uniform policy; they adopt real standards of measurement of what they're going to do; and 2 years later -- in 2 years -- they went from 80 percent of the kids doing reading and math below grade level to 74 percent of the kids doing reading and math at or above grade level -- in 2 years.

Then I was in western Kentucky a few weeks ago, at a school where well over half the kids are on the school lunch program. It was identified 3 1/2, 4 years ago, under the Kentucky law as one of the failing schools in Kentucky. They got some more of our teachers we were talking about; they have smaller classes in the early grades and a dedicated, very well-trained young woman that I had the privilege of meeting, known in her school as the "Clinton teacher," which I like. [Laughter] So in 3 years, they went from 12 percent of the kids doing reading at or above grade level to 57 percent. Listen to this; it gets better -- from 5 percent of the kids doing math at or above grade level to 70 percent; from zero percent of the kids doing science at or above grade level to 63

percent. It's now one of the 20 best elementary schools in the entire State of Kentucky.

So what's the point of this? The teachers of America now have example after example after example to rebut the critics. They can say all our **children** can learn, number one. And number two, our public schools, all of them, can produce; they can educate our **children**; they can make the grade.

You know the argument for Proposition 38 out here, the argument for that proposition in Michigan? Their whole argument is that there is this sort of mindless bureaucracy out there grinding our **children** down. And the appeal really goes to people who really don't know what's going on in the schools, don't understand how hard it is, and don't understand how much it's changing. Now, you have evidence.

And we say to our friends in California, our friends in Michigan, and throughout America, we don't have a dollar to spend on something besides the educational improvement of our public schools, and that's what we ought to be doing with that money. [Applause] Thank you.

Now, let me say -- let me just go on a little bit. [Laughter] Sandy talked about the big expansion in college aid. We had a big increase in Pell grants. We went from 700,000 to a million work-study positions. We had the education IRA's. There are now 15 million families taking advantage of the HOPE scholarship tax cut. And the direct student loan program -- listen to this -- has already saved college students over \$ 8 billion in loan repayment rates.

So this is really good news. Why? Because the dropout rate in high school is down. The college-going rate is the highest it's ever been. The SAT scores are up, even though more people are taking it from more diverse backgrounds. And last year, for the first time in the history of our country, the high school graduation rate for African-Americans was about the same as it was for white American students. This country is moving in the right direction.

Now, who deserves the lion's share of the credit for that? The teachers, the other educators, the students, themselves, and their parents. But it matters that we have a national policy that says: high standards, strict accountability, more investment, do what works, and empower these schools, put more teachers out there. Well, I just announced an initiative a couple days ago to let teachers who go into underserved areas or into underserved fields get more of their college loans forgiven for teaching. We need to do things that work.

Now, that brings me to the next point. I was given a note here before I came in, and I don't know if they're still here, that Congressman Earl Hilliard and Congressman Rush Holt are here, or at least they were here. I'm going to New Jersey for Rush Holt in a few days. He's got a tough race. He's the only physicist in Congress. [Laughter] Somebody told me the other day, he said, "Rush is not qualified to be in Congress. He actually knows something." [Laughter] Now, Earl has got no problem, but I want you to help him, too. [Laughter] But Rush Holt was the first Democrat from that district in -- I don't know -- since the Civil War, and he deserves to be reelected.

And every one of these House and Senate seats is important. We still have to fight every year for that 100,000 teachers. Every year it's another battle. We still have not succeeded in getting Federal assistance to build or do major repairs on 6,000 schools and repair another 5,000 a year for 5 years, which is a desperate problem for our public schools all over America. It matters. Every one of these House and Senate seats matter.

And I hope you'll forgive me if I put in a little extra plug for the Senate candidate from the State of New York. [Applause] Thank you. I'll tell you, I am quite sure that there is no person running for the Congress this year, the House or the Senate, who was not previously a teacher, who spent as much time in school, listening to teachers, listening to principals, talking to parents and kids as Hillary has over the last 20-plus years. Even when she was younger, when she was a young girl, she would go door to door in Chicago trying to figure out why kids weren't in school and what it would take to get them there. Her whole life has been an obsession with the welfare and the

proper development of our **children**.

And you know, the big question for the American people this year is whether to keep this progress and prosperity going. It's very, very important, every one of these House seats, every one of these Senate seats. And I can tell you, if the people of New York see fit to elect her, she will be one of the great Members of the United States Senate, now or ever.

I will also say that by far the biggest decision the American people have to make, obviously, is the race for President and Vice President. And you all know how I feel. [Laughter] But there is a big teaching job here, and I just want to say a few things about that.

I've known Joe Lieberman for 30 years, since I was a law student, still a student, and he was a young man running for the State Senate. I probably know Al Gore better than anybody outside his family now, because of the way we've worked together for 8 years. We had lunch once a week, every week for 8 years, until he got something more important to do. [Laughter]

You know, as your time runs out, you have little -- it's sort of a gradual, your increasing humility; it doesn't just all hit you at once. [Laughter] One former President once told me it took him 3 or 4 months to realize he wasn't lost every time he went in a room because nobody played a song anymore. [Laughter] Anyway, it'll be all right. [Laughter]

To get back to the main point, I know this guy. This is not politics. I know this guy. I have seen him when he was happy. I've seen him when he was sad. I've seen him when he was worried about his **children** being sick and when he was happy and elated about some achievement we had secured. I know him.

And I know how deeply he feels about equal opportunity for all people, because of his depth of conviction about the inherent worth of every person. And I know how that will play itself out in education policy. I know he will be a ferocious advocate of the **children**, the teachers, the schools and the future of this country. And I think it's really important because -- you know, I say this, and a lot of times people laugh. But sometimes it's better to get people to laugh; they'll actually listen to you then. One of the things I learned when I became President is, just because you're talking doesn't mean somebody's listening. [Laughter] I'm sure you've had that experience in the classroom. [Laughter]

But look, we need you. I know you're all well organized, and I know you've contributed your dues. And I know that you'll invest money in this, and I am sure you'll do your Get Out the Vote and everything. But we need you from now until election day to be teachers. We need you to do the kind of thing that Bob did here on the education record and throw it into the future.

Why is that? Because this is a really big election. And what we do with our prosperity is as big a test of what kind of wisdom and what kind of values we have, what kind of judgment we have, as what we do in adversity, maybe a bigger test. Because, when you're, you know, in the ditch, you don't have to be as smart as a tree full of owls to know you've got to do something different to get out. [Laughter] But when everything is just rocking along, you can just sort of bliss out and say, "Well, you know, what difference does this make? They all seem pretty nice to me."

So it's a big election. Most of you are younger than me, but those of you my age or older know that you maybe get one chance in a lifetime to build the future of your dreams for your kids, unencumbered by incoming fire. America has -- the people of this country must know how blessed we are now. You can help them understand that.

Then it's a big election because there are very large differences between the two candidates and their visions -- the parties -- which will have immense concrete impact on the lives of every American.

Now, does that mean this should be a negative campaign? No, this should be a highly positive

campaign. I don't want anybody at our convention to say anything bad about them. I don't like that. We've had enough of that for the last 20 years, mostly coming out of their side, to last us a lifetime. I don't like that. We should posit that they are good, honorable, patriotic people who love their **children** and love this country and will do what they believe is right.

But then we ought to say, however, we disagree with them on a lot of things, and it seems like we're the only ones who want the American people to know what our disagreements are. Big election; big differences; only the Democrats want you to know what the differences are. Who does that tell you about who you ought to vote for?

Think about this. This is really true. I think we should compliment them for abandoning their mean and harsh rhetoric. [Laughter] We should. No, we should -- wait, wait. Words are important. Woodrow Wilson said once, "Words could inflict more pain and damage than bullets." I wouldn't know, but he said that. [Laughter] So we're all having a good time, but you should welcome that. It's a good thing they did.

And everybody talks about -- there was even a big article in one of the papers about phrases, verbatim phrases we had used in '92 and '93 and '94, verbatim were used by the Republicans in their speeches in Philadelphia. And I consider that both a compliment and an advance. [Laughter] Look, I'm being serious now. Don't laugh when -- [laughter].

But the difference in where we were in '92 and where they are today is that we actually had policies that backed up our rhetoric. We had a new education policy, a new welfare policy, a new crime policy, a new environmental policy, a new economic policy. We had policies that backed up our rhetoric. And Al Gore and Joe Lieberman can speak for themselves, but I just want to say one word about the economy because that affects how much we can help our schools. And I think I've earned the right to talk about economic policy.

People say to me all the time, "What great innovation did you and Bob Rubin bring to Washington to get this great economy?" And I always say, arithmetic. [Laughter] We stopped pretending that 2 and 2 was 6. We got rid of rosy scenarios and looked at the money that was coming in, and we had priorities for what was most important.

So we had this new economic policy. But it really was based on arithmetic. And that's what is at issue now. The Vice President says we ought to have a tax cut, but it ought to be one that we can afford, targeted to helping people send their kids to college, pay for long-term care, pay for child care, pay for retirement, easing the marriage penalty, helping low income workers with a lot of kids. And we ought to save some money for education and to cover Medicare and Social Security out through the life of the baby boomers and add a Medicare prescription drug benefit. And oh, by the way, the money may not come in because this so-called surplus is a projected surplus.

So his policy is: Stay with what works; get us out of debt; keep the interest rates down; give a tax cut we can afford; save some money to invest in our future, in education, Medicare, drugs, lengthening the life of Social Security and Medicare. That's his policy.

Their policy sounds better the first time you hear it. Their policy is this: "Hey, we're going to have this big surplus. It's your money. We're going to give it back to you." That sounds good. There are several problems with it.

First of all, if you give all the projected surplus and more in a tax cut, it leaves you nothing to lengthen the life of Social Security and Medicare. It leaves you nothing to invest in education. It leaves you nothing to prepare for an emergency. We've had 3 years of big farm emergencies. And it leaves you no cushion in case the money doesn't come in.

Never mind the programs they have. If they privatize Social Security partially, like they say, that will cost another trillion dollars over a decade. So inevitably what they're really saying is -- what they're saying is the sweet part of it, "I will give it all back to you in tax cuts." They're not playing

the sour part, which is, "Now, of course, this will mean that we'll have higher interest rates, because we're going back to deficits, and we will have less money to invest in our future."

Our tax cut, the one our side has proposed, costs way less than half theirs and gives two-thirds of the American people more money. Plus which, by keeping interest rates at least a percent lower than they otherwise would over the next decade, you know what that's worth, a percent a year for 10 years? Two hundred and fifty billion bucks in lower home mortgage, 30 billion bucks in lower car payments, 15 billion bucks in lower college loan payments, all to middle class people, like school teachers.

Now, how is it that we could have a tax cut that costs less than half theirs, that gives two-thirds of the people more money? Because, like always, as Bob said, most of their money is going to people like I hope I'll be when I get out of here. [Laughter] But you know, that's not our way. We think the people that served this food to you deserve the same chance to send their kids to college that we have. That's not our way. [Applause] Thank you.

So you've got to think about it. And you've got to be teachers. You need to ask people who tell you, "Well, it's not a very important election," -- you have to say, "Oh, yes it is; here's why." "Well, they both seem pretty nice, and there's not any difference in them." Say, "Oh, yes, there are, big difference in crime policy, big difference in environmental policy, big difference in civil rights policy and over a woman's right to choose. Big difference in" -- [applause].

You just go down through all the things that will affect real people's lives. Anybody that writes a column in the newspaper saying there's not much difference between them is somebody that's already got everything they want in life and doesn't think anybody can take it away from them.

This is a big election. And you don't have to say one single, solitary mean thing personally about the people who are on the other side. Just be teachers.

But now this economics thing is big. Because if we put this country back in the ditch economically and we start running deficits again, there won't be any money for anybody to keep these education promises or to invest in our **children**. And you need to go out and ask people, say, "Listen" -- just go up and ask people, be a teacher -- say, "What's your projected income for the next 10 years? How sure are you that it's going to come in? Now, if I ask you to sign a binding contract today to spend it all, every last penny, even on something you really, really wanted, would you do that and save no money for your family's health care or education or an emergency or just have a cushion in case you didn't get the raises you're counting on?" Of course, they wouldn't. Now, if they would, they should really consider supporting the Republicans. [Laughter] But of course they wouldn't, and America shouldn't either. This is dead serious. This is a huge difference, and so much else depends on that.

So I want you all to think about this. It's not enough to vote. It's not enough to work on election day or the weekend before. It's not enough to give your dues to the organization and have them invest it right. I am telling you, this election is going to be determined by what people think it's about. This is one of those deals where the answer you give depends on what you think the question is.

And if people really believe it's about how to keep the progress and the prosperity going and if they really understand the differences, then the Vice President and Senator Lieberman and Hillary and Rush Holt and our crowd -- we'll be fine because we're on the side of the American people, and they agree with us. But we have to flush this out, and you have to be teachers.

The last thing I'd like to say is that I have no words to convey how grateful I am to you for what you do every day, for taking care of our kids. Almost a hundred percent of you could be making a lot more money doing something else. And you embody, to me, the best of American citizenship. Working with you has been a joy; knowing that we made it better has made it even more joyful. I'll be grateful for the rest of my life.

But remember, we are all citizens first, and our citizen duty now is to make sure the American people understand exactly what is at stake. If they do, trust me, the best is still out there.

Thank you, and God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:34 p.m. at the Beverly Hills Hilton Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Sandra Feldman, president, American Federation of Teachers; Robert F. Chase, president, National Education Association; Ann (Tunky) Riley, wife of Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley; and former Secretary of the Treasury Robert E. Rubin.

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The President. Thank you very much. Thank you, and good morning. I want to join with Hillary in welcoming you to the White House and thanking all of you for coming. I thank the foundations that have helped us. And thank you, David Hamburg. I still remember when we worked on a report about the developmental needs of young adolescents back in the late eighties, in which we recommended, among other things, that there ought to be community service in all of our schools, something that we're finally getting around to.

I thank all of those who are here. I see so many people out here in this audience who have done so much to help our young people, out teenagers, live better lives. I see one of the founders of the City Year program in Boston. I see a man who has adopted a huge number of children, along with his wife, and personally made sure that they got through their teenage years. There are many, many stories here. I'm grateful to all of you.

I'm very grateful to Secretary Shalala and Secretary Herman and our National Service Chairman, Senator Harris Wofford and Deputy Attorney General Holder and Janice Lachance and all the others who are here from the administration -- the Deputy Director of our drug office, Donald Vereen. And thank you, Representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones. I thank you all for what you are doing.

I want to thank the panelists and those who will come on afterward. And I think we ought to give one more hand to the families that were in the film, that walked in with Hillary and me. They did a great job. *[Applause]*

You know, we've worked very hard on these family issues for a long time, and Hillary has done so for 30 years. But the way I see this as President, as well as a parent, looking ahead to the kind of America we're trying to build in the new century, when I became President, we had to worry about whether everybody who wanted or needed a job could get one. And that was very important. And the dignity of work is very important to families. It helps to define the shape of family life in ways that are by and large positive.

I'll never forget once when I was Governor, I had a panel of former welfare recipients that were in the work force, and one of my colleagues asked the lady from my State, said, "Well, what's the best thing about having a job." And she said, "The best thing about it is when my boy goes to school and they say, 'What does your mama do for a living,' he can give an answer."

But by the same token, we live in a country that's very good at creating jobs but is not as good at providing family supports, in which people are busier and busier and busier, and in which virtually everybody has some trouble balancing work and family during the period of the child's life. Even parents who are staying at home have trouble doing it.

And it is a problem that is more severe for single parents and people that have more than one job or people that have trouble getting around. It's a problem that's more severe for people that work for very modest incomes. But I don't think I know any parents who are working who have not had some periods in their lives when they worried whether they were letting their kids down because

they weren't spending enough time with them or whether there were too many forces out there that were kind of undermining that.

And one of the things that I have learned in ways large and small over an unfortunately increasingly elderly existence -- *[laughter]* -- is that everybody has got a story -- everybody. And every child has a spark inside. And I believe that everyone has a role to play and ought to be given a chance. And as important as work is -- and I say that coming from a family of workaholics -- the most important work that society does is still to raise children. And if that work is done well, the rest of it pretty well takes care of itself.

And so we're here, basically, to do all the things that Hillary said. I think when a tragedy, befalls a child, or a child is involved in a tragedy, a school shooting or this terrible incident at the Washington zoo, it throws it up in large relief. But I think that one of the things we ought to do in beginning this conference is to take a more balanced view. And I want to be very brief because I want you to have the maximum amount of time with the keynote speaker and with the panelists. But I think it's important that we have a balanced view of what teenage life is like today.

And I asked the Council of Economic Advisers to actually get me a statistical portrait of teenage America. And here is a brief summary. The good news is that the teenagers are far healthier, more prosperous, and look forward to more promising lives than ever before in our history. The economic rewards of education are at an all-time high. Teens have responded by completing high school and enrolling college at record rates.

Last year, for the first time in the history of the country, the high school graduation of African-Americans and the white majority was almost statistically identical. The dropout rate among Hispanic young people is still too high, but that's largely explained, I think, by the fact that we have still a very large number of Hispanic children in our schools who are first-generation immigrants whose first language is not English, and they come from families that are struggling to make ends meet, and very often they drop out to go to work still. But we're making progress there, as well.

More teenagers than ever before volunteering to serve through community service; many harmful behaviors are actually on the decline, including youth violence, homicide, suicide, teen pregnancy, and, in the last couple of years, drug use: that's the good news.

The report also highlights some significant challenges. There are still significant opportunity gaps between white students and students of color. Teen smoking, drug use, and pregnancy are still far too high. And despite a marked decline in teen homicide over the past few years, still far too many communities are scarred by gun violence.

Interestingly enough, statistically, the Council of Economic Advisers found that gun-related teen deaths from deliberate acts and from accidents are highly correlated with gun ownership and possession rates. In States with fewer guns in fewer households, there are fewer gun deaths.

Perhaps the most empowering finding in the new report is the extent to which parents have the opportunity to guide their teenagers properly. Sitting down to dinner can have an enormously positive impact. The report found that teenagers who had dinner with -- listen to this: The report found that teenagers that had dinner with their parents 5 nights a week are far more likely to avoid smoking, drinking, violence, suicide, and drugs. This holds true for single-parent, as well as two-parent families, across all income and racial groups. Now obviously, if that is not possible, and sometimes it's not possible, then it's really important to find some way to fill that gap, but it's a stunning statistical finding.

For the past 7 years, the First Lady and I have worked with our administration to try to support parents' efforts to raise healthy, hopeful, and responsible children. I'd also like to acknowledge the invaluable efforts of Vice President and Mrs. Gore, who have had -- even before he joined me, they were sponsoring a family conference every year in Tennessee to deal with these issues. It's really

one of the most astonishing, consistent commitments, I believe, in the country. And they've done a world of good, and I'm very grateful to them.

I'll always be proud that the first bill I signed as President was the Family and Medical Leave Act, a law that now has given more than 20 million Americans the opportunity to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave without losing their jobs. And I remember when I signed it, it had previously been vetoed on the theory that it would hurt the economic growth of the country. If that's what it was designed to do, it's been a very poor failure. [Laughter]

What it has done is to prove that it's good economics to balance work and family, that the more parents can succeed at home, the more free they are, psychologically, to be productive at work, and we ought to do more.

I have asked the Congress to include more firms in the family and medical leave law and to expand the purposes for which people can take family leave. We have also tried to give States the flexibility to use funds in Federal accounts to help to finance paid leave. We've worked hard on this, and I think it's very important that we recognize that the United States has done a great job at creating jobs, but we still give far less support to the responsibility of balancing work and family than virtually every other industrialized country in the world. And it is very important to do that.

We've also worked hard to turn teenagers away from unhealthy lives toward healthy futures. The rate of drug use has been cut, in part, by the powerful antidrug messages that have been broadcast, and some of you here have helped us with that. We have done our best to engage the tobacco industry in what has been a fairly epic and sometimes frustrating struggle to reduce teen smoking. We made the single largest investment in children's health care since Medicaid was created. And we're working to get more of our kids -- and increasingly, I hope, this year, their parents -- enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program. And we're working to make our schools safer.

I think that we also need comprehensive strategies to stem violence both in and out of schools. Our program would dramatically expand quality after-school programs. When I started, we had a million dollars for after-school programs; then we went to \$ 20 million; then we went to \$ 200 million. This year we've got \$ 400 million in after-school programs. And I've proposed a billion dollars, and if we pass it, we'll be able to say that every child, at least in every troubled neighborhood in the United States of America, can be in an after-school program. This is a big deal, and I hope you will support it.

I also want to say a word of thanks to all those who have supported AmeriCorps, including City Year and its other components. We've now had more than 150,000 young people earning money for college while serving in their communities. And we're trying to get more and more people to start earlier, to get high school kids, junior high school kids, involved in community service.

Maryland has become the first State in America to require community service as a condition of a high school diploma. And listen to this: The study found that teens who participate in service projects in their communities are 75 percent less likely to drop out of school, because they're connected in a way that I think is profoundly important.

Hillary talked about the work we're doing with the industry to give parents the tools to protect their children in the new media age. I do think we need a voluntary system that goes across TV, movies, and video games. If we can find some way to develop that, it would make a lot of sense. There's a lot of information coming at parents. You know, I try to sort it all out when I see it. And I think it would be better if there was -- it's almost like you need a dictionary to explain the differences in the TV ratings and movie ratings and the video game ratings. So we have to find some way this can be made more usable.

And today I want to just mention two things that we're trying to do to help parents and their teenagers. First, I'm signing an Executive order to prohibit discrimination against parents in the

work force of the Federal Government. Believe it or not, there are still some employers who are reluctant to hire or to promote employees who have children at home. Some of you may have experienced this yourselves. The goal of this order simply says, no glass ceiling for parents. The job they're doing at home is more important, anyway, and if they can do your job, you ought not to stop them.

Second, I am pleased to announce that our National Campaign Against Youth Violence, the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, and Tobacco-Free Kids, and the National Government have teamed up to produce a comprehensive guide to help parents support their teenagers through this crucial and often difficult developmental period.

Now, I want to introduce our keynote speaker now and say I'm sorry that I can't stay for the rest of the day, but after he speaks, I'll have to leave. But let me say that I want to thank you for coming, again. I want to thank so many of you here for a lifetime of commitment. People ask me all the time, why are we focusing on these things when all the indicators are good and things are going better? This is the time to be thinking about -- I will say again -- how we can deal with the significant challenges of this country. And anybody that thinks that we've done everything we need to do to help the parents with teenagers hasn't had teenagers and hasn't been around lately.

It seems to me that if we can't deal with these big social issues now, when we're prosperous, when we're doing well, if we can't strengthen the bonds of our community now, when will we ever get around to doing it? That's why we're here.

I want to introduce a person who embodies much of the good that's going on to help parents through having the village do its part, in the First Lady's words, to raise our children. Ben Casey is the president of the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas. He has degrees in psychology and counseling from UCLA and Chapman College. He currently oversees programs -- listen to this -- 145 program centers that serve a quarter of all the families in the greater Dallas region. We've asked him to speak to us today about his extensive experience with teens, the wise new poll which also has some important findings about the way teens and parents view their communication and time together.

And let me just finally say, Mr. Casey, as I bring you up, every minute I have ever spent with young people, as President and before, but especially as President, has reaffirmed to me how special they are, what enormous potential they have. Even the ones that can't make it really want to and wish they could. And what a profound responsibility we have. And I want to honor you, sir, because you spend every day trying to make sure we don't lose a single one.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:45 a.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to children's advocate David A. Hamburg, president emeritus, Carnegie Corp. of New York. The President also referred to Executive Order 13152 -- Further Amendment to Executive Order 11478, Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Government, published in the *Federal Register* on May 4. The transcript released by the Office of the Press Secretary also included the remarks of the First Lady. A portion of these remarks could not be verified because the tape was incomplete.

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Thank you very much. Good afternoon, Governors, education leaders, business leaders. I am delighted to be here. I thank my good friend, Governor Hunt, for his remarks. This year marks the 20-year anniversary from the time you and Secretary Riley and I started working together on education.

I want to thank Governor Thompson for his interest in this, and so many other issues. Tommy Thompson is the first Governor who told me that he thought that he could really move, literally, every able-bodied welfare recipient in Wisconsin to work. And I think they've had a 91 percent drop in the rolls. He nearly got it done. Congratulations, that's an amazing achievement.

And I want to especially thank Lou Gerstner and all the business leaders here, because you kept the idea of the summit alive and understood the importance of consistent and systematic followup with the Governors, with the educators. I am very grateful to you for doing this. Most people like you do a project like this for a year or 2 and then they forget it and go on to something else. And you haven't done it, and I'm very grateful.

And for all of you who were here 3 1/2 years ago, who stayed involved in this, I thank you.

Governor Hunt -- I was watching him on the monitor outside -- talked about the issuance of the "Nation At Risk" report 16 years ago, the meeting we had 15 years ago. The first National Education Summit was in Charlottesville 10 years ago this week. And some of us were there then. President Bush, his Education Department, education leaders from around the country, we were all together. And we came together to embrace the concept and specifics of national education goals.

At the second summit, here in Palisades 3 1/2 years ago, we supported the idea that every State should set standards. At this third summit I hope we will embrace with equal fervor the idea of accountability, for only by holding educators, schools, students, and ourselves accountable for meeting the standards we have set will we reach the goals we seek.

We have made significant progress, particularly in the ideas governing the way we look at this. More and more we're leaving behind the old divisions between one side saying "We need more money," and the other side saying "We shouldn't invest any more money in our public schools, it's hopeless." By and large, there is a new consensus for greater investment and greater accountability, greater investment and higher standards and higher quality teachers to help students reach the standards; holding the schools accountable for the results. That's the agenda of Achieve, the agenda of our administration, clearly the right agenda for the United States.

I think it is another mark of progress and something that many of you in this room can feel profoundly both proud of and grateful for, that 10 full years after Charlottesville and now more than 16 years after the issuance of the "Nation at Risk" report, there is still a passionate sense of national urgency about school reform and about lifting education standards. And there are people who get up every day full of energy about it, not cynical, not skeptical, not jaded, not tired, still eager to learn. People in Governors' offices, people in the schools of our country, business leaders, education leaders of all kind.

This is quite an astonishing thing. You cannot think of a single other issue that has had this long a life at this level of intense commitment. And I think it is a tribute to the love of the American people for their **children**, a tribute to the understanding of the American people of the importance of education in the global economy, and a sense that we know that we have both the largest and the most diverse student population in our history.

But if you just think about how people get tired of political issues, how everybody is supposed to want to read something new in the paper or seeing something new on the evening news, month-in and month-out, and you think about how long ago it was when Governor Caperton there decided to make all of his elementary students computer literate; how long Governor Engler has been in office; how long ago it was that Secretary Riley and Governor Hunt and I started fooling with all this -- and the country is as hot to do the right thing, to improve the education of our **children** today as it was the day after the "Nation At Risk" report was issued. And that's a great source of comfort to me, and reassurance. And the business leaders, the educators, and the political leaders here in this room and like-minded people throughout this country deserve a lot of credit for that.

When I came to Washington 6 1/2 years ago, all of you know that the number one problem I had to deal with was the deficit, because we quadrupled the debt in 4 years, interest rates were high, the economy was stagnant. We had to cut hundreds of programs, and we were determined to try to do it in a way that would increase our investment, not decrease our investment in education at the national level, and to do it in a way that, spearheaded by Secretary Riley, to give you more flexibility, but also to focus on the pressure points of reform that would likely give us the greatest returns.

I am very grateful that we have seen our deficit of \$ 290 billion turn into a surplus of \$ 115 billion. This year we'll have the first back-to-back surpluses in 42 years. And today we learned we have the lowest rate of poverty in America in 20 years. I am very grateful for that. But I'm also grateful that during this period we were able to early double the Federal investment in education, to help you provide your **children** and your schools with more of the tools they need. We've increased early childhood investment through Head Start. We've opened the doors of college wide by basically modeling a national version of Georgia's HOPE scholarship and providing tax credits for beyond the first 2 years of high school.

We have increased Pell grants and established education IRA's. We've begun to organize an army of tutors. We now have a thousand colleges and universities, I believe in every State in the country, involving themselves in America Reads, to try to make sure all 8-year-olds can read when they finish the third grade.

We've made an enormous amount of progress, and a lot of you have been active on this, in hooking up every school and library in the country to the Internet and with the e-rate making sure that the poorest schools can afford to participate in the information superhighway.

Last fall we fought for and won a big bipartisan consensus to make a downpayment of 30,000 teachers, on getting 100,000 more teachers out in the country to lower class sizes in the early grades. And we have supported a huge increase in the number of charter schools in America. When I became President in January of '93 there was only one charter school in the whole country, in the State of Minnesota. There are now 1,300.

We're in New York; the New York Legislature, I think, just authorized the establishment of the first charter schools here. In California, they just took the cap off the number of charter schools that they could have. We still have a lot of interest in magnet schools and other public school choice initiatives along with the other debates on this subject. But I think that we are well on our way to having 3,000 charter schools in the United States by next year, which is the goal that I set for our administration when we started down this path 6 years ago.

Now, in addition to what we've done, what's more important is what you've done and what the

country's done. We have made truly remarkable progress in the standards movement, thanks in no small measure to the leadership of Governors and those of you who gathered here 3 1/2 years ago. Our Goals 2000 legislation and the reforms in Title I we made have supported that. Today, almost every State has standards for what **children** should know in English, math, science, history, social studies. Next year, virtually every State will be testing students to see if they're meeting the standards.

Now, that is all very good news. My friend, Hugh Price, who is sitting back there to my left, leader of the Urban League, recently observed that people didn't talk much about standards and test scores 50 years ago because the output of the schools, whether it was good, bad or indifferent, more or less matched with the demands of a blue collar economy that needed strong backs more than well-developed minds. The problem now is that the economy has changed much faster than the schools.

People used to say, "You know, the schools just aren't what they used to be." The problem may be that too many of our schools are too much like they used to be, but the world the **children** move out into is not at all as it used to be. And that, of course, is what a lot of you are trying to help to change.

Now, as we move into this period of not only having standards but having account-ability -- that is consequences for the failure to meet them -- there will be people who will, first of all, be elated at the evidence of improvement, which you can see all over the country where such things have been done from California to Houston to Chicago to Dade County to many other places in the country. Then there will be those who will want to shrink back because they fear the adverse consequences of failure and many people really don't believe all kids can learn. I think it would be a mistake to give into those fears.

And one of the things that I would hope will come out of this summit, Lou, is that all of you, in encouraging accountability, which is, I know, something you believe in, ask people not to be afraid when there are consequences.

I just saw the results in New York City, where the first group of **children** have gone -- didn't score at the appropriate level. They went to summer school. Many that went to summer school are being prompted, but a few that went to summer school aren't, and all the ones that refused to go aren't.

And there may be some mistakes made. But as long as we send the message to these kids that "We're doing this for you. This doesn't mean there's something wrong with you, but we'll be hurting you worse if we tell you you're learning something when you're not. We'll be basically participating in a fraud which, ultimately, will cost you more personally, psychically and, of course, eventually financially, than any pain that comes in the moment."

But in order to do this, this whole issue will have to be really taken out of and kept out of the closet. Governors will have to look dead in the eye of some child that was held back and say, "That's okay, you can do it," and lift them up. We won't have to pretend that there will never be a moment of pain for anybody in any of this.

And similarly, business people and Governors will have to know that we have done everything we absolutely can to give every kid we can the chance not to be taken down by the system. It's one of the things that I liked about Chicago, where the summer school now for the **children** that don't make the grade is now the sixth biggest school district in the entire United States of America -- the Chicago summer school, the sixth biggest school district in America. Why? Because they don't want to brand the kids as failures when the system didn't do for them what it should have.

And Secretary Riley and I have met with parents whose **children** have been through the system there, including parents of **children** who were held back and had to go to summer school. I have been into a poor neighborhood there where virtually all the kids had to go to summer school in a couple of the classes. And because they believed the system is honest and because they believe

that the purpose of what is being done is not for some politician or educator to look tough or run up numbers in the polls or, say, have some easy sloganeering answer, but the purpose is to make sure these kids learn what they need to learn to have good lives, they support it. They support the standards. They support the mandatory summer school. They support what's being done in the after-school programs.

And it will happen everywhere in America. But we all have to commit the truth about this. And we can't pretend there will never be any painful consequences. But where there are painful consequences, all the Governors can do a world of good by going into those schools and say, "I'm doing this because I want you to have a good life. I'm doing this because it's not too late for you. This is just the beginning of your life. I'm doing this because your teachers and your principals and your parents and the business leaders in this community, we care about your future, and we're going to make this work." And I hope we can do that.

Let me just say very quickly, I think we have to have these basic standards in every State, and we have to make it possible, as Achieve has recommended, not only know whether the standards are being met but to give the parents some comparative information about how **children** in other States and other nations are doing. I think we have to recommit ourselves to extra support.

And Congress, when I sent this Education Accountability Act to Congress, saying that school districts accepting Federal money must ensure that teachers know the subject they're teaching, have reasonable discipline codes, empower parents with report cards, have a strategy -- and I think this is very important -- to turn around failing schools or close them down and, finally, a strategy to end social promotion that empowers **children** who aren't making the grade through the after-school programs, the summer school programs, and all the rest.

Now, we're having a big argument in Washington on the budget today. I don't want to get into a partisan rerun of that, but let me just say this: We can have the kind of budget we need that will help you to do what you need to do without -- and we can meet the budget targets without coming up short in education, whether it's for Head Start or more teachers or the initiative to help States build and modernize 6,000 new schools or the American Reads program or this Gear Up program, all of which the Congress supported last year, by the way, to help mentor kids that are in trouble in junior high school, to try to get them into college by getting them over that rough patch. So I hope we can get that done.

I also wanted to say, emphasize something that I think is very important, our budget would provide \$ 200 million to help you turn around low-performing schools. I believe that it is not enough to say, no social promotion, strict accountability, and even summer school and after-school programs for kids, unless there is a strategy to turn around the low-performing schools. And I know that in North Carolina and in several other places where this has been done -- I mentioned them earlier, Houston, Dade County, Chicago, and there are other places -- but there is evidence now -- we don't have to question this either -- there is a lot of evidence that these low-performing schools can be turned around.

I went to an elementary school in Chicago, in the Robert Taylor housing project, where the reading scores had tripled and the math scores had doubled in 2 years. Were they on a low base? Yes. Were they where they ought to be? No. But does it prove you can turn things around, even in the most adverse circumstances? Absolutely. So I think that if we're going to have genuine accountability for standards, it is important that we have something to turn the schools around.

And again, I say -- a lot of people in Congress don't want to adopt this accountability standard for Federal funds because they say that we shouldn't impose that on you. But I think all of you know that the five elements in the Federal bill were basically ideas we got straight out of local school districts and States. They weren't something that Dick Riley cooked up. It was something that the Education Department developed based on the proven experience and results of local school districts and States.

Finally, let me just give you something to feel good about again, at the end. In 1996, there were only 14 States with measurable standards. Today there are 50. That's the good news. Here's why you ought to focus on accountability. In 1996, there were only 11 States with systems that identify and sanction low-performing schools. Today there are only 16. This is the hard part.

But again, I say, we've got to give the schools the tools they need to do the job. And the Federal Government has an important role to play. We don't provide an enormous amount of the total funds for schools, but that amount was slipping for a while, and we got it going back up now. And I feel very strongly, as the Secretary of Education, that with the largest student population in history and with all this educational evidence about the benefits of smaller classes and with the imperative of ending the practice of social promotion, finishing the work of 100,000 teachers, helping you to build or remodel 6,000 schools so they'll be modern, and doing these other things are quite important.

Now, let me just make one other point. I'm encouraged by the movement to standards in the 3 1/2 years since you had your last summit here, and you should be, too. That's a rather astonishing move. And it shows what can happen if you meet in an environment where you've got business and education and the political leadership working together, and Republicans and Democrats leave the party labels at the door, and everybody just works on what's good for the kids.

But this is the hard part. It's not an accident that we've gone from 16 to 50 standards and 11 to 16 in genuine accountability. It's hard. But you also can take a lot of pride in the fact that you have evidence, even in big urban areas with a lot of trouble, where this has worked. And the consequences are good.

Now, last February when the Governors were in the White House, I just noted that it took 100 years for laws mandating compulsory, free elementary education to spread from a few States to the whole Nation. When it comes to this accountability agenda, will we follow the model of the last 3 1/2 years with standards and go from 16 to 50 in a hurry, or will we go back to the model of the earlier time? I think all of you know what we ought to do.

And I will say again, I think the fact that we have the largest number of **children** in our public schools in history, I think the fact that they are more diverse than ever before in terms of their backgrounds and their languages is a godsend for us for the 21st century in a global society if, but only if, we prove not only that they can all learn but that we can teach them all. We know they can all learn from -- you can do a brain scan and determine that. That's always been -- that's the wrong question. The question is, can we teach them all, and are we prepared to do it, and are we prepared to have constructive compassion for their present difficulties by having genuine accountability and also heartfelt support.

The reason that there is still so much enthusiasm for all this after -- 10 years after the Charlottesville Summit, 16 years after the "Nation at Risk," 20 or 30 years after all the Southerners figured out that it's the only way to lift our States out of the dirt -- is that everybody knows that deep down inside it's still the most important public work.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:40 p.m. in the Watson Room at the IBM Palisades Executive Conference Center. In his remarks, he referred to North Carolina Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr.; Wisconsin Gov. Tommy G. Thompson; Louis V. Gerstner, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer, IBM Corp.; former Gov. Gaston Caperton of West Virginia; Gov. John Engler of Michigan; and Hugh B. Price, president and chief executive officer, Urban League.

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Children hold a special place in our lives, and raising healthy, happy children is the greatest success any parent can hope to achieve; it should also be an important goal of every member of society, because children are profoundly influenced by the people and environment around them. The strongest influence, of course, is often child's family; but good schools and nurturing communities also play a vital role in helping children reach their full potential.

Over the past 7-1/2 years, my Administration has worked with families and communities across the country to meet the needs of America's children, and we can be proud of what we have accomplished together. We have made education one of our highest priorities, to ensure that every child is empowered with the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve personal fulfillment and success. By expanding Head Start and Early Head Start for preschoolers; promoting high academic standards, smaller class sizes, teacher quality, and charter schools for primary and secondary school students; and providing loans, scholarships, and tax credits so that millions of young Americans can attend college, we are building a world-class education system that will serve our children well.

We have achieved other important legislative victories for children and families, including a \$ 500 child tax credit, a \$ 1 per hour increase in the minimum wage, expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit, passing the Family and Medical Leave Act, enacting the largest expansion of health insurance for children ever, and creating incentives to move more children from foster care to safe, loving, and permanent homes. As a result of these victories, the child poverty rate in our country has dropped by 22 percent since 1993; millions of working parents have taken time off to care for a new child or sick relative; child immunization rates are at an all-time high, with 90 percent of toddlers receiving crucial vaccinations; and adoptions increased nearly 65 percent between 1996 and 1999.

We have shown our commitment to ensuring that every child grows up in a safe and nurturing environment through additional measures such as teen pregnancy prevention efforts, welfare reform that moves families from economic dependency to self-sufficiency, expanded access to affordable housing and homeownership, and responsible fatherhood initiatives to ensure that fathers provide both the financial and emotional support their children need. And, to help working families provide for their children, we are continuing our efforts to improve access to high-quality, safe, and affordable child care. We know that from infancy through adolescence, in child-care settings and after-school programs, children can learn and thrive with the right care, attention, and education. We owe them no less.

As we observe **National Children's Day** this year, let us recommit ourselves to using every resource in this time of unprecedented prosperity to build a bright future for all our children. Let us show our love for them not only through our words, but also by making the tough decisions and important investments necessary to give them the opportunity to achieve their dreams.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2000, as **National Children's Day**. I urge all Americans to express their love and appreciation for children on this day and every day throughout the year, and to work within their communities to nurture, love, and teach all our children. I invite Federal officials, State and local governments, and particularly all American families to join together in observing this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities to honor our Nation's children.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-fifth.

William J. Clinton

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The **children** of America are our most precious gift and our greatest responsibility. Their well-being is one of the greatest measures of our success as a society, and our ability to provide them with a loving, safe, and supportive environment will help determine the character of our Nation.

We can be proud of the progress we have made in creating such environments. To strengthen families and homes, we have provided tax relief to working families, raised the minimum wage, and enacted the Family and Medical Leave Act so that parents can take time off to be with a sick child or new baby without putting their jobs at risk. To give more **children** a healthy start in life, we have extended health care coverage to millions of previously uninsured **children**. To help America's youth reach their full potential, my Administration has urged the Congress to pass legislation to provide our students with a first-rate education by ensuring that they are educated by well-prepared teachers, in smaller classes, in modern and safe buildings, and with the latest in information technology.

On National **Children's** Day, however, we must also reflect soberly on how far we still have to go to make our communities safe and nurturing places for our **children**. One of our greatest challenges is to provide health coverage for the almost 11 million American **children** who are still uninsured. Many of these **children** are eligible for Medicaid or qualify for coverage under the **Children's** Health Insurance Programs that are now operating in every State across our Nation. Educators, policymakers, health care professionals, and business, community, and media leaders have a vital role to play in raising parents' awareness of their **children's** eligibility for this important coverage and making sure that these **children** are enrolled.

America must also confront the recent senseless acts of violence that have taken the lives and the innocence of so many young people. Places where they once felt safe -- schools and churches and day care facilities -- have been shaken by violence. Addressing this assault on our society's values and our **children's** future is a top priority of my Administration. We must work together -- parents, students, educators, public officials, and religious, community, and industry leaders -- to instill in our youth a sense of compassion, tolerance, and self-respect, so that they may find their way in a troubled world. We must also help them develop the strength to express their own anger and alienation with words, not weapons.

One of the most powerful tools we have in this endeavor is youth mentoring. A recent Department of Justice study showed that mentoring programs help young people resist violence and substance abuse, perform better academically, and interact more positively with their families and with other youth. Recognizing the value of mentoring programs, particularly to the well-being of millions of at-risk youth, my Administration announced earlier this year several public and private initiatives to encourage mentoring, and we set aside \$ 14 million in grants for the Justice Department's

Juvenile Mentoring Program.

Children bring so much hope, joy, and love to our lives; in return, we owe them our time, our attention, the power of our example, and the comfort of our concern. It is a fair trade, and one that enriches the lives of us all.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 10, 1999; as National **Children's** Day. I urge all Americans to express their love and appreciation for the **children** of our Nation on this day and on every day throughout the year. I invite Federal officials, local governments, communities, and all American families to join in observing this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. I also urge all Americans to reflect upon the importance of **children** to our families, the importance of strong families to our **children**, and the importance of both to America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-fourth.

William J. Clinton

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Good morning. As we prepare next week to mark the one-year anniversary of the tragedy at Columbine High School, our thoughts turn to the safety of our communities, schools, and **children**. All of us -- parents, schools, communities, and government -- share responsibility to keep our **children** safe. We've all got to do our part. This morning I want to talk about three steps our administration is taking to support school and community efforts to prevent youth violence.

We know the best approach to the problem of youth violence is a comprehensive one. That means students and parents, teachers and police officers, judges, counselors, and religious leaders all working together. That's why we created the Safe Schools Healthy Students initiative, to find and fund the best local ideas for preventing youth violence. Today I am announcing \$ 40 million in new grants for 23 school districts that have come up with innovative and successful strategies to reach out to troubled young people. These districts are bringing school nurses and counselors together to respond to warning signs like depression or bullying. They're improving classroom security and expanding after-school and mentoring programs. From little Arkansas towns to big California cities, they're making a difference in the lives of our **children** and our communities.

Second, I'm announcing new grants under our COPS in Schools initiative, providing more than \$ 60 million for police officers to work in schools in more than 220 communities. The vast majority of our schools are safe places for kids to learn. But any violent incident is one too many. This initiative helps to hire and train school resource officers to be a real part of **children's** daily lives -- using the community policing strategies that have made neighborhoods safer all over America. Already it has placed 2,200 officers in more than 1,000 communities across our Nation, where they are heightening school safety as well as coaching sports and acting as mentors and mediators for kids in need.

Third, I'm announcing a new initiative to support counseling programs for elementary schools. The Department of Education has set aside \$ 20 million to fund local grant proposals, because we have seen all too clearly that even our youngest **children** sometimes need our help. When I was Governor of Arkansas, Hillary and I helped our State to become the first State in America to mandate counselors for schools, elementary schools. We want to help all of our elementary schools who are willing to have the same sort of support.

Here at the White House, I've created a Council on Youth Violence to coordinate the work of the Federal agencies. We know the key to all of our success, however, is leadership in the community, at the grassroots. Last year I challenged Americans from community organizations, the media, business, and all walks of life to mobilize against youth violence. The result was the National Campaign Against Youth Violence, working to bring together a cross-section of citizens to keep our **children** safe.

Just this week in Memphis the National Campaign kicked off a nationwide initiative to put the resources of business in the service of safer, stronger communities. They'll visit 15 cities and sponsor town meetings and media events, mobilize young people, school officials, business and religious leaders. And in every city, the National Campaign will remind each of us of our responsibility to do all we can to keep America's **children** safer.

Those of us who are parents have perhaps the greatest responsibility. We need to talk about safety and security in every house in America -- beginning in the White House. That's why Hillary and I are sponsoring a White House Conference on Teenagers next month. We'll invite parents and teens, experts and educators to talk through the challenges of raising responsible **children** and the opportunities we all have to help our young people make the most of their lives.

The great American author and champion of human rights, Pearl Buck, once said, "If our American way of life fails the child, it fails us all." In our national struggle against youth violence, we must not fail our **children**. Our future depends on it.

Thanks for listening.

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The event raised \$4 million in the U.S. last year for 130 children's charities selected by CIBC World Markets. A total of \$5.5 million was raised worldwide for more than 250 children's charities.

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CIBC World Markets One-Day Fundraiser Shatters Record More Than \$8 million Raised for Children's Charities Around the World

TORONTO, Dec. 18 /CNW/ - CIBC Wood Gundy announced today that its 1998 Children's Miracle Day raised a record breaking \$8.3 million for children's charities. The grand total announced today at a special ceremony in Toronto was almost twice as much as last year's total of \$4.5 million.

"We are extremely pleased with the results, the funds raised will benefit thousands of children in our communities worldwide," said Tesse Parigoris, Chair of the 1998 CIBC Wood Gundy Children's Miracle Day.

On Miracle Day, the first Tuesday of every December, CIBC Wood Gundy's financial consultants, sales and trading staff donate their fees and commissions to children's charities. The 1998 Miracle Day was held on Tuesday, December 1st. Since 1984 over \$33 million has been raised to improve the health, education and well-being of children.

CIBC Wood Gundy and Wood Gundy Private Client offices across Canada participate in Miracle Day, as well as CIBC World Markets offices in Asia, Europe and the United States. "The Miracle's dream has grown as CIBC World Markets has expanded throughout the world," added Ms. Parigoris.

More than 250 children's charities benefit from the Children's Miracle. "Funds raised from the CIBC Wood Gundy Children's Miracle Day effort in each community stay in that community to support local programs," explained Ms. Parigoris. "Miracle Day is successful because of the generous support of CIBC Wood Gundy clients and employees. Working together we are able to help bring dreams to life for thousands of children."

\$300,000 Children's Miracle Fund Announced

Also announced today was the establishment of the CIBC Wood Gundy Children's Miracle Fund in partnership with the Children's Aid Foundation. This \$300,000 fund will give at-risk children an extra helping hand by providing them with opportunities that may be out of their reach. Joining a baseball league, taking music lessons or having a pair of ice skates -- all help the most vulnerable children develop confidence, new skills or fit in with their peers. These opportunities are small but important steps in a child's life and the CIBC Wood Gundy Children's Miracle Fund will help provide them.

Two Miracle Makers Named

Two Miracle Makers were also honoured. The CIBC Wood Gundy Miracle Maker Award is given to individuals who have made extraordinary efforts on behalf of children's charities.

Gloria Sharp was honoured for her work with the Toronto Symphony

Orchestra's Volunteer Committee. She has also been instrumental in the growth of the TSO's annual Piano Competition. By actively pursuing donations, she ensures that every young musician with a desire can compete.

Toronto Maple Leaf's right winger Tie Domi was also presented with a Miracle Maker Award. Tie has parlayed a high profile career as a Toronto Maple Leaf into miracles for countless young children. He is actively involved with the Big Brothers program, Ronald McDonald House and the Hugh MacMillan Children's Hospital. He recently invited sixty-seven homeless children to watch a practice at Maple Leaf Gardens. Afterward, he had a chance to play Santa, handing out a truckload of more than one thousand toys he donated to the kids as part of the Santa on Wheels program. Along with his teammates, he also does work on behalf of Easter Seals, Covenant House and the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children.

As part of the Award, a contribution is made on behalf of each Miracle Maker to the children's charity of their choice. The CIBC Wood Gundy Children's Miracle Foundation is making a donation to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra's Volunteer Committee Piano Competition on behalf of Gloria Sharp. On behalf of Tie Domi, a donation was made to Rose Cherry's Home, a hospice for families with children who have a live limiting or life threatening illness. Don Cherry was present at the ceremony to accept the donation.

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HEADLINE: MIRACLE DAY LUNCHEON TO AID BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

BYLINE: annie yahinian

BODY:

The Boys & Girls Club of Broward County is sponsoring the **Miracle Day** Luncheon -- featuring a debate by former New York Mayor Ed Koch and former U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato of New York -- Thursday at the Fort Lauderdale Marina Marriott, 1881 SE 17th St.

Tickets are \$ 200, tables of 10 are \$ 2,000, and corporate sponsor tables are available for \$ 2,500.

The political debate will kick off the annual **CIBC Oppenheimer Miracle Day**, a program designed to raise money and awareness for various local and worldwide children's activities. Since 1984, the **Miracle Day** has raised more than \$ 31 million internationally for children's activities. Last year's event raised a record-breaking \$ 8.6 million.

Miami Dolphins All-Pro cornerback Sam Madison also will be involved with the fund-raiser. His new charitable foundation, Madison Avenue for Kids, will be partners with the Boys & Girls Club to help high-risk youths get on the right track for success.

Each year, the Boys & Girls Club offers programs to more than 12,000 kids ages 7 to 17.

CIBC Oppenheimer is a subsidiary of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce with more than \$ 180 billion in assets. For more information regarding **CIBC Oppenheimer**, visit www.cibcoppenheimer.com. For information on the Boys & Girls Club, call 954-537-1010.

-- ANNIE YAHINIAN

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, (color) Making miracles: Boys & Girls Club of Broward County members, from left, Brian Wise, 18; Dexter Bethea, 13; and Monecia Hurst, 9, join Miami Dolphins All-Pro cornerback Sam Madison and club Executive Director David Hughes.

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HEADLINE: GLOBE SANTA;
AS FOR GIVING, WORKERS IN BOSTON OFFICE ARE THE TOPS

BYLINE: By Ray Richard, Globe Santa Staff

BODY:

No matter what their company is named, they are the greatest, as far as Globe Santa is concerned.

The firm used to be called Wood Gundy. Then it became **CIBC** Wood Gundy. Now it is the Boston office of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, the international banking arm of Canada's second-largest financial institution. Under each of these names, the employees at the downtown Boston firm have donated record amounts to the Globe Santa Fund. The \$25,000 contributed in 1997 and matched last year was the biggest amount donated to Globe Santa each year.

This year, **CIBC** World Markets' Boston office raised \$55,000, believed to be the largest contribution made to Globe Santa since the program began in 1956 to help poor children at Christmas.

The money was raised from the commissions and fees the Boston office was paid on Dec. 7. The donations were part of what is known as "**Miracle Day**" at **CIBC** World Markets. On that day, all such earnings in the system's branches throughout the world are donated to organizations that help needy children.

Taking part were traders and brokers in North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. **CIBC** is a diversified global financial services company with more than 45,000 employees in 24 countries. **CIBC** World Markets is the global marketing name for the company's investment banking affiliates and subsidiaries.

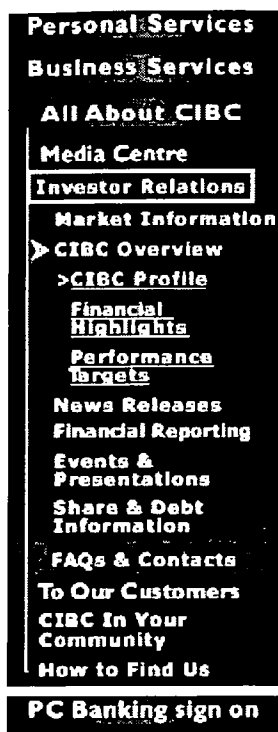
Managing director Kathleen Peto of the Boston office said many of the firm's clients cooperated by doing their transactions on the day designated to help the children.

She donated a check for the \$55,000 to a member of the Globe Santa staff. Watching from behind their computers in the busy Boston office were **CIBC** staff members Adam Lawrence, Robert McDermott, David Browne, A.J. Maroon, Susan Hattmeyer, Amy Peck, and Jeff Hamilton.

This year, sports figures Cam Neely, Dennis Eckersley and Tim Fox helped explain and promote "**Miracle Day**" in the **CIBC** Boston office.

Last year, "**Miracle Day**" raised more than \$568 million for local children's charities chosen by **CIBC** World Markets employees and their clients in the specific communities.

The total probably doubled this year, said Peto.



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CIBC PROFILE

CIBC is one of North America's leading financial institutions with almost seven decades of experience serving personal banking and business customers. We offer a full range of products through our comprehensive electronic banking network, branches and office locations across Canada and around the world.

CIBC has recently announced a new senior executive team and has reorganized into distinct customer groups - retail, small business, wealth management and investment banking. Key strategic businesses that are reliant on technology have been consolidated under one leadership. We have also created a new division managing our balance sheet for growth and profit.

The following is a chart of the new senior executive team and their functional responsibilities.

CIBC's [organisational structure](#) (file size: 11.4 kb)

The early priorities of the new administration are improving customer service, operating efficiency; a shift in our business mix in favour of electronic banking, wealth management; and a greater emphasis on performance targets and making progress against these targets.

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Children's Miracle Day

What a Difference a Day Makes

Since it started in 1984, the CIBC World Markets Children's Miracle Day has raised more than C\$46 million for children's charities. The success of Miracle Day is based on the participation and generosity of our clients, employees and Canadian charities.



Each year, on the first Wednesday in December, CIBC World Markets and CIBC Wood Gundy financial consultants, sales and trading staff across Canada and around the world, donate their fees and commissions to children's charities.

Our 2000 Children's Miracle Day is on Wednesday, December 6.

- The 1999 Miracle Day raised over C\$12 million.
- Whether it is medical attention, shelter in the midst of crisis or extra help with schoolwork, the Miracle touches the lives of many young people.
- Miracle Day funds are donated to more than 250 children's charities in communities across Canada - from Victoria to St. John's.
- Miracle Day is Canada's largest one-day corporate fundraising event devoted to children's charities.
- All CIBC World Markets and CIBC Wood Gundy offices across Canada are part of the Children's Miracle. Also participating are offices in Asia, Australia, Europe and the United States.
- As CIBC World Markets has expanded throughout the world, the Miracle's dream has grown with us.

The 2000 Miracle Day campaign is co-chaired by:



2000 Miracle Co-chairs: (l-r) Catherine Code, Jules Mangin, Jill MacCurdy

☞ Catherine Code,
Executive Director,
Investment Banking

☞ Jules Mangin,
Executive Director,
Institutional Equity
Trading Services

☞ Jill MacCurdy,
Executive Director,
Debt Capital Markets

BIBLICAL QUOTES CONTAINING THE WORD “**MIRACLE**”

Exodus 7:9

“When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Perform a **miracle**,’ then say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,’ and it will become a snake.”

Mark 9: 38-40

“Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “No one who does a **miracle** in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me.”

But Jesus said, “Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a **miracle** in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.”

Mark 6:51-53

“For they considered not the **miracle** of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.”

Luke 23:7-9

“When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some **miracle**.”

John 7:20-22

Jesus said to them, “I did one **miracle**, and you are all astonished.”

John 4:53-55

“This is again the second **miracle** that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.”

John 6:13-15

“Then those men, when they had seen the **miracle** that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.”

John 12:17-19

“For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this **miracle**.”

Acts 4:15-17

“What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding **miracle**, and we cannot deny it.”



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Miracles in the Community

At CIBC World Markets we accept our corporate social responsibility toward our clients, employees and members of the greater community. We believe that an economically strong community fosters a more favourable business environment and we want to be a leader in that community.

The future hopes of any society lies with its children. By working with our charity partners, we can help to ensure the health and well-being of children in our communities across Canada.



Even the smallest Miracle can make a difference in the life of a child.

By investing in a Miracle, we are investing in the future of our children and our communities.





What children's charities receive funds from the CIBC World Markets Children's Miracle Foundation?

The CIBC World Markets Children's Miracle Foundation receives many requests for support. For application information, please read our [donation guidelines](#).



- Individual CIBC Wood Gundy offices direct the funds raised locally to charities in their communities.
- Funds are distributed year-round to more than 350 children's charities.
- Each year the Foundation publishes an [Investment Review](#) highlighting the Canadian charities supported through Miracle donations.

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Children's **Miracle Day** - Wednesday, December 6th

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BODY:

The circle of giving will stretch from coast to coast this Wednesday, December 6. On this day, **CIBC** World Markets and **CIBC** Wood Gundy will donate their fees and commissions to children's charities as part of the annual fundraising event known as Children's **Miracle Day**.

Since the first **Miracle Day** in 1984, the **CIBC** World Markets Children's Miracle Foundation has raised more than \$46 million dollars for children's charities across Canada and around the world. In 1999, Children's **Miracle Day** raised a record-breaking \$12.7 million.

"Children are our finest investment," said Susan Storey, Chair of the **CIBC** World Markets Children's Miracle Foundation, "and **Miracle Day** provides us with an opportunity to make a real difference in their lives. With the generous help of our clients and friends, along with the dedication and efforts of our employees, **Miracle Day** has grown into a worldwide event."

The funds raised on **Miracle Day** are distributed to more than 350 charities across Canada that seek to improve the health, education and well-being of children. Individual **CIBC** World Markets and **CIBC** Wood Gundy offices direct the funds raised locally to charities in their communities. The Miracle supports a variety of children's charities including children's hospitals, hospices, emergency shelters, counseling, education and recreational opportunities, meal programs, and special programs for children with disabilities or serious illnesses.

"The purpose of **Miracle Day** is to offer children opportunities to grow, learn and develop self-esteem," continued Ms. Storey.

The total amount raised on this year's **Miracle Day** will be announced on Tuesday, December 19th. The 2000 **CIBC** World Markets Children's **Miracle Day** campaign is being co-chaired by Executive Directors Catherine Code, Jill MacCurdy and Jules Mangin.

For further information about Children's **Miracle Day** and the **CIBC** World Markets Children's Miracle Foundation, please visit the Children's Miracle Web site at www.childrensmiracle.com.

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DATELINE: TORONTO, Dec. 21

BODY:

Today, **CIBC** World Markets announced an important investment in children. The 1999 **CIBC** World Markets Children's **Miracle Day** raised \$12,735,246 for children's charities. The record-breaking total was unveiled today at a special ceremony in Toronto.

On **Miracle Day**, the first Tuesday of every December, **CIBC** World Markets sales and trading staff from around the world in Asia, Canada, Europe and the United States, and Wood Gundy Private Client Financial Consultants, donate their fees and commissions to children's charities. This year, **Miracle Day** was held on Tuesday, December 7th.

"Children are our finest investment," said Tesse Parigoris, Co-Chair of the 1999 **CIBC** World Markets Children's Miracle. "Thank you to all of our clients and friends who directed their business to us on **Miracle Day**. With their help, many children around the world will have a chance to make their own dreams a reality."

Miracle Day has been an important tradition at **CIBC** World Markets since 1984. Since then, over \$46 million has been raised to improve the health, education and well-being of children.

Each office directs the funds raised locally to charities in their communities. The funds support over 500 children's charities and programs across Canada and around the world.

"The first **Miracle Day** in 1984 raised \$164,000," added Susan Storey, Chair of the **CIBC** World Markets Children's Miracle Foundation. "The generous support of our clients, along with the outstanding enthusiasm and efforts of our employees has helped Children's **Miracle Day** grow into an incredible worldwide event."

As part of the Announcement Day celebrations, **CIBC** World Markets recognized individuals who have made an extraordinary investment of their time and energy helping children. The **CIBC** World Markets Miracle Maker Awards were presented to Michael "Pinball" Clemons of Toronto, Ontario; Sharon Breitzkreuz of Edmonton, Alberta; Sol and Queenie Nayman of Toronto, Ontario; and Josie Pilioci of Whitby, Ontario.

As part of the Award, a contribution is made on behalf of each Miracle Maker to the children's charity of their choice. Michael Clemons has selected the Horizons for Youth Foundation; Sharon Breitzkreuz's charity of choice is Little Bits Riding Club; in Sol and Queenie Nayman's name, a contribution will be made to the Learning to Listen Foundation and the Lauren Nayman Fund for Cochlear Implants through the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation; and Josie Pilioci has selected For the Love of a Child.

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HEADLINE: First Lady boosts **CIBC** charity

BYLINE: Marty Klinkenberg

DATELINE: NEW YORK

BODY:

NEW YORK -- First Lady Hillary Clinton helped Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce work a miracle on Wall Street yesterday.

Mrs. Clinton accepted an invitation from **CIBC** officials to participate in the firm's annual **Miracle Day**, a fundraising effort for children's charities that was initiated in Canada in 1984.

On **Miracle Day**, trading and brokerage commissions earned in every **CIBC** World Markets office is donated to organizations that help children. More than \$4 million U.S. was raised through the program in New York in 1998 (of about \$6 million worldwide), and **CIBC** officials expected a significant increase this year, thanks to Mrs. Clinton's involvement.

The First Lady actually launched the festivities yesterday by climbing down into the trading pit at the **CIBC** offices in the World Financial Center. She jump-started the day's trading session by taking orders from **CIBC** clients who were notified in advance that she would be present.

"We are very honoured that the First Lady agreed to participate," said Tom Gallagher, head of U.S. Equities for **CIBC**. "She didn't hesitate for a second when we asked, and she didn't ask for anything in return. I can't say enough about her. Her involvement helped our people feel really good about themselves and what they are doing, and thrilled investors as well.

"People were begging to get in line this morning to give her an order. And if they didn't give her one, she asked for it. She was fabulous. I have trouble teaching people to do what she did."

Mrs. Clinton, who is running in New York for the U.S. Senate, caused a stir at the **CIBC** offices in a skyscraper across the street from the World Trade Center. A red carpet was rolled out for her arrival, which was preceded by a bomb-sniffing dog and an abundance of Secret Service agents.

Employees posted a sign welcoming her, and jockeyed for position to shake hands or take her picture. A lucky few collected an autograph or had a photo taken with her. "She's got my vote this year," a maintenance man who'd been at work since 4 a.m. preparing for her arrival said after she left in early afternoon. "I'm going to have this picture put in a frame."

Mrs. Clinton lauded the more than 300 **CIBC** employees on the trading floor for their participation in **Miracle Day**.

Mr. Gallagher said traders were initially slow to warm to the idea, now a fixture on the calendar here since the former Oppenheimer & Co. was taken over by **CIBC** in 1997. "They looked at it as a means for us to take their commissions away rather than something that had a good motive. They thought there was something in this for us, but there isn't. Now, this has become a much bigger

day for us here than it is in Canada. We realize we have found a gold mine. Our clients look at us as a terrific role model, and think it is a wonderful thing for a brokerage firm to do. I'm proud **CIBC** is involved."

GRAPHIC: CP Color Photo: Richard Drew, The Associated Press / U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is surrounded by traders during her visit to the trading floor of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in New York yesterday to participate in the firm's annual program to raise money for children's charities.

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CIBC has a strong history of supporting Canadian youth; every year, we co millions of dollars to youth programs and educational institutions. This sup encompassed by Youthvision, which includes new initiatives and existing p that combine research, educational funding, mentoring and job programs a helping young people prepare for their future:

CIBC Youthvision Scholarship program - Through an innovative partne Big Brothers and Sisters of Canada, grade 10 students have an opportunity support for post-secondary education and the opportunity to work during t through an internship program with the YMCA. In addition, a CIBC post-gra award program has been created to provide fellowships to young Canadian to continue leading-edge work in the field of community economic develop focus on youth employment.

CIBC has committed more than \$6.5 million in the first ten years of this sc program.

CIBC Wood Gundy Children's Miracle Foundation - Once a year CIBC W Markets donates one day's commissions to the CIBC Wood Gundy Children This charitable trust distributes donations to Canadian children's charities, the belief that clients and employees can make a difference for children. Si inception, the CIBC Wood Gundy Children's Miracle has donated over \$24 m hundreds of charitable organizations focusing on the needs of children all o world.

Research Chair, Hospital for Sick Children - CIBC Group of Companies provided \$2.5 million to fund a new chair in child health research at the Ho Sick Children in Toronto.

Frontier College - A donation of \$450,000 will support training for univer at campuses across the country to act as mentors for elementary and high students. The mentors teach literacy skills and encourage students to stay through homework clubs, reading circles and one-to-one tutoring.

Canadian Youth Business Foundation (CYBF) - CYBF has been establis provide mentoring and funding to young Canadian entrepreneurs. CIBC is t co-founder of this foundation and has contributed \$3 million and a \$7 milli credit to CYBF. Through this initiative 356 new businesses have been creat

Canadian Institute for Advanced Research - CIBC has worked with the establish a new fellowship, dedicated to research into specific socioeconom affecting the provision of education and care for children.

Club des Petits Desjeuners du Quebec - CIBC supports the Club des Petits Desjeuners with its program to provide nutritionally balanced breakfasts to school children.

Ability On-Line - CIBC provides funding to give youth with a disability or chronic/acute illness the ability to communicate with others through the use of computers.

Covenant House - CIBC assists Covenant House to provide shelter to homeless and runaway youth between the ages of 16 and 22.

Wood's Homes - CIBC provides ongoing support, counseling and treatment for people and their families in over forty different locations throughout Central and Southern Alberta.

Co-op Work Terms - CIBC is a major supporter of co-operative education over 500 four-month co-operative work terms per year to students at the post-secondary level.

Toronto District Schoolboard Pre-Apprenticeship Program - CIBC has this innovative pre-apprenticeship pilot project through the school board and trade unions, to target young people interested in pursuing apprenticeship trades.

First Step: Year 2000 - a CIBC joint initiative with the government to provide affordable means of preparing for the Year 2000 challenge. Across Canada 700 post-secondary students will be trained as student advisors who will help solve Year 2000 problems for small and medium-sized businesses.

Learning for a Sustainable Future - CIBC supports this internationally recognized program for Canadian students, designed to ensure that they develop the skills to live in a global environment and appreciate the importance of sustainable development.

First Connections - Selected grade 12 students from across Ontario will receive career training and experience through a summer internship at a successful business.

Career Edge - CIBC is a founding partner of this national, private sector program that provides career-related work experience for graduates of high school, college and university.

Blueprint for the Future - CIBC is the founding sponsor of the largest aboriginal youth conference in Canada. High school students from across Canada attend the career fair. CIBC is also a major sponsor of the Aboriginal Achievement Awards which celebrate excellence in the aboriginal community.

Chantier Jeunesse - CIBC supports this organization which coordinates various working sites across Quebec, designed to give young people job experience and training.

Junior Achievement Student Venture Program - CIBC has worked in partnership with Junior Achievement in B.C. and Alberta, supporting the Student Venture Program which develops entrepreneurial skills in high school classrooms.

Acadia University - CIBC funded the Youth Entrepreneurship Case Project which involves the development, publication and promotion of five business cases on young entrepreneurs and the problems they encountered starting their businesses.

Collegium of Work and Learning - The Collegium provides research, dev and communication programs designed to address the issues of youth unem and skills mismatches in school-to-work transitions.

Shad Valley - This program involves seven universities and hundreds of s Shad Valley program encourages entrepreneurship in the scientific and tec sector by offering a hands-on summer program to some of Canada's top st

Careers, the Next Generation - This organization offers a number of pro including co-op plus apprenticeship for high school graduates, a registered apprenticeship program and a career and technology studies program for h students.

Canadian 4-H Council - This organization is dedicated to the personal gro development of rural youth.

British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) - The CIBC Small Bus Training Centre at the BCIT downtown campus houses a very successful bu venture program to facilitate business start-ups by young entrepreneurs.



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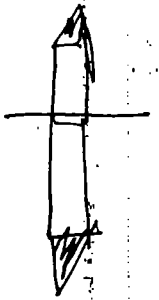
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CIBC World Markets USA Miracle Day Fact Sheet

Q. What is Miracle Day?

A. Miracle Day is a one-day event that raises money for a variety of charitable organizations that help children in our communities around the world.

On this day, CIBC World Markets institutional sales and trading staff, as well as many of our Account Executives in the Private Client Division join their colleagues around the world in donating fees and commissions to children's charities. Participating locations include offices in Canada, Europe, Australia, Asia and the USA.

Q. When is Miracle Day?

A. This year, Miracle Day will take place on **Wednesday, December 6, 2000.**

Q. How much does Miracle Day raise?

A. A proud tradition since 1984, Miracle Day has raised more than \$31.2 million for children's charities. In 1999, Miracle Day raised a record-breaking \$8.6 million.

Thanks to the commitment and generosity of our clients and employees, the Miracle continues to grow.

Q. How did Miracle Day begin?

A. The Miracle was conceived in 1984 by the late Timothy Miller, a manager for Wood Gundy in Toronto. The goal of the original event was to raise money for children's charities during the holiday season. The first Miracle Day raised C\$163,935. Since then, Miracle Day has become an important CIBC World Markets tradition.

Q. How can CIBC World Markets clients get involved?

A. A successful Miracle Day depends upon the support of our clients. Transactions made on December 6 with CIBC World Markets will allow us to help needy children.

Thousands of CIBC World Markets employees give their time, energy and imagination to help organize and promote Miracle Day. We encourage our clients to join us and help make a USA Miracle happen on Wednesday, December 6.

Q. Which children's charities receive funds from the Miracle program?

A. Funds raised on Miracle Day are distributed to more than 250 children's charities across the United States. Individual CIBC World Markets offices direct the funds raised locally to charities in their communities.

A broad range of charities benefit from the Miracle. Whether it is a hot meal to start the day, shelter in the midst of crisis, extra help with school work or the fulfillment of a child's special wish -- the Miracle touches the lives of many young people. Examples of local children's charities include: children's hospitals; health research; emergency shelters; counseling; education and recreational opportunities; meal programs; and special programs for at-risk children.

Q. How can I find out more about Miracle Day?

A. Contact: Kelly Schwartz
CIBC World Markets
(212) 667-8369
kelly.schwartz@us.cibc.com
Visit our website: www.cibcwm.com

**What're you doing Wednesday?
We're giving our
commissions to kids.**



It's a tradition we began in 1984.

We call a day in the first week of December Miracle Day, and we donate to children's charities the commissions raised that day by the CIBC World Markets companies around the world.

It's simple, meaningful, and sends one powerful message to kids who need help and inspiration to build their futures.

Last year, thanks to the generosity of clients who placed their Miracle Day trades with us, we raised \$8.6 million. Since 1984, we've raised \$31.2 million.

If you'd like to learn more — and even join us — see us at www.cibcwm.com

It may be the most rewarding thing you do for yourself, as well as the kids, this holiday season.



In 1999, the USA Miracle Day program was proud to support more than 250 charitable organizations. The following is a selection of activities and programs funded by Miracle Day.

A Place Called Home in Los Angeles funded mentoring programs for over 200 children.

Beginning with Children in New York City used the funds to support student curricula, provide professional development for teachers, and help open a charter school in Brooklyn.

Big Brother Big Sisters in New York City, Boston and Los Angeles funded one-on-one mentoring programs and family counseling clinics. The New York chapter funded a satellite location of BBBS in St. Albans, Queens and hired a full-time employee to run this location.

Boston Globe Foundation provided presents for children during the holiday season.

Boy Scouts of America Western LA Council in California supported the *Scout Reach Program* in establishing troops in three elementary schools.

Boys and Girls Clubs of America in Florida, Illinois, Colorado and Wisconsin funded computer technology, job readiness and literacy programs.

Boys Harbor in New York supported *First Work*, a program that prepares adolescents for jobs.

Cancer Counseling Inc. (Children Affected by Cancer) in Texas funded parties for children with cancer and provided counseling for children and their parents.

Center for Educational Innovation in New York used funds for general operating expenses.

Center for the Visually Impaired in Atlanta supported the *Baby Early Growth Intervention Network*, dedicated to providing one-on-one training to blind and visually impaired babies.

Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra supported *Music in the Park*, a program that gives young musicians the chance to perform for children.

The Children's Aid Society in New York expanded the *Mt. Sinai-NYU Community Health Clinic and Community Center*. This facility offers young people tutoring, recreational opportunities and a clinic for medical and dental treatment.

Children's Defense Fund in New York supported programs focusing on children's health issues and childcare.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta in Georgia funded the *Child Life Position Program*, an oncology program for children.

Children's Home Society in Florida supported an emergency shelter for children who have been subjected to abuse. Also funded foster care, adoption and HIV children's programs.

Children's Hospital in Boston purchased a state-of-the-art cardiac MRI machine and hired a world-class cardiac specialist. The center is now known for housing one of the only cardiac units of this caliber in the country.

Children's Medical Fund in New York established the *Institute of Childhood Asthma* at *Schneider Children's Hospital* in New Hyde Park.

Covenant House in New York City provided clothing, food, and shelter to approximately 360 young people during the winter season.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in New York contributed funds to the national headquarters of Cystic Fibrosis and to research.

East Harlem Tutorial Program in New York City started a new tutorial program at the *Jackie Robinson Education Complex*, focusing on the arts and computers. Also used funds to lease a building for youth development and teen programs.

Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation in New York used funds for scientific research to advance medical treatments for children.

Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy in Illinois and Maryland supported research, patient services, and general expenses.

Figure Skating in Harlem in New York funded ice time at the *River Bank State Park*, and provided tutors for girls age six to sixteen.

Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre in Florida supported *A Bridge From Me To You*, a program that promotes non-violence between children.

Foundation for Medically Fragile Children in Atlanta purchased a bath chair for a muscular dystrophy patient and an augmented communication device for children, and built a wheelchair ramp.

Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Tennessee provided basic care and services to children with medical, dental, educational and cultural needs.

Friends of Kids with Cancer in Missouri added toys to the toy closet, sent teens on trips, hired an art therapist, and kept a psychologist on call 24 hours a day.

Girl Scout Council of Greater New York sent 100 girls to summer camp.

Hale House for AIDS & Drug Addicted Babies in New York City used funds to provide care for those born drug-addicted and their parents.

Harlem School for the Arts in New York provided art instruction and art opportunities to African-American and Latino children.

Healing Heart Foundation in New Jersey supported research for pain management for children with cancer.

Ice Hockey in Harlem in New York purchased new hockey equipment, hired the first ever bilingual staff member, and supported further development of the girl's program.

Jackie Robinson Foundation in New York funded the *Education and Leadership Development Program*, which provides college scholarships and mentoring to Jackie Robinson scholars around the nation.

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International in Wisconsin, New York, and New Jersey supported international research for diabetes.

Louisiana Baptist Children's Home in Missouri helped fund *Children's Summer Programs*, summer camps for children at various churches.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro New York helped grant the wish of an 8 year-old boy with AIDS to visit Disney World.

March of Dimes in New York funded research, education, community service and advocacy programs aimed at the prevention of birth defects and infant mortality.

Miami Children's Hospital in Florida supported the *Cardiology Endowment Fund*.

Muscular Dystrophy Association in New York City provided wheelchairs and braces to children in need.

National Burn Victim Foundation in New Jersey supported the *Burn Bear Project*, which sends teddy bears to children who are burn victims.

National Down Syndrome Society in New York co-sponsored research programs with the *National Institute of Health*.

National Hemophilia Foundation in New York supported the *First Step Program*, which provides education for parents who have children born with hemophilia.

National Neurofibromatosis in New York funded research, medical and public education programs.

New York University - Child Study Center launched *AboutOurKids.org* page. Also helped support a camp for children with attention deficit disorder and research for community outreach programs.

New Yorkers for Children provided 124 foster kids attending college in the fall with *Back to School Packages* that included a laptop computer, pre-paid phone and clothing cards, CD-ROM reference materials, and a personal stipend.

Pediatric Cancer Foundation in New York supported a variety of doctors and institutions.

Police Athletic League in New York helped fund education and recreation programs for inner-city children.

Ronald McDonald House in Missouri supported the *Sponsor a Family* program that provides comfort, care, and lodging for seriously ill children.

Save the Children in Connecticut supported three programs: *The Change Maker*, which trains young leaders; a community outreach program where youths and adults get to learn more about each other; and *Bamboozled*, a web site created by children.

St. Jude Children's Hospital in New York City contributed to the research and development of the St. Jude AIDS vaccine, a vaccine fighting 23 kinds of the AIDS virus.

St. Louis Children's Hospital in Missouri supported the *Schnuck Fund*, which is helping to renovate the entire lobby of the hospital.

Tomorrow's Children's Fund in New Jersey supported the *Cure and Beyond Program*, which looks at the long-term and late effects of children who survived cancer treatment.

Tourette Syndrome Association in New York supported a 24-hour crisis line, a general information and referral line, and a national curriculum-training program.

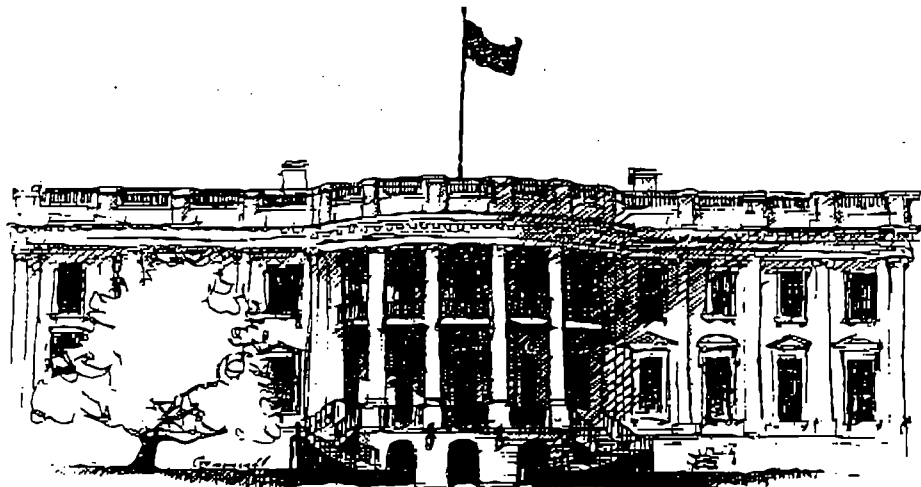
United Way of Massachusetts Bay in Boston helped fund *Success by 6* and *Kids on Track* initiatives as well as the following organizations: *Big Brother Association of Greater Boston*, *Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston*, *The Brookline Center*, *Cambridge Community Services*, *YWCA of Boston*, *South Shore YMCA*, and *Codman Square and Dorchester Bay Housing & Economic Development Corporation*.

CIBC World Markets

- CIBC World Markets is the investment banking arm of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC), one of the ten largest banks in North America.
- CIBC has conducted business in the United States for well over a century.
- CIBC has assets of US\$181 billion and a market capitalization of US\$10.1 billion. CIBC's long-term obligations are rated AA- by Standard & Poor's and Aa3 by Moody's.
- CIBC World Markets has 4,500 employees in the US and 8,200 worldwide.
- CIBC World Markets offers a complete range of integrated investment and corporate banking, capital markets, asset management and brokerage activities.
- In 1997, CIBC World Markets acquired Oppenheimer & Co., Inc., one of the last privately owned, full-service securities firms, and expanded into the equity research, asset management and securities brokerage businesses in the USA.
- CIBC World Markets is one of the top 20 investment banks on Wall Street. With the capabilities of a universal bank and the focus of a boutique, CIBC World Markets offers world-class equity and fixed-income expertise. Its USA equity research team is top ranked.
- A member of major stock exchanges, the firm is also a market maker in over 500 over-the-counter stocks in the USA.
- With US\$27.7 billion assets under management, the Private Client Investment business in Canada helps investors achieve long-term investment goals. It provides equity and debt investments and mutual fund products, as well as advisory and financial planning services to individuals. The US Private Client business, operating under the marketing name CIBC Oppenheimer, offers sophisticated investment strategies particularly suited to high-net-worth clients, including financial and estate planning and asset management. Currently, there are more than 180,000 private client accounts in the US.
- Current investment advisory assets total more than US\$6.8 billion, including \$2.2 billion in alternative investments.
- CIBC World Markets worldwide: Atlanta, Beijing, Boca Raton, Boston, Calgary, Chicago, Dallas, Dublin, Fort Lauderdale, Hong Kong, Houston, Kalgoorlie, London, Los Angeles, Menlo Park, Mexico City, Miami, Montreal, New York, Newport Beach, Perth, San Francisco, Seattle, Singapore, St. Louis, Sydney, Tel Aviv, Tokyo, Toronto, Vancouver and Washington, DC.

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September 5, 2000

President Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President:

When I visited the White House in April, you said that you would consider helping our firm kick-off Miracle Day on Wednesday, December 6th.

Last year Mrs. Clinton helped us begin the day when we dedicate all of our commission business to children's charities throughout the world. She wowed our clients and employees, and won over supporters in the process, helping us raise \$8.6 million. She would be a tough act to follow, but after watching you at the Democratic National Convention, I think somehow you could manage.

I believe that Miracle day is unique in the corporate world, and know that your presence would be the catalyst for a spectacularly successful day, and something that our staff would remember for the rest of our lives.

I have enclosed a brochure that describes our Miracle Day Program and lists some of the charities that received Miracle Day funding.

Respectfully,

Tom Gallagher

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December 6, 1999

CIBC WORLD MARKETS: MIRACLE ON WALL STREET

Date: December 7, 1999
Time: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: CIBC World Markets
1 World Financial Center
8th Floor
Manhattan, NY
From: Neera Tanden
Wendy Katz

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this event is to support the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) World Markets' effort to raise money for 250 children's organizations across the country on this day.

II. BACKGROUND

I know why did you want to do this

Overview

This event focuses attention on a particular private sector initiative to fund not-for-profit organizations. On this day, CIBC donates profits from all of its trades to children's charities. You will deliver brief remarks commending the corporation. After you make your remarks, trading for the day will commence. You will walk from the podium to one of the trading desks and briefly speak to one of CIBC's clients, thanking their firm for participating, while their transaction is being made.

Background

Miracle on Wall Street

In 1984, the late Timothy Miller, a manager in CIBC's Toronto office, conceived of this philanthropic event in which the corporation donates all of the commissions and trading fees earned during one day to 250 organizations committed to serving children. In December of that year, CIBC hosted its first "Miracle on Wall Street" Day, generating a total of \$163,995. Since that day, the firm began a tradition of designating the first Tuesday of December as the day in which it would contribute a portion of its earnings to the well being of children around the world. In the past fifteen years, "Miracle on Wall Street" has donated a total of \$21 million to children's charities.

CIBC World Markets

CIBC World Markets represents the investment banking subsidiary of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) and remains the largest bank in Canada and one of the ten largest banks in North America. It has conducted business in the United States for over 100 years, employing 4,500 individuals in the U.S. and 8,700 internationally. As a

whole CIBC-Oppenheimer employs 45,000. In 1997, CIBC World Markets acquired Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., expanding its capabilities of offering a variety of financial services including: investment and corporate banking, capital markets, asset management and brokerage services. The combined investment banking company was renamed CIBC World Markets.

Giuliani and Miracle on Wall Street

Last year, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani kicked off the trading day, which garnered \$4 million in contributions to charities in the United States. This year, Debra Douglas, Managing Director of Global Marketing and a coordinator of the event, hopes to raise \$6 million for an even a larger number of U.S. children's organizations.

Children's Organizations

Among the 250 organizations, there will be several New York-based charities that will benefit from Tuesday's event including (but not limited to): Big Brothers/Big Sisters of New York City, The Children's Medical Fund of New York, the Child Development Center of the Hamptons, The Community Program Center of Long Island, East Harlem Tutorial Program, Girl Scout Council of Greater New York, Jewish Community Center of Staten Island, Madison Square Boys and Girls Clubs, Make a Wish Foundation of Nassau County, The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Police Athletic League, Ronald Macdonald House of New York and the Westchester Children's Association.

Representatives Standing With You on Podium

Children and chaperones from the following organizations will be standing with you on the podium. The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation: Represents the leading US national non-profit organization devoted to identifying, funding and performing basic pediatric HIV/AIDS research. The Foundation seeks to reduce HIV transmission from an HIV-infected mother to her newborn, prolong and enhance the lives of children living with HIV, eliminate HIV in infected children and promote awareness and compassion for HIV/AIDS around the world. Police Athletic League: Serves over 65,000 New York City children each year by providing educational and recreational services. The organization operates 11 full-time youth centers in the city offering activities such as sports, fine arts, drama, and computer training. Representatives from the Police Athletic League will stand near you on the podium.

Donations will also be made to several major national children's organizations including: American Cancer Society, Adoption Advocates International, Children's Aid Society, Jackie Robinson Foundation, March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy Association, National Burn Victim Foundation, and United Way.

III. PARTICIPANTS

- David Kassie, Chairman of CIBC World Markets
- Thomas Gallagher, Chairperson of Miracle Day, Managing Director of U.S. Equities, CIBC World Markets
- Paul Rogers, Director of United States Region, CIBC World Markets

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- Peter Feinberg, Managing Director of Institutional Sales and Trading
- Debra Douglas, Managing Director of Global Marketing and Communications.
- Children from The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation: (b)(6)

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--Children from the Police Athletic League: Aquonde Clausell, Daren Clemons, Gabriella Grant, Joshua Joya, Brian Lopez, Andrea Melendez, Brittany Welsh, Dayja Williams, Hunter Williams and Tejan Wise. Chaperone: Aristides Maldonado.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- In a private room, you meet and greet: Thomas Gallagher and his son, David Kassie, Paul Rogers and his wife, Peter Feinberg and his son, and Debra Douglas.
- You proceed to the podium on the trading floor where there will be an audience of 200-250 CIBC traders.
- The podium is encircled with representatives from two New York based charities, the Police Athletic League and Pediatric Aides and members of the press.
- David Kassie introduces you and thanks you for participating in the event.
- You deliver your remarks--no longer than 5 minutes.
- Trading begins.
- Tom Gallagher escorts you to a group of six trading desks where you will speak to a client on the telephone, thanking them for participating.
- Proceed to private room adjacent to the trading floor..

V. PRESS PLAN

Open Press.

December 6, 1999

CIBC World Markets: "Miracle on Wall Street"

You will meet these five CIBC executives in a private room upon your arrival.

David Kassie: Vice Chairman of CIBC and Director of CIBC World Markets; Chairman of CIBC Capital Partners—CIBC's merchant bank; previous Executive Vice President of CIBC and Co-head of the U.S. Region of CIBC World Markets. Mr. Kassie joined Wood Gundy Inc., a firm later acquired by CIBC, in 1979 as an associate in the Corporate Finance department. Since 1989, Mr. Kassie has served as the Vice Chairman of CIBC. He graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from McGill University in 1977. Mr. Kassie is 44 years old, married to Susan Harris and has two children, Caroline and Emily.

Paul Rogers: Chairman of CIBC World Markets Corp., the US Section and Chairman of the US Management Committee. Mr. Rogers joined Wood Gundy in 1982 in Toronto. He was transferred to the Tokyo office in 1985 where he completed cross-border mergers and acquisitions involving Canadian companies and the raising of capital in Japan for Canadian-based issuers. In 1991, he became the head of Global Derivatives in 1991. In January of 1998 he assumed the position of the head of US Investment Banking in CIBC. Mr. Rogers graduated with a B.Sc in Mathematics and Physics from the Royal Military College and was a Baker Scholar at Harvard Business School, from which he earned a M.B.A.

Thomas Gallagher: Managing Director and Co-head of Global Equities for CIBC World Markets; oversees all US equities products—research, institutional sales and trading and capital markets; Vice Chairman of CIBC World Markets Corp., US Region. He is actively involved in fund raising for Student/Sponsorship, the Salvation Army, St. Luke's School and various other charitable foundations. He is on the board of the National Neurofibromatosis Foundation which recently held its first gala fundraiser and raised 1.5 million. Mr. Gallagher was the individual who initially contacted Mrs. Clinton's office, inviting her to attend the "Miracle on Wall Street." Mr. Gallagher was born in Brooklyn and currently lives in Manhattan. He has two children.

Peter Feinberg: Managing Director of Institutional Trading since 1991; member of the Management and Operating Committees at Oppenheimer; serves on the Community Affairs Board of CIBC World Markets. Mr. Feinberg began his career in banking and finance in 1982 as a clerk for Oppenheimer on the floor of the American Stock Exchange. In 1983, he moved to Los Angeles where he managed the institutional trading desk at the Los Angeles office. He lives in Short Hills, New Jersey with his wife Margery Gering and their three children. He earned his undergraduate degree from Whittier College in California. Along with Thomas Gallagher, Mr. Feinberg is involved in fund raising for the National Neurofibromatosis Foundation.

Debra Douglas: Managing Director of Marketing & Communications in New York. Ms. Douglas is responsible for marketing, advertising, and internal and external

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communications for the firm worldwide. Before joining CIBC World Markets, Ms. Douglas directed external corporate affairs for ING Barings, where she coordinated the marketing, advertising and public relations of the firm internationally. She earned a BA in Journalism from Carleton University in Canada. She was born and raised in Canada. Ms. Douglas was the contact person for this event.

You will be surrounded by representatives from two of the children's organizations that will benefit from the day's activities: The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation and the Police Athletic League.

The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation

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Lauren Huff is the contact for this organization, she will also be attending.

Police Athletic League

Children: Aquonde Clausell, Daren Clemons, Gabriella Grant, Joshua Joya, Brian Lopez, Andrea Melendez, Brittany Welsh, Dayja Williams, Hunter Williams and Tejan Wise.

Chaperone: Aristides Maldonado

David Kassie's Introduction

David Kassie, Vice Chairman of CIBC and Director of CIBC World Markets, CIBC's global investment banking division will deliver his speech and introduce you with the following remarks:

"On behalf of everyone at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, here in New York, and throughout the world, I would like to welcome the First Lady of the United States. As you all know, Mrs. Clinton has devoted herself to children and children's issues. We are grateful for her presence on this Miracle Day. Mrs. Clinton, you are right: it DOES 'Take a Village.' We are proud to be the village's bank." (Kassie turns to you, gesturing to come forward.)

Client Conversation Talking Points

You will be asked to speak with a few clients as they are completing their transactions. CIBC has arranged for you to speak with some of CIBC's most prominent clients:

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Representative on the Phone</u>	<u>CIBC Sales Trader</u>
Zwcig DiMenna	Cathy Wilson	Mike Philipps
Galleon	Karen Limmer	"..."
George Weiss	Rich Commizzio	"..."
Harvard Management	Bill Fitzpatrick	Mike Palazzi
Pilgrim Baxter	Margaret Mace	"..."
Tudor Investments	Mark Forziati	"..."
Founders	Linda Ripley	"..."

CIBC has suggested the following talking points:

- ① "Your contribution today will help children across America."
 - "Congratulations for helping with this great program."
 - "It's good to see everyone taking time to help our young people."
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CIBC World Markets

Notes for Mrs. Clinton on December 7, Miracle Day at CIBC World Markets

- Each year, on the first Tuesday in December, CIBC's traders and brokers around the world donate their commissions to children's charities.
- To date, the program has raised \$21 million.
- In 1998 alone, the program raised \$5.5 million and helped 250 charities.
- The traders and brokers propose the charities that will be included.
- Thomas Gallagher, the head of US Equities for the USA, is the chairman of the Miracle Day program.
- The program continues to grow. In the USA alone this year, we will support almost 250 charities.
- The New York community has rallied around Miracle Day. Madison Square Garden heralds our program on their billboards, our printers have donated signage, clients ensure they commit to trades on Miracle Day, and the sports community helps with our events for the kids.

The Miracle Day program started in Canada in 1984. One broker, the late Timothy Miller, thought it would be a great idea to raise money for needy children during the holiday season. That first year we raised around \$160,000.

All of our offices around the world in Asia, Australia, London, Canada and the US now celebrate this annual tradition.

- CIBC World Markets has more than 8,000 people in 63 cities around the world.
- Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) is a Canadian-based financial institution that has had offices in the USA for more than 100 years.
- In 1997, CIBC acquired Oppenheimer and Co., Inc. The combined investment banking company was renamed CIBC World Markets.

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Speech for First Lady Hillary Clinton, December 7, 1999

Thank you David.

I am delighted to be here and see Miracle Day in action.

I also have some young New Yorkers with me today who are seeing first-hand that trading can mean a lot more than pok- e -man cards.

It's great to see Wall Street taking the lead in such an important cause.

I commend CIBC World Markets for their efforts on behalf of children everywhere.

Today, in CIBC World Markets offices around the world, the traders and brokers are donating their commissions to children's charities.

They have done this every year for 15 years, raising 21 million dollars and helping hundreds of children.

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As with many great ideas, this one was started by one individual who decided to raise some extra money for needy children during the holidays.

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That one idea has generated 21 million dollars in support of hundreds of children around the world.

CIBC World Markets has shown us that we can all make a difference by taking that first important step.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
NECO AMERICAN LEGENDS AWARDS
WASHINGTON, DC
DECEMBER 6, 2000**

Good evening. I am delighted to be able to add my good wishes to all the honorees of the Ellis Island American Legends Award--Senator John McCain, Lois Berrodin Pope, Dr. Zachariah P. Zachariah, Helen Thomas, John Sweeney, and of course my good friend John Catsimatidis.

Each of you, in different ways, has made a distinct contribution to the progress our nation is now experiencing. Your contributions are a symbol of the rich diversity of our national heritage. Our ancestors came from every corner of the globe. They brought with them a multitude of experiences, traditions, and beliefs that continue to shape our country for the better.

I want to thank the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations for recognizing that in America, diversity is our greatest strength. I'm grateful for all you've done to advance our shared goal of creating One America. That includes your consistent support of our efforts to pass strong hate crime prevention legislation.

I commend each and every one of you gathered here tonight for honoring America's diverse legacy, and for helping us to create the most successful multi-racial, multi-ethnic democracy in the history of the world.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless America.

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September 5, 2000

President Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President:

When I visited the White House in April, you said that you would consider helping our firm kick-off Miracle Day on Wednesday, December 6th.

Last year Mrs. Clinton helped us begin the day when we dedicate all of our commission business to children's charities throughout the world. She wowed our clients and employees, and won over supporters in the process, helping us raise \$8.6 million. She would be a tough act to follow, but after watching you at the Democratic National Convention, I think somehow you could manage.

I believe that Miracle day is unique in the corporate world, and know that your presence would be the catalyst for a spectacularly successful day, and something that our staff would remember for the rest of our lives.

I have enclosed a brochure that describes our Miracle Day Program and lists some of the charities that received Miracle Day funding.

Respectfully,

Tom Gallagher

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CHARLENE DREW JARVIS
WASHINGTON, DC
December 7, 2000**

I'm so pleased to join you in paying tribute to my good friend Charlene Drew Jarvis.

For more than 20 years, Charlene has been fighting for the people of the District of Columbia. From chairing the DC committee on economic development to combating crime to serving as Southeastern University president, Charlene has made a real difference for the people of our Nation's capital.

I'm so pleased that for the past eight years, I have had the opportunity to work with Charlene to bring the light of prosperity to our Capital. Unemployment in Washington has declined from nearly nine percent in 1993 to five percent today. Poverty has fallen, businesses are thriving and homeownership in the District has increased. Together, we have moved thousands of people from welfare to work and have brought Washington the longest continuous drop in crime on record.

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John Pollack

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR THE
DEDICATION OF THE LOS ANGELES JEWISH FEDERATION
LOS ANGELES, CA
December 10, 2000**

Hello, and thank you for the honor of participating in this dedication.

When the Northridge earthquake struck Los Angeles nearly six years ago, America witnessed something truly remarkable. Not just the awesome power of nature, but also the true spirit of community, as people of all faiths and backgrounds reached out to help one another.

Even though the Jewish Federation's own facilities were hit hard, you were among the first organizations to spring into action. Within 24 hours, you were providing food, medical services and emergency shelter throughout the area. But you didn't just give people help; you gave them hope. You gave them a renewed sense that even strangers are bound together by a common humanity.

The center we dedicate today is a monument to the Los Angeles Jewish Federation's generosity of spirit, its commitment to a better future, and its deep, enduring faith.

In the Book of Isaiah, it is written: "The bricks are fallen down but we will build with hewn stones." Bram and Elaine Goldsmith, their family, and hundreds of donors have taken this ancient imperative and given it new expression in the Goldsmith Center.

Yours is a faith that no earthquake can shake. Yours is a vision that brings people together, not just from Los Angeles, but from around the world.

We celebrate today for all the children who will delight in this center's new museum... for the immigrants who will arrive here at a new threshold of possibility... for the generations to come who will see within these walls the true spirit of tikkun olam [tee-COON Oh-LAHM] -- healing the world.

Congratulations.

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Mara Silver

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
MADD NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT
WASHINGTON, DC
FALL, 2000**

I'm so pleased to welcome the MADD National Youth Summit to our nation's capitol and to applaud your efforts to confront one of our most serious problems: underage drinking and drunk driving.

For a generation, drunk driving has been one of America's greatest public safety challenges. Every single day, we lose the lives of eight young people in alcohol-related car crashes. These are your brothers and sisters; your neighbors and classmates.

But we can do something to end this deadly trend. My administration – with the help of groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving – has worked hard to keep drunk drivers off our roads with increased public awareness, stronger laws, and stricter enforcement.

With your help I fought for a "zero tolerance" policy to make it illegal for anyone under 21 to drive with alcohol in their blood. We put young people on notice: just one drink before driving – one beer or one glass of wine – and you can lose your license. By the end of this month the Departments of Transportation and Justice will have released nearly \$60 million to help communities all over America combat drunk driving and underage drinking and to increase seatbelt use. And I will continue the fight to set the national impaired driving standard at .08 percent blood alcohol content.

We are starting to see results. Last year, the number of people killed in alcohol-related crashes hit a record low.

But ask any parent, any family, anyone who has lost a loved one to an alcohol related crash; one drunk driver is one too many. Each and every one of us must take responsibility to

ensure safer roads for all our communities. That is why your efforts and this summit are so important.

Working together, we can save young lives and put an end to underage drinking and driving. Thank you for everything you are doing to help America achieve this important goal.



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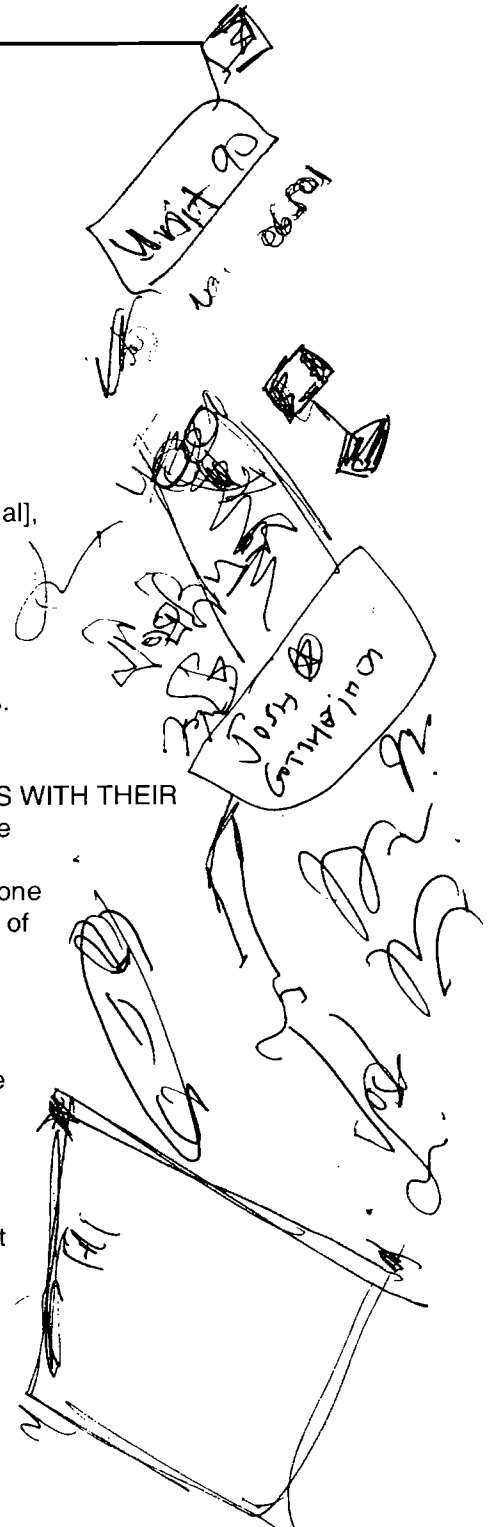
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Miracle Day USA

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USA Miracle Day 2000

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Every year, on Miracle Day, the employees of CIBC World Markets turn their thoughts and actions into real support for the needy children in our communities in Canada, Europe, Australia, Asia and the USA. By donating all of the fees, commissions and other monies raised for our annual 'Miracle Day' fundraising event, our staff and clients are choosing to make an investment in the future health, education and welfare of disadvantaged children the world over.

Miracle Day started in Canada in 1984 and was conceived by the late Timothy Miller, a manager for Wood Gundy in Toronto. The program's goal was to raise money for children's charities during the holiday season. That first Miracle Day raised C\$163,995. Since then, Miracle Day has raised more than \$31.2 million for children's charities and has become a truly annual tradition in our offices around the world -- all through the simple belief that, working together, we can make a difference in the lives of children.

Last year, CIBC World Markets in the US alone supported approximately 250 different children's charities. Whether it's a hot meal to start the day, support for ~~children's medical centers~~, shelter in the midst of a crisis, extra help with schoolwork or the fulfillment of a child's special wish, the Miracle touches the lives of many young people.

Importantly, the money raised in each region or branch office will be donated to selected causes in the local community chosen by our accounts.

A successful Miracle Day depends on the support of our clients. Transactions made on December 6 will allow us to help needy children. Thousands of our employees around the world give their time, energy and imagination to help organize and promote Miracle Day. Join them and help make a USA Miracle happen on Wednesday, December 6.

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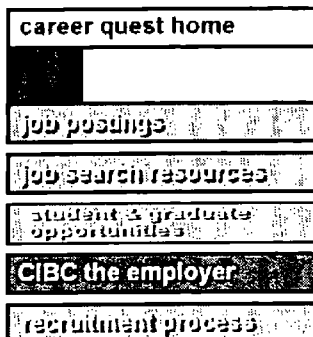
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The CIBC Wood Gundy Children's Miracle Foundation

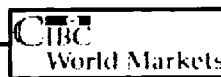
The CIBC Wood Gundy Children's Miracle Foundation is a charitable trust which distributes donations to Canadian children's charities. The Foundation is based on the belief that in our work with clients, employees and Canadian charities we can make a difference for children.

CIBC Wood Gundy Children's Miracle Day is the Foundation's flagship fundraising event. On the first Tuesday of every December, CIBC Wood Gundy donates all its fees and commissions to the Foundation for distribution to children's charities.



Since its inception in 1984, the CIBC Wood Gundy Children's Miracle has donated over \$19 million to hundreds of charitable organizations focusing on the needs of children all over the world. Through the Foundation's donations, our aim is to improve access to health care and education, as well as the general well-being of the planet's children.

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The most important objective for CIBC World Markets remains our commitment to investing in the lives of children; to help prepare them for their future and to make sure that tomorrow's citizens are backed by a strong portfolio of skills and support. We want to ensure that the Foundation's donations improve the health, education and well-being of Canadian children and prepare them for future success.

At CIBC World Markets we accept our corporate social responsibility toward our clients, employees and members of the greater community. We believe that an economically strong community fosters a more favourable business environment and we want to be a leader in that community.

What are the Foundation's objectives?

The CIBC World Markets Children's Miracle Foundation programs have these key objectives:

1. Raise the quality of life for children in the communities served by CIBC World Markets and CIBC Wood Gundy.
2. Demonstrate our dedication in helping to prepare Canadian children for future success.
3. Encourage volunteerism and foster community involvement on the part of our employees.



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1. Hartshorn School

I am sorry I was not able to come in for Miracle Day but I wanted you to know how wonderful it is that CIBC is donating all its commissions to children's charities on December 6th.

I heard that a young girl died of a heart disease last year and you have a big fundraiser in March to help buy special equipment for children with heart disease. I think you kids are really lucky to have learned how important it is to give something back.

Good Luck & Happy Holidays

2. Bronxville Public School - 5th Grade

Sorry I couldn't make it to kick off Miracle Day. I've been told that you have written letters to me and I am looking forward to reading them. Miracle Day is a wonderful idea and I hope all of Wall Street will soon participate.

Good Luck & Happy Holidays



Shannon E. Butler

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NECO's Ellis Island American Legends Dinner draft script. I think we need to acknowledge all the
awardees: John Castimatidis, Honorable John McCain, Lois Berrodin Pope, John Sweeney, Helen
Thomas and Zachariah P Zachariah, M.D.

I have additional background info. Billing contact: Bob Blancato, 202-789-0470. Let me know if you need
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Congratulations to all the distinguished recipients of the 2000
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I am particularly grateful for their consistent support of our efforts to pass strong hate crime prevention legislation.

In the years ahead with the support of NECO and all of us living as individuals in this great land, we must work toward the goal of achieving One America. We have proven throughout our history that we are strongest when we are united. Diversity is our greatest asset. America's next era of greatness will be built by the millions of new Americans.

Thank you all for the work that you do and may God bless you and God Bless America.

(Florida excluded)