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Kenney's Jeffords - OK
⇒ work w/ CMB; nada till Sept.

1) Hilary & Eli - re auth - parochial
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re base to Natl Sec in AmTRs
Get budget - early aug; get appr
done (we'll get it) Then reauth
later; only way now would be if AmTRs
willing to drop → until global climate
see, won't get past 2000 even

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Clinton Resumes Daily Awards Honoring Volunteers

President Clinton has started off the new year by continuing President Bush's tradition of giving a daily "Points of Light" award to honor people who have done outstanding volunteer work.

The name of the award comes from President Bush's description of people who do community service as "points of light." Mr. Bush gave the award to 1,020 people while he was in office; Mr. Clinton decided to resume the awards after a national summit on volunteerism in April.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council provided \$250,000 to the Points of Light Foundation, a Washington charity, so it could assist the President in making the choices and carrying out the award program. More information about the award winners and the program is available at the foundation's World-Wide Web site: <http://www.pointsof-light.org> or by getting in touch with the foundation at 1737 H Street, N.W., Washington 20006; (202) 223-9186.

Following are the names of the first recipients that President Clinton has announced:

1021. Amy Achor, Waco, Tex., who organized the Central Texas Youth Summit after attending the Presidents' Summit for America's Future and who co-founded Loving Hands, a youth group that works with nursing-home residents and homebound people.

1022. Give a Parent Support, Tucson, Ariz., whose volunteers provide in-home support and training to first-time parents who are at high risk for child abuse.

1023. Operation Clean Slate, Costa Mesa, Cal., a graffiti-prevention program that provides young people with a positive alternative to gang-related activities.



Members of Motor City Blight Busters in Detroit work on projects to renew blighted neighborhoods throughout the city.

1024. John J. George, Detroit, who founded Motor City Blight Busters, a volunteer-run group that works to revitalize and beautify inner-city Detroit neighborhoods.

1025. Father's Active in Children's Education, Montgomery, Ala., which promotes the positive involvement of fathers, uncles, grandfathers, and other males in the educational development of children by such activities as serving as tutors, providing school security, and presenting achievement awards and workshops.

1026. American Bar Association/Young Lawyers Division—Aspiring Youth Program of Chicago, which provides mentor, educational, and athletic activities to at-risk middle-school students during after-

school hours when the students' parents are at work.

1027. Edward S. Cahn, Washington, who founded the "Time Dollar Program," which enables people in participating communities to earn credits for time spent volunteering that can then be redeemed for needed goods and services.

1028. Youth Adult Participation Project, Mineola, N.Y., which allows teen-agers to develop leadership and vocational skills as they implement local community-service projects.

1029. George Westrom, Anaheim, Cal., who created Future Scientists and Engineers of America, which educates children about science and technology and encourages them to pursue science and engineering programs when they reach college.

1030. Patricia Mitchell, Birmingham, Ala., a former teacher who developed an environmental-education curriculum and created the "Auntie Litter" character, which delivers anti-littering presentations to children and adults.

1031. Martin Flores, Los Angeles, who responded to the death of his 17-year-old brother, Rogelio, by creating an organization that encourages young people to avoid gangs and drugs and to pursue educational opportunities.

1032. Aftershare, Woodbridge, Va., a volunteer organization run by formerly homeless people who provide support services to homeless and formerly homeless individuals and families in Prince William County, Va.

June 25, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

From Harris Wofford 

CORPORATION
FOR NATIONAL
★ SERVICE

This Sunday we are holding a joint meeting of the Board of the Corporation for National Service and the Points of Light Foundation. This meeting is a prelude to the Points of Light Foundation's National and Community Service Conference opening in New York. In connection with these major events, I hope very much to get White House concurrence so that we may announce the resumption of the Daily Points of Light awards -- with you and former President Bush as the co-sponsors. This will be good for National Service and for your post-Philadelphia Summit leadership. It would be extra good for you to send a video or speak by satellite to the conference and for the White House to announce the resumption of the awards simultaneously in Washington.

But even if that announcement, designed for public impact, is delayed for another occasion, it is important that I be able to report your support for the idea of resuming the awards as the Presidents' (plural) Points of Light. President Bush is enthusiastic about this, and awaits word that you approve. Working closely with the Foundation board, I have urged the resumption of the awards as a way to further demonstrate the bi-partisanship of National Service and to give greater recognition to service leaders around the country (including especially our AmeriCorps, Senior Service Corps and Learn and Serve America network). As you recall, Bush's special request at your meeting before the inauguration was to continue his Points of Light initiative. This will be a mutually beneficial way to do this.

As I reported to Bruce Reed and Steve Silverman some time ago, I am delighted that we have worked out this practical collaboration plan for the resumption of the daily awards. The administration of the program would be undertaken by the Points of Light Foundation, in collaboration with the Corporation for National Service -- similar to the present working arrangement with the annual President's Service awards. Selections would be made by an award committee we agree upon. (I attach a memorandum on the process that could be used to facilitate appropriate clearances of the awardees before they are named.)

It is also a breakthrough that the Points of Light Foundation has secured the full funding of the costs of this program by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.

I look forward to working with you on this.

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National Senior Service Corps

Additional Information about the Proposed Daily Points of Light Award

clearance?

While the daily Points of Light will no longer be officially named by the current President of the United States as they were during the Bush Administration, both President Clinton and former President Bush will be invited to send a personalized letter of congratulations and appreciation to each person selected as a daily Point of Light.

The major form of recognition for daily Points of Light will be the media announcement *from*. Daily individualized press releases will be developed and sent by fax and mail to all appropriate media for each winner. A major portion of the staff commitment to the daily Points of Light Awards will be devoted to working with media to ensure significant local coverage for each winner. Wire stories will be developed and distributed for those winners of national interest.

To increase the amount of recognition for the recipients, we will send letters to the winner's members of Congress, mayor and governor, local Volunteer Center, state National Service Commission, and to those who served as references and nominators. From time to time we will have national recognition occasions to celebrate the awardees, in groups, with White House events possible, at your call.

Special care will be taken in the choice of final recipients to ensure balance -- type of activity, age, racial and ethnic backgrounds, economic status, geographic diversity -- much as the final recipients of the President's Service awards have been chosen.

Award winners will be chosen through a several step process. Foundation staff with Corporation participation will review all nominations, choosing those more appropriate to forward to final judges. Staff will contact references and other local contacts on all nominations prior to submitting them to the final judging panels -- which will include volunteers, representatives from nonprofit organizations, business, government agencies and the national service network.

The new program will be announced broadly -- in the nonprofit trade press, in Points of Light Foundation and National Service network publications and in the releases to daily and weekly newspapers and broadcast media. Announcements also will be targeted to organizations and individuals that might be sources of nominations. Announcement packets will be sent to all Volunteer Centers, state commissions and offices of volunteering, national service network, members of Congress, governors, mayors, Points of Light Foundation and Corporation for National Service contacts, and other lists.

This new program will build on the strong media support given to the Presidents' Summit for America's Future and to the ensuing efforts of America's Promise - the Alliance for Youth.

YOUTH SERVICE: A POWERFUL RESOURCE FOR ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE SUMMIT

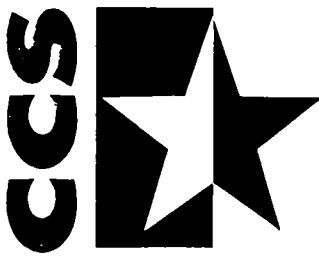
Service should be the common expectation and a defining experience of growing up in America. All young people should be challenged and inspired and given opportunities to serve through their families, schools, communities of faith, youth corps and community organizations. Young Americans can play a vital part in reaching the goal of 2 million additional youth with all five resources and 5 million connected to at least one. They can do so very directly by becoming champions for young children as tutors, mentors and coaches. As Martin Luther King said, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve." A key part of America's Promise is that every young person must be challenged and inspired to discover and realize that greatness. All young Americans must see themselves—and be seen—as resources and leaders, not just as problems or victims.

Service experiences, in order to be of the highest quality, should be sustained over time, have identifiable results, help solve real community problems and be structured to include preparation, action and reflection. Providing more high quality opportunities for young people to serve will pay multiple dividends:

- ◆ The sixty million students from kindergarten through college represent a powerful resource. Research shows that engaging older students, including those in high school and middle school, in tutoring younger students improves both students' performance; college students mentoring at-risk youth encourages young people to set higher aspirations; and peer mediation and conflict resolution can be effective in preventing violence among young people.
- ◆ High quality service is a vital way to learn citizenship, responsibility and discipline; to build skills, enhance self-esteem, develop problem-solving abilities, introduce new career options and prepare young people for future work; to improve academic motivation, school attendance and performance; and most importantly, to establish a pattern of future service that will continue through adulthood.
- ◆ Service answers the need that all people, rich and poor, have for practical experience and an understanding of democratic values in action; and the need to learn how to work with people of different backgrounds and experiences.

THE CHALLENGE

- ◆ Let us challenge two million additional young people by the year 2000 to provide 100 hours each year or more of service through high quality programs.
- ◆ Let's challenge 100,000 young people to become service leaders by providing 1,000 hours or more of high quality service each year.
- ◆ Let's challenge colleges and universities—and students—to commit at least half of the nearly 1 million work study positions to community service.



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A Letter from the First Lady



Dear Friend,

Welcome to the Mansion Meeting on Volunteerism and Youth. In April, Jim and I attended the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in Philadelphia. The Summit gathered together over 5,000 volunteers from across the country to formulate a plan to ensure that America's youth have access to five fundamental resources that can help them lead healthy, fulfilling and productive lives.

The Summit in Philadelphia was merely a kickoff for "America's Promise," a long-term campaign that will reach into the next century. It's now time to bring the Summit home to Illinois. The national goal is to save 2 million children by the year 2000.

The future of our children is very important to the Governor and me. As individuals who already contribute greatly toward serving our communities and providing enriching experiences for youth, you have much to offer to today's meeting.

Our work today will be presented to the Illinois Commission on Community Service to assist in their efforts to formulate a state plan for how we in Illinois will work to save 100,000 youth by the year 2000.

I hope you enjoy this special edition of "SERVE Illinois," and today's meeting. Please accept my gratitude for attending. Together we will make a difference.

Warm wishes,

Brenda Edgar

Brenda Edgar
First Lady of Illinois

GOVERNOR AND FIRST LADY BRING BACK SUMMIT MESSAGE

The Governor and First Lady recently returned from Philadelphia where they led the Illinois delegation to the Presidents' Summit for America's Future.

The Illinois delegates were among over 1,700 representatives from communities in all 50 states. The nation's most prominent leaders called these delegates to action to provide children at risk in America with five vital resources:

- an ongoing relationship with a caring adult or mentor
- a safe place to learn and grow
- a healthy start
- a marketable skill through effective communication
- an opportunity to give back through community service.

The nation has responded with zeal; Philadelphia's message will be carried forward by a national campaign called America's Promise - The Alliance for Youth. In addition, Governor Edgar announced that the First Lady would lead the Illinois effort toward meeting these national goals. Today, Mrs. Edgar is fulfilling this pledge by hosting a meeting at the Mansion in Springfield on volunteerism and youths. At this rally, action plans will be developed to stimulate volunteerism benefiting youths on a state and local level. Governor Edgar also made a personal pledge to volunteer one hour each month for children's causes, and encouraged all Illinoisans to join him in making a difference in the lives of today's youths. □

The hearing impaired may access all programs (services) through the Illinois State TDD Relay, 800/526-0844.

DELEGATE REACTION

The Governor's delegation consisted of five individuals. Ten member delegations from six Illinois communities were also invited to the Philadelphia conference. The cities represented included Peoria, Springfield, Champaign, Rockford, DeKalb and Chicago. (For a list of all Illinois Summit Delegates, please refer to page 4.)

Each Illinois delegate viewed the challenges facing our youths through his or her unique experiences. However, there were some shared reactions.



Governor Edgar Addresses the Illinois delegation at a reception in their honor, while Mrs. Edgar and Kraft CEO Robert Morrison look on.

All delegates came back energized and eager to spread the word. Each also expressed a renewed personal commitment to community service through volunteerism. In addition, the delegates found that young people played an essential role in the

Summit, and all felt that youths are crucial for providing input about the nation's problems and its future.

All delegates agreed on the importance of the five targeted youth resources, and each delegation team identified the same first step to be taken: an inventory of their local volunteer needs and of resources currently available. Each delegate also expressed the belief that one person truly can make a difference in the lives of others, and has asked, "What else can I do?"

President Clinton called on each individual to help save the nation's children "one by one."



Governor's Delegates

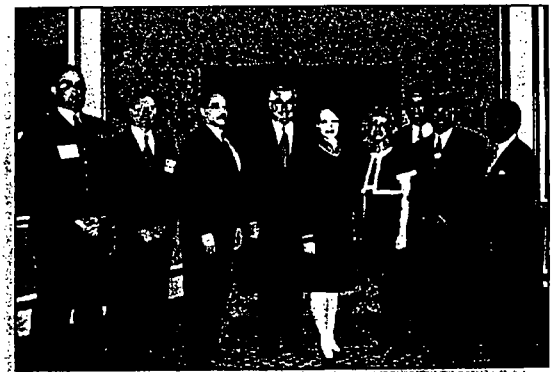
When asked what one individual volunteer could contribute, Selin Song, a 16-year-old from Champaign-Urbana, replied, "One person can have a positive effect on one other person. If you add those up, it can make a big impact." Indeed, if we "add up" the combined responses of our delegates, their future community plans, and today's Illinois Summit, we can be assured that it will make an unforgettable difference to the youths of Illinois.

Peoria

Project Success' Sara Dill has always thought that Peoria has well-run services for those in need. Dill now sees Peoria's role as "providing opportunities so anyone who wants to volunteer in any capacity has access to do so." Following the Summit's attention to the goal of mentoring, the Peoria delegation team plans to focus on expanding its mentoring programs, but will not limit volunteer choices to this. Dill also noted Peoria's wish to involve youths in the process because, as she points out, "They are living it . . . we need to listen to them and have them internalize civic duty as well . . . to inform Peoria, and educate Peoria to enable Peoria."

Springfield

Leroy Smith, Jr. of the Springfield Housing Authority sees the problems facing the nation's youths as a crisis situation. "It's impossible not to read the papers or go to the park without seeing the problems of crime, violence and drugs," he says. What Smith liked about the Summit was the



Springfield Delegates

national attention focusing on these issues and the networking meetings where program ideas were exchanged. Smith says the Springfield Housing Authority will begin a new flight school program in June called *Future Leaders In the Gate Headed For Tomorrow*. This seven-week program is aimed at giving youths the five resources presented at the Summit. Smith is not only satisfied that these young participants will learn a unique skill; he's proud that they will be giving back to the Springfield community by volunteering two hours a week as part of the program.

Champaign-Urbana

Rob Sheehan found the Summit to be an eye-opening experience in showing that our nation's youths are in crisis, with "lives being lost everyday." That revelation, he said, led him and the rest of the Champaign-Urbana delegation to serve



Champaign-Urbana Delegates

as a steering committee at a community-wide conference for all local community leaders with the aim of involving others in the process of finding resources for their youths. In addition, they plan to catalog the existing volunteer needs in the community, and develop a "promise book," much like the one in Philadelphia. This book would detail volunteer opportunities as well as corporate and other non-profit commitments throughout Champaign and Urbana.

Selin Song, a 16-year-old delegate, saw the Summit as a good starting point, but thinks that the work is starting now, as opposed to winding down after the Summit in Philadelphia. She said that "more youths need to be involved and active in the process." Her delegation agrees, and will hold a youth summit in the near future to discuss the issues with youths and get their input in the process.

Rockford

The Rockford delegation returned inspired from the Summit, pledging to reach 2000 Rockford at-risk youths by the year 2000. To fulfill this goal, the group plans to marshal its leadership and energy to engage the community in a Rockford Summit before the end of the year. "We believe the thoughtful mobilization and coordination of current community resources and volunteers can create a quantum leap in our ability to invest in the future of the children and youths of Rockford," the delegation stated.

Although the focus of the Summit was on today's youths, Elaine Pfluger, Director of RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of Winnebago County, thinks senior citizens have a lot to offer too. In Winnebago County, for example, RSVP plans to double its current 80 in-school mentors by the year 2000. RSVP also plans to add more creative and meaningful jobs for senior and youth partners as well.

DeKalb

Dawn Sturma, the DeKalb delegation organizer and United Way Executive Director, is looking forward to today's Mansion Meeting because she thinks the meeting will continue to foster the exchange of ideas that benefited her so much in Philadelphia.

The DeKalb delegation is currently in the process of redefining its goals. While members believe that their programs already address the five goals of the Summit, they want to serve as a catalyst and involve more people in the effort. Initially, the group will contact local branches of businesses and non-profits who have made national pledges and have an all-school workshop to get input on needs of youths.

As the Director of United Way, Sturma sees her role as one of matching agency needs for volunteers to private sector donations. This function will be helped, she says, by a needs assessment which is currently in progress and a DeKalb Summit by the end of 1997.

Chicago

Everyone agrees that a good deal of media attention and hype surrounded the three days of the Philadelphia Summit. Brooke Wiseman, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Girl Scouts of Chicago, is glad community service got coverage, even if it was brief. Wiseman says, "If people don't hear about the good things happening, they don't believe that they *do* happen." The Chicago delegation believes good things are happening in community service, too. So much so, that the delegation has pledged to provide 40,000 additional youths with access to the five fundamental resources by the year 2000.

Doing his part, Commissioner Daniel Alvarez, Sr. of the Chicago Department of Human Services has made a personal pledge to ask everyone in his department to consider becoming a volunteer. Alvarez also said he will ask the 300 agencies the Department funds about committing to community service, as well.

"This city is large and complex" said Wiseman. "The programs are already there; now we just need to build bridges between the need, the volunteers, and the resources available." □



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Recently, *SERVE Illinois* spoke with Helen Shumate, Chair of the Illinois Commission on Community Service and one of the Governor's Delegates to the Summit. In this interview Ms. Shumate talks about her experiences.

Q What effect did the Summit have on you?

A The Summit sparked renewed excitement about community service and volunteerism. It also served as a catalyst in pulling people together with the goal of helping children. The best part is that the initial impact has created a chain reaction throughout this state. A lot of Illinoisans caught the volunteer spirit just hearing about the Philadelphia experience, and are now asking how they can help.

Q What is the Illinois Commission's goal?

A The Commission's purpose is to promote community service and volunteerism through public awareness, grants, technical assistance and conferences.

In relation to the Summit, the Delegations and the Commission will develop a unified state plan for volunteerism and community service benefiting young people. We will also act as a statewide vehicle for communications and a clearinghouse for community service needs and resources.

Q What will be your first step?

A Our first step will be to hold meetings like today's Mansion Meeting throughout Illinois to get input in drafting this plan.

Q What can Illinoisans do to help?

A It will take meaningful and sustained service on all of our parts, as individuals, to improve the quality of life for Illinois youths.

ILLINOIS DELEGATES TO PRESIDENTS' SUMMIT

★ The Governor's Delegation

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Springfield Housing Authority

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The Midweek

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Hundreds of volunteers participate in Florida's National Day of Service in Tallahassee.

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COMMISSION BRIEFS

STATE VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

The Florida State Conference on Volunteerism will be held on Oct. 21-23 at the Doubletree Hotel in Tampa. The conference hosts are the Florida Association of Volunteer Centers, Florida Commission on Community Service, and the Florida Administration of Volunteers in Government. Registration brochures will be mailed in August. For more information, call (954)-764-3227.

VOLUNTEERS ACROSS FLORIDA

As a follow-up to the Presidents' Summit for America's Future, the Commission has developed a public service campaign called Volunteers Across Florida. The campaign features significant volunteers in history such as Clara Barton who started the American Red Cross, and includes a toll-free number to call if you want to volunteer: 1-888-FL-SERVS.

VOLUNTEERS ACROSS FLORIDA

EMERGENCY SUPPORT

The Commission recently became the lead agency for Florida's Emergency Support Function 15 (ESF 15), Volunteers and Donations. The Commission will work with volunteer agencies such as the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and the United Way to coordinate volunteers and donations in times of disasters.

The Commission also is responsible for the management of ESF 15 at the State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee. At the Center, simulated hurricane exercises help the Commission and other agencies prepare for the current hurricane season which began June 1.

NEW STAFF

The Commission welcomes the following new staff: Stephen Roberts, program consultant; Paula Davis, director of emergency management services; Barbara Dial, executive assistant; Ameiko Watson, senior program administrative assistant; Beth Kriausky, staff assistant; Beverly Spinic, assistant planner; Shonna Gay, receptionist; Joey Davis, staff assistant; and Drew Adams, budget assistant.



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SUMMIT LEADERS — Harris Wofford, president of the Corporation for National Service, talks with former President Bush and his wife Barbara.

Volunteer summit ends, real work begins

108,000 AT-RISK YOUTH IN FLORIDA NEED HELP BY 2000, PARTICIPANTS SAY

by Kevin Punsky
Editor

A month after standing in front of Independence Hall in Philadelphia with four presidents, a throng of celebrities, and thousands of volunteers, Florida's delegates to the Presidents' Summit for America's Future are putting their ideas to work.

Their work will focus on the needs of at-risk children.

For three days last April, the Florida delegation listened to speeches by President Clinton, and former

Presidents Ford, Carter and Bush. Former President Ronald Reagan, suffering from Alzheimer's disease, was represented by his wife, Nancy Reagan.

"From this day forward, when someone asks you to help a child, just say yes," said the former first lady borrowing a line from her famous anti-drug crusade.

The delegates also heard from Vice President Al Gore and retired Gen. Colin Powell, the summit's chairman. Oprah Winfrey led the celebrity charge along with Andrew Shue, John Travolta and Brooke Shields.

The star-studded lineup provided more than enough nostalgia, glitz and emotion. But those who gathered in Philadelphia describe their goal as nothing short of revolutionary: a nationwide effort to mobilize business, government and individuals to help two million at-risk children by the year 2000. Powell said he will commit three years to lead this project.

FLORIDA'S EFFORT

The task for the 61 delegates from five Florida cities (Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, St. Petersburg and Tampa),

one at-large group hand picked by Gov. Lawton Chiles himself, and representatives from various national organizations, is clear: organize a massive volunteer effort and build on existing programs to improve the lives of 108,000 at-risk children in Florida — a share of the national goal — by the year 2000.

Florida's effort will mean giving those at-risk children mentors, safe places for after school, better health care, educational opportunities that

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Commission hires Sanguiliano as new executive director

by Kevin Punsky
Editor

Fred Sanguiliano, a 16-year veteran of non-profit, social service agencies, is the new executive director of the Florida Commission on Community Service.

Sanguiliano replaces Bill Bentley, who was hired in April by the Corporation for National Service in Washington to head its office of evaluation and effective practice. The Corporation oversees AmeriCorps and

SANGUILIANO

"I look forward to seeing the Commission grow."



had served as director of the Commission since November of 1995.

"The Commission can be very proud of its accomplishments during the past year," said Sanguiliano, the former director of research and development at

Tallahassee. "I'm honored to be selected for this position, and I look forward to seeing the Commission grow in the next few years."

As executive director, Sanguiliano is responsible for the management and administration of the Commission. This includes overseeing the Commission's AmeriCorps programs, which provide members with a small living allowance and an educational award in return for one year of service.

"We had an outstanding field of can-

Commission vice chair and search committee member. "Fred has an excellent background, and we're pleased to have him as our new director."

Throughout his career, Sanguiliano has focused on the development and administration of services and policies for agencies that focus on at-risk youth and young adults.

During the past year, Sanguiliano worked closely with the Commission and its programs assisting in the quality assurance and continuous quality

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cc Steve Silverman

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September 12, 1997

From Diana Fortuna

Mr. John Gompers
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Dear John:

This letter will lay out some of the background on the vetting process for the nominees for the new Daily Points of Light Awards Program. Hopefully this will allay some of the concerns about the thoroughness of the process. Obviously, we want to ensure, as we do in our other recognition efforts, that the honorees are both deserving of the recognition and that they have nothing in their backgrounds that would prove embarrassing.

The Foundation (along with its predecessor organization, The National Volunteer Center) has more than 16 years experience in managing these types of programs. I was involved in the development of the President's Volunteer Action Awards in 1981 and have either directly managed or overseen that program since its inception. The vetting process which we put into place the first year and have continually strengthened since that time has served us well. In fact, since we began submitting those finalists to the White House for background checks about 1985, we've never had a nominee rejected.

I know that there was concern in the White House Counsel's Office earlier this last year about Vernon Hawkins, the individual chosen by Union Temple Baptist Church to represent the church at the ceremonies. (In the case of organizational winners, the winners designate an official representative to come to Washington to accept the award from the President.) While we had done our regular background checks on the church's program as the nominee, we've never done any checks on the representatives of organizations. Those checks have always been done through the White House Counsel.

The DPOL will differ significantly from the President's Awards in this area because there will be no representatives of any of the honorees chosen to receive anything directly. All honorees -- whether individuals or organizations -- will receive their recognition materials by mail.

We already have a thorough vetting system in place for the President's Awards which we would adopt and strengthen for the Daily Points of Light Awards (DPOL):

- In the nomination process, we ask for three references for each nominee. These are usually representatives of community organizations, local government officials, in some cases representatives of law enforcement agencies, religious leaders, community activists or others who have knowledge of the nominee's work. We call at least one of these for the President's Awards; for DPOL we will attempt to reach all of the references.

Mr. John Gomperts
September 12, 1997
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- Because Volunteer Center leaders have extensive knowledge of those active in local community service, we always call the center if there's one in the community. Frequently if Volunteer Center leaders don't know the nominee, they'll do additional research locally to put us in contact with others in the community who are familiar with the activity. We also frequently call state offices or state commissions at this point in the process.

- We do Lexis Nexis checks on all nominees. This is especially helpful in the cases of programs and higher profile nominees. We also can In addition to the information in press coverage, if necessary, we can follow up with specific writers for more background information.

- Because all of the nominees work with other organizations or agencies in the community, we call representatives of those with whom the nominee is active or who, by nature of their work, may have additional knowledge of the nominee and the work (even though they might not be listed as a reference).

- I've spoken with Stewart Davis about what role the Corporation could play in this process. He mentioned that you might be able to coordinate the basic criminal background checking process through the FBI and local law enforcement agencies.

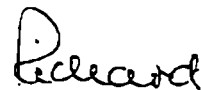
- For the DPOL nominees, we will commit to talking to at least two additional sources in the community who are not listed as references on the nominating material.

- There may be the occasional case where the nominee has done particularly outstanding work but where we feel that it might be necessary to do additional background work. In these cases (probably no more than a half dozen or so a year) we would like the opportunity to ask the White House Counsel for assistance in the vetting process.

The Points of Light Foundation will have significant staff resources available to carry out the process. In addition to my providing program oversight, we'll have a full-time program manager as well as four full-time interns. The interns will be responsible both for the background checks and for the media outreach. At least half of their time (the equivalent of two FTEs) will be devoted to background checks.

I hope that this answers your questions and concerns. I'm out of the office on Monday and Tuesday but will be back in on Wednesday and will follow up with you then to see where we go from here. Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Mock
Vice President
Recognition & Board Relations

cc: Stewart Davis



*Diana -
We should flesh this out
a little more, + send it in from
us + Steve. I'm all for
option 3 if Bush can live with it.
-BR*

Record Type: Record

To: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP, Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: Draft memo for your review on Harris's idea to resume Daily Point of Light

Here's a draft memo on Harris's proposal to resume the Daily Points of Light awards. Let me know whether you want the memo to come from you, and whether you want to recommend an option -- I know you've said you really don't care in the past. Steve Silverman would probably be willing to send the memo if you don't want to.

This draft identifies a middle ground option between resuming and not resuming the awards, which is resuming them but not linking them to the President. It's been hard to get closure on where people are on this issue, but I think Ann Lewis opposes it, while Steve Silverman thinks we should do something here. Harris says that the former President will be very disappointed if we reject this idea.

DRAFT

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SUBJECT: Harris Wofford's Proposal to Resume Points of Light Awards

Background: Harris Wofford has written to urge that you resume former President Bush's "Daily Points of Light" awards. He proposes to rename the awards the "Presidents' [plural] Points of Light," with you and President Bush as co-sponsors. Rather than having the White House take responsibility for selecting and vetting the winners on a daily basis, as was the case under President Bush, Harris proposes that the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service take on this responsibility. The Knights of Columbus have agreed to fund the costs of this program for one year.

One factor complicating the decision is that Harris has had extensive conversations with the Points of Light Foundation and with President Bush himself on this proposal. Apparently Harris has made it clear that he favors this idea and that the decision rests with the White House. Harris indicates that President Bush will be deeply disappointed if we decide not to resume the awards.

One other timing issue is that you are scheduled to attend the dedication of President Bush's library in November. If we decide to reinstate this program, that event would be an opportunity to announce it, especially given the former President's attachment to the Points of Light program.

Arguments For:

Reinstating the awards is an easy way to keep the issue of service and volunteerism before the public on a daily basis. It would continue to repair the rift between the AmeriCorps concept of service and the more traditional volunteer sector, just as the Philadelphia summit did. AmeriCorps members would be eligible for the awards.

President Bush very much wants the Administration to do this. He will be very disappointed if we do not, and he will see it as the White House's decision because of Harris' conversations with him.

Arguments Against:

The benefits of resuming the awards are minimal. Our efforts to reach out to the volunteer sector at the Philadelphia summit were so successful that it is not clear what this would add. In addition, some would react negatively to such a decision, since the original Points of Light program was derided by many as an empty gesture.

The daily responsibility of selecting and vetting winners will be time-consuming for White House staff, and not worth the effort. Although theoretically we could assign responsibility for vetting the award winners to the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service, from a practical standpoint we would probably still feel the need to do a legal and/or political check on award winners.

Options:

Resume the awards as Wofford proposes.

Decline to resume the awards.

Reestablish these awards as the "Daily Points of Light" awards, administered by the Corporation and the Points of Light Foundation, with no connection to the President or the White House. It is not clear how President Bush would react to such a plan.



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CClinton offering tribute to Bush at new presidential library

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) Standing in the company of past presidents, Bill Clinton today lavished praise on George Bush for offering help and advice, ``even though our relationship began under somewhat unusual circumstances.''

On a sunny, windy day outside the new George Bush Library, Clinton thanked Bush for being available ``with wise counsel and, when he agreed, with public support' whenever asked for help.

``Even though our relationship began under somewhat unusual circumstances, I have been very grateful that whenever I called on President Bush he was always there,' Clinton said at the dedication ceremony. ``It's hard to express ... what it means in a moment of difficulty to be able to call someone who first of all knows exactly what you're up against and, secondly, will tell you the truth.

``He has done that time and time again. I am persuaded that the country is better off because of it.''

Bush, in turn, thanked Clinton, ``who fair and square saw to it that I have a wonderful private life.''

When he left the White House in 1993, Bush did not linger to impart wisdom to Clinton. After a quick ``Good to see you. Good luck,' Bush was out the door.

Of course, relations between the two have warmed since. In fact, Bush and his son, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, surprised the Clintons by turning up at the College Station airport to greet them as the presidential helicopter landed. Asked how Bush got past the tight airport security, press secretary Mike McCurry chuckled and said, ``Some of the agents might have recognized him.''

Clinton was portrayed as eager to touch base with Bush. He thanked his erstwhile opponent for working to improve the U.S. balance of trade a preoccupation of late for Clinton as he bids to persuade a reluctant Congress to give him the ``fast-track' trade negotiating authority that Bush and previous presidents enjoyed.

Clinton revealed plans to revive Bush's ``points of light' effort. Beginning Jan. 1, 1998, Clinton will issue ``Daily Points of Light' awards to notable volunteer efforts five times a week, including holidays.

Bush coined the term ``1,000 points of light' to describe good deeds done by everyday people in his address at the 1988 Republican National Convention. He began issuing ``Points of Light' honors upon taking office in 1989.

The gestures from Clinton were appreciated by Bush's son, Jeb Bush, who ran for governor of Florida in 1994 and plans another try in 1998. ``I've never felt people fully understood the depth of his character, or the decent man he is,' the younger Bush said of his father.

Although 40,000 people were to be on hand at today's ceremony at Texas A&M University in College Station, Clinton's attention was likely to be fixed on being in the company of past presidents.

Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford attended with their wives, as did former first ladies Nancy Reagan and Lady Bird Johnson.

``They're not bosom companions, but there are no obvious animosities,' Princeton University historian Fred Greenstein observed of the former chief executives. ``Ex-presidents are a kind of little fraternity. Even if they hated each other they seem to enjoy being in that little fraternity.''

Clinton, of course, is not in that exclusive club yet, but will be three years hence, and already is starting to plan his own

presidential library. He has scouted two riverfront sites in Arkansas that are under consideration, and is said to be very interested in how the Bush library came together.

Clinton's legacy is very much on his mind these days, and he has been reading up on presidents past. Most recently, Clinton read biographies of Ulysses S. Grant and Rutherford B. Hayes.

Bush and Clinton have met on occasion since the 1992 campaign, and their meetings have served to emphasize how different these two men are.

In November 1993, Clinton had Bush and Carter as guests at the White House in advance of a Mideast peace ceremony. Carter sat up with Clinton past midnight discussing trade, Haiti and terrorism. The next morning, Bush was up early, and he and Carter went to meetings while Clinton went for a jog before having breakfast with Ford.

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November 3, 1997

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IMPORTANT

Dear Steve,

In case you can't get back to me by phone right away, I want you to know how urgent it is for the President to give his blessing to the resumption of the Daily Points of Light, and for us to let Bush know this.

I understand the problem some had calling it the "Presidents (plural) Points of Light." That problem I thought was solved by not calling it anything but the Points of Light award. Then, I would hope, the President and, together or separately, former President Bush could send a letter of congratulations to the award winners. We might want the first batch to come to Washington for the April Volunteer Week service awards. As you know, the Points of Light Foundation, in close collaboration with the Corporation, will administer this; the Knights of Columbus will contribute to the administrative costs; and we will be well represented on the selection committee.

Please remember, the resumption of the awards is part of our strategy for the Corporation and for the reauthorization of AmeriCorps. I've been pressing for it within the Points of Light Board, and am now deeply embarrassed by the delay. I wanted it announced at the Summit in April, and then at the major annual Volunteer Conference in June in New York. Every week or two I've had to try to explain the delay to Bob Goodwin or to his board chairman or others who are ready to go. Getting the Knights of Columbus involved was a coup and we've had to try to keep them aboard.

Most urgently, we want this to be cleared by the time of the Bush Library ceremony. For months that has been the target date. Bush has been awaiting word from me about President Clinton's support.

Bush was very happy when he learned about the Foundation's plan to resume the awards. He liked the idea of calling it the Presidents' (plural) Points of Light but is satisfied with just calling it the Points of Light award. I've just learned that he is now planning to announce the resumption as part of the ceremony whether or not President Clinton wishes to join in endorsing it. Neither he nor anyone connected with this would understand the lack of a Presidential blessing. I assume that Bush's goodwill is important for the President on a number of fronts, as it is to the Corporation on the vital front of our reauthorization.

What I want the President to say is simple. For example:

"I'm delighted that the Points of Light Foundation, in cooperation with the Corporation for National Service, will resume the daily Points of Light Award initiated by President Bush. That initiative was one of President Bush's creative contributions to the cause of National Service. Those awards – to more than a thousand Americans – provided outstanding examples of citizen service. The awards in the years to come will give special recognition to those who advance the goals set at the Summit for America's Future that President Bush and I convened in Philadelphia last April, with the help of our fellow Presidents and General Powell. By such citizen service, the individual Points of Light can be combined into the Communities of Light President Bush envisioned – communities that fulfill America's Promise for all their citizens."

Steve, my credibility and that of the Corporation the President asked me to head are at stake here. From my first talk with the President about this job, I outlined the strategy of close collaboration with the Points of Light Foundation. The President concurred and said he was sorry he had not heard about the invitation to be honorary chair of the Foundation with President Bush. (The Foundation and President Bush never got an answer to that invitation.) The President said that he would have been happy to say yes, and that he thought the Points of Light was one of the best things Bush did. The President told me the one thing Bush asked him, at the Inauguration, was to take care of his Points of Light – and the President said he would.

Giving support to the resumption of the Points of Light awards is a small thing. Not doing so would be a big set back. It would seriously impair my own remarkably fruitful relationship with Bush, who has been paying a way of goodwill for me and the Corporation with many Republican and corporate leaders. I think the President's own relationship with Bush would be advanced by saying yes, and by doing it graciously in connection with the opening of the Bush Library.

For the Corporation's reauthorization campaign that begins as soon as Congress goes in recess, I've been counting on the support of key leaders of the Points of Light Foundation. This involves the Romney family, and the Mormon connection through them and the Points of Light Board chair, and the Foundation's supporters in the Senate. This fabric of support we've been weaving, with success, needs to get stronger, not to be unraveled.

If we can't get this resolved, I must press to see the President about this. I'd rather see him about the other steps forward we are proposing, not one we should have taken six months ago.

Sincerely,



Harris Wofford