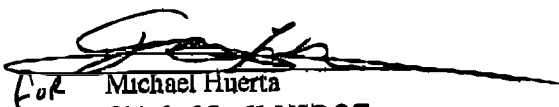


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Washington, D.C. 20590

December 22, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Secretary to the Cabinet

FROM: 
for Michael Huerta
Chief of Staff, USDOT

SUBJECT: Presidential Request

REQUEST: To invite the President to be the "honorary bell ringer", keynote speaker and recipient of the "Drum Major for Justice" award at the 16th Annual National King Day Benefit Luncheon and National Bell Ringing Ceremony.

PURPOSE: To celebrate and commemorate the Martin Luther King national holiday.

BACKGROUND: This is an annual event that attracts nearly 2000 people. Due to the ringing of the liberty bell, Philadelphia has been designated by Mrs. Coretta Scott King as the centerpiece that formally commences the national holiday. This is a very diverse event with public and private involvement. The President will be presented the International Drum Major for Justice Award. Bishop Desmond Tutu and Mrs. Rosa Parks are past recipients. The President was invited last year, but unable to attend.

**PREVIOUS :
PARTICIPATION:** The President has been invited before, but unable to attend. The Vice President attended in 1995 and General Colin Powell attended in 1996.

DATE and TIME: Monday, January 19, 1998, 11:45 a.m.

DURATION: 2 hours. However, it is at the President's discretion because he could address the luncheon at the beginning, immediately after ringing the bell. This would reduce the duration time greatly

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LOCATION: Liberty Bell Pavilion and the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel at 16th & Vines, Philadelphia, PA

PARTICIPANTS: State and local elected officials, civil and human rights organizations representatives.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The bell ringing event will begin at 11:45 a.m. at the Liberty Bell. The luncheon follows immediately, starting at 12:00 p.m. The complete program outline is not available to date. The organization has acknowledged that the President can proceed as his schedule allows.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes. The President would do the keynote address, requiring 20-30 minutes delivery. It is at his discretion.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Yes. National and local television and newspapers cover the event.

PROPOSED ATTENDANCE: XX President
____ Vice President
____ 1st Lady
____ 2nd Lady

RECOMMENDED BY: Rodney E. Slater, Secretary
U. S. Department of Transportation

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Dr. Teta Banks, Executive Director
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Options for Service on MLK Day

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- Those serving should be a racially diverse group.
- The event should be significant given the size of the community.
- We attempted to find sites with legislators we are targeting for AmeriCorps reauthorization, but none fit the other criteria above.

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In case the six options presented below do not offer enough choice in making the final decision, we are also including 6 additional meritorious options that did not score as highly as the six we are recommending.

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- There are many other **AmeriCorps** programs that are run by local grantees under state auspices.
- In addition, the Corporation for National Service awarded **MLK Day Grants** to over 50 communities across the country, all less than \$5,000, for community organizations to sponsor service projects that day. Some involve AmeriCorps members, but most do not.

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS

Below are six options, two of which are in Washington, D.C. We think it is preferable for you to serve elsewhere. It may make sense for Mrs. Clinton to serve at the DC Reads event at the MCI Center.

1. Renovation of Civil Rights Museum and River Clean-Up with CityYear/Young Heroes --

Columbia, SC

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3. Renovation of Community Center by Delta Service Corps -- Clayton & Ferriday, LA

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6. America Reads/DC Reads at the MCI Center with NCCC -- Washington, D.C.

Although you have already indicated that you are not interested in this opportunity, the Corporation for National Service feels strongly that it is a very good event, and wanted the opportunity to present it to you one final time. One option is for the First Lady to attend.

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2. Marshall County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program -- Guntersville, AL

Guntersville is a small community in Northeast Alabama on the edge of Appalachia (about 45 miles from Huntsville). Senior volunteers and an AmeriCorps*Vista member (from the America Reads program) will work together to create a mini-park at a public housing development so that young children will have a safe place to play after school. Community volunteers from a wide range of diverse groups -- from the resident children and parents, to volunteers from local churches, and even the local garden club -- are devoting the day to transforming the lot, planting the garden and building a pavilion. They expect about 75 volunteers, along with Rep. Howard Hawk and local officials for their dedication ceremony. The range of partners includes: the VFW, County government, Garden clubs, local businesses, and faith communities.

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MLK Day Potentials

Following are programs from the AmeriCorps*NCCC, City Year's Young Heroes, and a handful of others that meet our standards of

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AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps

The AmeriCorps*NCCC is a national corps of over a thousand young people aged 18 to 24 who serve full-time on teams to help solve community environmental, public safety, human needs, and educational needs. Corps members live on one of five campuses, and often respond to community needs across the nation in six week service "spikes". For instance, while AmeriCorps*NCCC is based in Charleston, San Diego, Denver, Perry Point, and Washington, their service may include rehabilitating low income housing, or responding to communities hit by natural disasters, or cleaning up the urban streams in any community in the country.

DC: America Reads and the MCI Center

Children, parents, and tutors who participate in literacy tutoring programs throughout the District are coming to the MCI Center on MLK Day to help further the children's knowledge of Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as broaden their access to reading. The gym will be set up as a literacy service center, with stations providing children with a range of services and activities. Off in one corner, children will receive their first library card from the MLK Library in downtown DC. In another, they can participate in reading circles and in short history lessons about King, his philosophy and his legacy. The parents will be offered family literacy workshops by the Urban League on how to support their child's reading at home. AmeriCorps*NCCC members will be assembling child sized bookshelves for children to take home as their libraries. Children will personalize their shelves and collect a backpack filled with donated books from First Books.

The partners include the MCI Center, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Washington, the NBA/Washington Wizards, Everybody WINS (the Congressional tutoring group in which Senator Jeffords participates), the Points of Light Foundation, the Urban League, the United Way of America, and the entire AmeriCorps family including the NCCC, the AmeriCorps Alums, and AmeriCorps*VISTA. The project is being organized by the Corporation for National Service.

The event will run from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., serving 250 children (and another 250 adults accompanying children and supervising activities). The diverse participants come from a wide range of programs and projects to serve a common cause for the day --- from the

predominantly African American students, to the diverse teams of AmeriCorps, to the predominantly white volunteers from Capitol Hill and the volunteer centers. But they are a part of a continuing aspect of DC Reads and its efforts in 16 elementary schools.

**DC: AmeriCorps*NCCC at Cardozo High School
Shaw - Clifton and 13th Streets, NW**

Renovation of classrooms continues the work that NCCC is doing with and for Cardozo. 2 teams are working from now until the 19th to prep at least 25 classrooms for painting. Volunteers include 65 NCCC, 50 Cardozo students, 50 students in the Student Conservation Association, and at least one hundred volunteers from many of the local churches. The project is very straightforward and can be extended to even more "real work", including more classrooms, stairwells (the NCCC has already done the corridors) and there is a large assembly area suitable for an address.

The NCCC is one of our most diverse corps. Volunteers for the day also come from a wide range of backgrounds --- the current student body of Cardozo is African American, and the very active alumni association is white. Community volunteers reflect the racial makeup of their churches. And The Potomac School in McLean is lending a hand that day as are the volunteers of DC Cares. The service that day is real, necessary, and quite physical --- before the NCCC got started there, the school has received no renovation assistance in at least 15 years. The continuing component of the day is up to us: the NCCC is willing to continue to renovate public schools in the District and also to organize their service projects to occur on seven or so consecutive Saturdays to accommodate community volunteers, including young students, across the city.

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City Year Young Heroes

City Year is an AmeriCorps program in Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbia, Columbus, Philadelphia, Providence, San Antonio, and San Jose which deploys diverse teams of young people in a year of service to their communities. One of the activities for Martin Luther King Day is the launch of a program that has been operating as a pilot in Boston --- Young Heroes are 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from all backgrounds doing service with City Year corps members after school and on Saturdays for an entire year. On MLK Day, City Year will launch nationwide their target of 1,000 students in eight cities, with 450 of them beginning their service on that day. Every Saturday for 16 consecutive weeks, they will gather like a corps and serve the day with City Year. After that corps initiation, the young people then work with AmeriCorps to design service projects that meet real needs from a middle school student's perspective. The rest of the year, the Young Heroes continue to serve on those projects.

All are deliberately diverse with a core mission of racial reconciliation and all have a continuing service component. While all of the programs are serving on MLK Day, following are the strongest Young Heroes activities and those we recommend for high level participation:

Chicago: 140 young heroes (sponsored by the Chicago Bulls) will serve with community groups and other AmeriCorps programs a range of service projects across the city. The Young Heroes project was also piloted in Chicago and provides a model for the national launch that City Year will announce on January 19th --- strong corporate support, the building of the service ethic among young people, the deliberate focus on building racial reconciliation through service. More than 100 will renovate (demolition, cleaning, and painting) of the Fairfax Museum, dedicated to telling the multicultural history of the West Side. Other activities include an intergenerational project, serving as companions to the elderly in Englewood. In the afternoon, there will be a celebratory ceremony at an historic Presbyterian Church on the South Side.

Philadelphia: City Year is just getting started in Philadelphia and is a key partner in the city's growing MLK Day of Service (see the papers for the coverage of the launch of the service day on Monday with Rendell, Wofford, et al). Philadelphia's Young Heroes will be working at the Greater Philadelphia Book Bank. The Book Bank provides textbooks and pleasure reading books to school who are lacking in funds and resources. The books are primarily donated by suburban school teachers, inner-city school teachers, or simple those people who are cleaning off their bookshelves. Young Heroes will join hundreds of volunteers in painting over the book bank's graffiti-covered walls, cleaning the building where the books are housed, and building shelves for more space. At the end of the day of service, each Young Hero will be able to look through the books and choose one for his or her collection. This project is intended to promote literacy for middle school-age young people.

Columbia, South Carolina: 50 Young Heroes will celebrate the beginning of their service year on the morning of Dr. King's Birthday. Along with hundreds (500 or so) of community volunteers, some Young Heroes will work on the restoration of the Modjeska Simpkins home, named for a local civil rights activist. It is a small dilapidated museum, that will receive a thorough renovation --- rebuilding the front porch, repainting, and repairs. Others will work on clearing land for the future Saluda River Park in conjunction with the Saluda River Alliance. The river itself is an urban waterway that has suffered from neglect. ON the day, volunteers will haul out trash, clear brush, and prepare the area for the park that will be constructed in the spring.

Cleveland, Ohio: a five day long celebration, concentrating on a museum leading children through stations teaching them about the civil rights movement. On Monday, there will be hundreds of school children will take advantage of this opportunities. 50

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Providence, Rhode Island: 90 Young Heroes will lead elementary school children in painting murals that depict the life and legacy of Dr. King at Mt. Pleasant High School in Providence. The murals will stand as a reminder to students of the struggles endured at the height of the Civil Rights Movement and challenge them to fulfill the dream. There is an expectedly diverse population --- Cape Verdean, Haitian, Puerto Rican and African American. Mayor Cianci and both Senators are planning to attend.

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AmeriCorps and others

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Marshall County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Guntersville, AL: Senior volunteers and an AmeriCorps*VISTA member (from the America Reads program) are working together to create a mini-park at a public housing project so that young children will have a safe place in the after-school hours. The plan for the day is to transform a debris-strewn lot behind the housing project into an oasis for children that attend the after-school center within the HUD housing project. Community volunteers from a wide range of diverse groups --- from the resident children and parents, to volunteers from local churches, and even the local garden club --- are devoting the day to transforming the lot, planting the garden and building a pavilion. (Note: if the weather is bad, they will repair some interior spaces). They expect about 75 volunteers, along with Rep. Howard Hawk and local officials for their dedication ceremony. Guntersville is a small community in Northeast Alabama on the edge of Appalachia (45 miles from Huntsville). The range of partners is impressive and reflects small town America: in addition to RSVP and AmeriCorps*VISTA, partners include the VFW (erecting the flag pole and raising the flag), County government (providing the trees), Garden clubs (designing and planting the garden), local businesses, communities of faith (providing volunteers for the day)

Camp Learn and Serve, Bradenton, FL: Camp Learn and Serve is weekend partnership between Volunteer Services of Manatee County and the ManaTeen Club which involves 100 youth giving a hundred hours of service in exchange for an outdoor camping weekend. The young people are diverse (12% Hispanic, 38% Caucasian, 42% African American, and 8% Indian) and participate in service activities throughout the year. During the weekend, these young volunteers will be painting the homes of low income senior citizens. After the weekend, they'll meet once a month (February through May) to paint additional homes for needy residents (total of 9).

YMCA, South Bend, IN: 25 teen volunteers have designed service projects for their celebration of MLK Day at three neighborhood centers and the Hope Rescue Mission. Young people will also benefit from a service learning component, learning more about the issues of homeless, hunger, and illiteracy. The service will continue after the holiday, with 2 hours a week from February to May to plan activities for the children living at the Hope Rescue Mission.

Center for the Homeless, South Bend, IN: This AmeriCorps program engages homeless and formerly homeless people. In addition to the AmeriCorps members, there are 450 community volunteers -- half are students from Notre Dame and the other half

community volunteers. For 40 children living at the Center, there is a mandatory tutoring session. On MLK Day, the session will focus on the life and teaching of King. Then, in the evening, there will be a special educational session for more than 100 homeless adults living at the center, again on the life and teaching of King.

Southport - Brunswick County NAACP, Southport, NC: centerpiece of the project is pairing young people and senior citizens from black and white churches to do service together and to build meaningful mentoring relationships. On the day, the youth and seniors are introduced and paired, then they head off for a beach and roadside clean-ups. They will wrap up the day with a community-wide barbecue. The project will be ongoing --- the teams will continue to serve together, a black church paired with a white church, one Saturday a month for the remainder of the year. There are no AmeriCorps programs in town which is just outside of Wilmington.

Anderson Lee Vocational and Technical School, Passaic, NJ: In partnership with the NAACP youth chapter, local inner-city youth will be provided an opportunity to learn vocation skills while renovating a local community center. This is a 12 week program for 10 young people from a variety of backgrounds who will be learning a range of skills --- including air conditioning, carpentry, plumbing, etc. On the King Holiday, the young apprentices will be putting in the bathroom. When the community center opens in March, it will offer the city's youth with positive alternatives for their free time. However, there is no national service or AmeriCorps component to this program.

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Action for Children Today in Vermont: the Community is having a day long celebration/activities that promote peace, justice and understanding. The events are organized by AmeriCorps (including VISTA) and a wide variety of community members. They are expecting over a thousand to attend the day long activities. Schools are in session and teachers bring their classes to participate in the projects. (LIZ) --- left message for Jane Williams the ED in Vermont to see if there is any service ... check towns etc.

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1. DC -- MCI Center	Reading, putting together bookshelves	NCCC	Continuing as America Reads	Yes?
2. DC -- Cardozo	School rehab	NCCC	TBA	Yes
3. Charleston SC	Reading (unclear) rally, not muscular	NCCC	Yes -- 98 hrs in 98	? Weak
4. Phila. 2 Delores - bell	All types; City Year/Young Heroes to focus on book bank	City Year (at least)	Yes	Yes?
5. Chicago 1 OK?	Variety -- sponsored by Chicago Bulls	City Year	Yes?	Yes?
6. Providence X	TBA weak Mayor	City Year	?	X No
7. Florida City, FL X	Gleaning from fields ??	Yes	? No	Yes
8. Jackson, MS	Variety -- church sponsored	Yes	? No	Yes
9. Indiana X	TBA	?	?	?

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8 Columbia SC City Year

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- others to consider

- others rejected due to following reasons

MLK Day Potentials

Following are programs from the AmeriCorps*NCCC, City Year's Young Heroes, and a handful of others that meet our standards of

high quality service
racial reconciliation
an AmeriCorps link
continuing service opportunities or growth of service movement
and a project that gets things done, meets real needs

AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps

The AmeriCorps*NCCC is a national corps of over a thousand young people aged 18 to 24 who serve full-time on teams to help solve community environmental, public safety, human needs, and educational needs. Corps members live on one of five campuses, and often respond to communities needs across the nation in six week service "spikes". So while AmeriCorps*NCCC is based in Charleston, San Diego, Denver, Perry Point, and Washington, their service may range from rehabilitating low income housing, or responding to communities hit by natural disasters, or cleaning up the urban streams in any community in the country.

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**DC: AmeriCorps*NCCC at Cardoza High School
Shaw - Clifton and 13th NW**

Renovation of classrooms continues the work that NCCC is doing with and for Cardoza. 2 teams are working from now until the 19th to prep at least 25 classrooms for painting. Volunteers include 65 NCCC, 50 Cardoza students, 50 students in the Student Conservation Association, and at least one hundred volunteers from many of the local churches. The project is very straightforward and can be extended to even more “real work”, including more classrooms, stairwells (they’ve already done the corridors) and there is a large assembly area suitable for an address.

The NCCC is one of our most diverse corps. Volunteers for the day also come from a wide range of backgrounds --- the current student body of Cardoza is African American, and the very active alumni association is white. Community volunteers reflect the racial makeup of their churches. And The Potomac School in McLean is lending a hand that day as are the volunteers of DC Cares. The service that day is real, necessary, and quite physical --- before the NCCC got started there, the school has received no renovation assistance in at least 15 years. The continuing component of the day is up to us: the NCCC is willing to continue to renovate public schools in the District and also to organize their service projects to occur on seven or so consecutive Saturdays to accommodate community volunteers, including young students, across the city.

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All are deliberately diverse with a core mission of racial reconciliation and all have a continuing service component. While all of the programs are serving on MLK Day, following are the strongest Young Heroes activities and those we recommend for high level participation:

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To: Rhonda Taylor
Corporation for National Service

From: Patricia Robbins
President and CEO

PRB for

Date: January 6, 1997

Re: POTUS Attendance at Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Gleaning Project with Farm Share and AmeriCorps

This memorandum concerns the invitation of POTUS to Homestead, Florida, to attend a gleaning event January 19, 1997 in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. It will be an excellent opportunity not only to honor Dr. King and his legacy of service, but also to bolster the confluent movements of national service and gleaning/food recovery.

BACKGROUND

Farm Share is an exemplary program that currently finds itself at the confluence of the two growing national movements of 1) National Service, and 2) Food Recovery & Gleaning. At the first-ever National Summit on Food Recovery & Gleaning in September 1997, Florida Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford was honored by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, Congressman Tony Hall (D-OH), and Congressman Frank Wolf (R-VA) expressly for his support of the Farm Share Food Recovery Program. Patricia Robbins, President and CEO of Farm Share, helped Commissioner Crawford accept the Hero of Food Recovery & Gleaning award. Ms. Robbins also attended the World Food Summit in Rome in November 1996 with Commissioner Crawford, where Secretary Glickman recognized Farm Share as a shining example of food recovery and service to the community.

LONG-TERM IMPACT

Based in Homestead, at the Florida City State Farmers Market, Farm Share came into existence in 1992 as a certified non-profit food recovery and gleaning program. Recently, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services agreed to donate space on all 13 Florida State Farmers Markets for food recovery and gleaning purposes. Farm Share is very near the point of expansion through the rest of Florida.

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With the proper attention and recognition, Farm Share will be able to duplicate its efforts in other parts of the state and the United States.

BRIDGING RACIAL GAPS

For decades, families and individuals in search of work have found their way to Homestead, Florida, to work on the farms picking fruits and vegetables. For many years, African Americans migrated to Homestead, and thousands of families came to settle in this area. In recent years, however, Mexican Americans have become the predominant farmworkers in Homestead, which is the Nation's winter breadbasket. These two ethnic groups now comprise more than half of the local population. This event will bring these diverse groups of people together in service to the community. Hispanics and African Americans will have the chance to interact.

CONNECTION TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOOD RECOVERY FUNDS

In September 1997, at the National Summit on Food Recovery and Gleaning, Congressman Frank Wolf (R-VA) helped form the Task Force on Transportation for Food Recovery. Patricia Robbins, the President and CEO of Farm Share, sits on this task force. Congressman Wolf is the Chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee

- What:
- 1) Gleaning fresh produce with AmeriCorps members, Mickey Leland Hunger Fellows, and community members (130);
 - 2) Distribution of gleaned food to needy families;
 - 3) Celebration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. -- including speeches, booths on MLK, booths sponsored by community-based organizations carrying his legacy of service, a community choir. Over 500 members of the community are expected to attend
- When:
- Monday, January 19, 1998
Gleaning: 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
MLK Activities: 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Where:
- Homestead, Florida -- the heart of our Nation's winter breadbasket
Harris Field Pavilion, across from Homestead City Hall
- Why:
- To honor King's legacy of service, and to boost the growing

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Guests expected (and invited) to attend: U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, Congresswoman Carrie Meek, State Senator Daryl Jones (recently nominated for Secretary of U.S. Air Force), State Rep. John Cosgrove, Homestead Mayor Steve Shiver.

For more information, please call myself or Ryan Buchholz of my staff at (305) 246-3276.

Review MLK's

1998 MLK Day of Service

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This is a partial report to narrow our recommendations and is intended to provide you with some background for your constituencies.

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**DC: AmeriCorps*NCCC at Cardoza High School
Shaw - Clifton and 13th NW**

Renovation of classrooms continues the work that NCCC is doing with and for Cardoza. 2 teams are working from now until the 19th to prep at least 25 classrooms for painting. Volunteers include 65 NCCC members, 50 Cardoza students, 50 students in the Student Conservation Association, and at least one hundred volunteers from many of the local churches. The project is very straightforward and can be extended to even more "real work", including more classrooms, stairwells (they've already done the corridors) and there is a large assembly area suitable for an address.

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2 The NCCC is one of our most diverse corps. Volunteers for the day also come from a wide range of backgrounds --- the current student body of Cardoza is African American, while the very active alumni association is white. Community volunteers reflect the racial makeup of their churches. And students from the Potomac School in McLean are lending a hand that day as are the volunteers of DC Cares. Many of these communities do not intersect in their day to day lives. The service that day is real, necessary, and quite physical --- before the NCCC got started there, the school had received no renovation assistance in at least 15 years. The continuing component of the day is up to us: the NCCC is willing to continue to renovate public schools in the District and also to organize their service projects to occur on seven or so consecutive Saturdays to accommodate community volunteers, including young students, across the city.

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Charleston: Youth Service ^{Riley} Charleston and the AmeriCorps*NCCC

3 National service, Mayor's office, America's Promise office, schools, the College of Charleston will launch "98 in 98" -- a campaign to challenge young and old to volunteer 98 hours in 1998. The first project will be a "Reading Soul Mates" program that trains 4th and 5th grades to tutor 1st and 2nd graders. This program has the strongest Summit link on MLK Day and a continuing component that approaches our Goal Five mission of engaging 2 million additional young people in at least 100 hours of service by the year 2000.

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The AmeriCorps*NCCC campuses in San Diego and Denver are also leading strong service projects, if you are interested. In San Diego, it is an environmental project, and in Denver, on the 17th, the Corps is leading a city-wide volunteer effort to install smoke detectors (donated by Tandy to the Fire Department) in at risk, low income neighborhoods.

Not Charleston**City Year Young Heroes**

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City Year is an AmeriCorps program in Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbia, Columbus, Philadelphia, Providence, San Antonio, and San Jose which deploys diverse teams of young people in a year of service to their communities. One of the activities for Martin Luther King Day is the launch of a program that has been operating as a pilot in Boston --- Young Heroes are 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from all backgrounds doing service with City Year corps members after school and on Saturdays for an entire year. On MLK Day, City Year will launch nationwide their target of 1,000 students in eight cities.

All these programs are diverse with a core mission of racial reconciliation and all have a continuing service component. While all of the programs are serving on MLK Day, following are the strongest Young Heroes activities and those we recommend for high level participation:

Philadelphia: City Year is just getting started in Philadelphia and is a key partner in the city's growing MLK Day of Service (see the papers for the coverage of the launch of the service day on Monday with Rendell, Wofford, et al). Philadelphia's Young Heroes will be working at the Greater Philadelphia Book Bank. The Book Bank provides textbooks and pleasure reading books to school who are lacking in funds and resources. The books are primarily donated by suburban school teachers, inner-city school teachers, or simple those people who are cleaning off their bookshelves. Young Heroes will join hundreds of volunteers in painting over the book bank's graffiti-covered walls, cleaning the building where the books are house, and building shelves for more space. At the end of the day of service, each Young Hero will be able to look through the books and choose one for his or her collection. This project is intended to promote literacy for middle school-age young people.

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Phila - lunch + bell ringing - hard not to attend

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Chicago: 140 young heroes (sponsored by the Chicago Bulls) will serve with community groups, other AmeriCorps programs. For example, YH's will take part in an intergenerational projects, serving as companions to the elderly in Englewood. Others will renovate the Fairfax Museum, dedicated to telling the multicultural history of the West Side. In the afternoon, there will be a celebratory ceremony at an historic Presbyterian Church on the South Side.

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San Antonio:

40 Young heroes will lead over 100 middle school students in renovating 2 lots and a house on MLK Boulevard (on the parade route). This is a very visible program, with additional service projects all over the city.

Boston: 100 middle school students will paint murals re MLK. Then these will be used as backdrops for Boston's celebration of King later in the day in Roxbury. And rest of the corps and volunteers from Fleet Bank will fan out over MLK namesake locations for a morning of service.

Columbia, South Carolina: 50 Young Heroes will celebrate the beginning of their service year on the morning of Dr. King's Birthday. Along with hundred of community volunteers, some Young Heroes will work on the restoration of the Modjeska Simpkins home, named for a local civil rights activities. Others will work on clearing land for the future Saluda River Park in conjunction with the Saluda River Alliance.

Providence, Rhode Island and San Jose, California are also participating in MLK Day of Service. Details will be forthcoming.

Other highly recommended projects across the country with broad include:

Philadelphia, PA: YouthBuild: This AmeriCorps program is leading three strong community projects in and around the Nebinger neighborhood of Philadelphia. Corps members will lead and host community clean-ups followed by community fairs that will restore and repair public spaces and highlight ethnic diversity and cooperation in the neighborhoods. This program has a strong track record on racial diversity and reconciliation.

Florida City, FL: Farmshare: AmeriCorps members, local farmers and community volunteers (from high schools and churches) will glean food from nearby fields. The food will be distributed in the part as a part of a program around the teachings of Dr. King. Economic and racial reconciliation are objectives of this service project.

Hands On, Charlotte, NC: Boy Scout Explorers and a wide range of young volunteers from teen service clubs will join AmeriCorps members in planning and hosting a day of safe spaces for 400 children with working parents on the King Holiday. While a one day project, the theme is a precise answer to the goals of the Summit (safe places and structured activities) and is also an example of how young people themselves can plan and lead service activities.

Hands On, Atlanta, GA: This AmeriCorps program is leading a city-wide day of service in Atlanta following a two day youth summit inspired by the Presidents. Over 500 volunteers will participate (this is a partnership with the King Center).

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Jackson, MS: Jackson Servant Leadership Corps: Youth groups and AmeriCorps members will fan out over Jackson for 7 hours of service --- Habitat builds, restocking/reorganizing clothes closets, serving meals to the homeless, and community clean ups. The AmeriCorps program is sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi and has a racial reconciliation as well as faith component.

Baton Rouge, LA: Serve!Mid City: The AmeriCorps programs, the Junior League, the schools, 100 Black Men are teaming up to restore the Sweet Olive cemetery - the oldest African Americans cemetery in the city. The project will be close to completion on MLK Day, versus launching a new partnership.

Frankfort, KY: Kentucky State University is leading a bi-racial rehabilitation project for homeless families. Volunteers from the university and several churches are renovating apartments provided by the housing authority.

Brooklyn, NY: The Community School District, local neighborhood and parent association, and churches are organizing a student/parent collection drive, going door-to-door to gather winter clothing and food to be distributed over the winter.

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1998 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Grants

State	Community	District(s)	Applicant	Activities	Award
AK	Anchorage	AL	Anchorage School District	On the Holiday students will study their rich and diverse heritage through storytelling and create their own stories to be shared with other children at a service project in May.	\$3,650.00
AL	Guntersville	4	Marshall County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	RSVP and AmeriCorps*VISTA members will organize volunteers to create a mini-park for a safe play area for an afterschool program.	\$3,650.00
AZ	Scottsdale	1	Scottsdale School District #48	Students and teachers will be trained in leadership courses then will train other younger students at all local schools. Students will design and paint 3 murals at city locations.	\$3,650.00
CA	Los Angeles	33	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Students and volunteers will clean-up, restore, and beautify projects in public housing complexes in the Watts community.	\$3,650.00
CA	San Diego	49,50,51,52	San Diego State University Foundation	Two weeks of activities, including service-learning classes with 19 local libraries to plan & implement service projects, will culminate in a beach environmental clean-up.	\$3,650.00
CT	Bridgeport	4	Volunteer Center of Greater Bridgeport	The Holiday will kick-off 4 months of service, including recruiting 200 young people for 10 hours of service, visiting nursing homes, helping out with a pregnant teen support program and designing and painting a mural.	\$3,125.00
CT	Jewett City	2	Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc.	College students will tutor Head Start students 2 hours per week. The reading selections will focus on diversity and service to others. Parents and children will be included in follow-up discussions and service projects.	\$3,200.00

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CT	Norwalk	4	Family & Children's Agency, Inc.	A two month project will kick off with educational sessions on the life of Dr. King, followed by the planning and execution of a mural project and a recreational area clean-up.	\$2,100.00
DC	Washington	DC	Sarah House, Inc.	Howard University students will teach non-violence and conflict resolution to children in the Shaw community through games, presentations, entertainment and a toy exchange (violent toys for educational toys).	\$3,650.00
FL	Bradenton	13	Volunteer Services of Manatee County, Inc.	Teens will paint the exterior of 9 houses of senior citizens over a 4 day period. Project will continue through May. Younger children will take part in a literacy camp.	\$2,500.00
FL	Florida City	22	Farm Share	High School students and church volunteers will glean food from nearby fields. The food will be distributed in the park as a part of a program around the teachings of Dr. King.	\$1,500.00
FL	Gainesville	5	Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Florida, Inc.	10 peer mediators will be chosen and trained to work throughout their community for the balance of the school year and to coordinate service projects for National Youth Service Day.	\$3,650.00
FL	Tallahassee	2	Council of Church Based Health Programs, Inc.	12 area churches will develop intergenerational teams to produce Black History dramas and service projects.	\$3,650.00
GA	Atlanta	5	Hands on Atlanta	A three-day summit to engage more young people in service to achieve the 5 resources identified at the Presidents' Summit will culminate in 500 volunteers fanning out over Atlanta for community based service projects.	\$3,650.00
GA	Atlanta	4,5	Mottahedeh Development Services	College students will be paired in mentoring relationships with refugee families to teach them about living in the United States.	\$3,650.00

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GA	Ellenwood	4,5,6	Morris Brown College	High school students interested in attending an Historically Black College or University will compete to participate in two service projects in December and January followed by a scholarship competition in the spring.	\$3,650.00
IL	Chicago	1,2,3,5,7,8,9,11	Chicago Public Schools	A read-a-thon will kickoff 30 hours of community service by families in the city's Empowerment Zone Project.	\$3,650.00
IL	Chicago	3	World Relief	Volunteers will help rebuild a burned church.	\$3,650.00
IL	Chicago	1,7	YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago	Black Achievers will host a unity day, inviting all high schools from the South Side to gather across gang lines for conflict resolution and for planning to address community concerns.	\$3,000.00
IL	Grayslake	8	College of Lake County	Morning non-violence workshops for teens from Big Brothers Big Sisters will turn into an afternoon of service in 3 area nursing homes focused on clean-up and maintenance.	\$3,270.00
IL	Peoria	18	Kickapoo Council of Girl Scouts	50 area high school girls will be paired with mentors and trained in leadership skills, including designing and participating in service projects.	\$3,500.00
IN	South Bend	3	YMCA of Michiana Urban Youth Services	Teen volunteers will plan and implement activities for 75 children at the Hope Rescue Mission. Activities will continue through May.	\$2,500.00
KY	Frankfort	6	Kentucky State University	Volunteers will rehab apartments to be used for homeless families.	\$1,100.00

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KY	London	5	Laurel County Literacy Council	High school volunteers and AmeriCorps*VISTA members will organize a book drive and community distribution.	\$2,300.00
LA	West Columbia	6	Midlands Technical College	Roosevelt Village Family Learning Center will open and begin tutoring and adult literacy programs. Additional monthly projects.	\$3,650.00
MA	Boston	8,9	Boston Public Schools	Students will kick-off a Reading Buddy program between 4th grade students and 1st and 2nd grade students. One student of each pair will be bilingual.	\$3,650.00
MA	Boston	9	City Year, Inc.	Volunteers will fan out over MLK namesake locations in Boston for a morning of service followed by reflection and educational forums. The day will kick off a Saturdays of Service program.	\$3,650.00
MA	Brookline	4	Town of Brookline / Human Relations-Youth Resources Commission	The town will launch the "Building Bridges" program - an afterschool program for middle and high school students to participate in conflict resolution sessions and plan service projects around their concerns.	\$3,650.00
MD	Baltimore	3	Loyola College in Maryland	College students will train high school students to serve as peer mediators.	\$3,650.00
MD	Frostburg	6	Frostburg State University	Students and service corps will create an accessible MLK Reflection and Education Outdoor Recreational Area at the Frostburg State Arboretum	\$2,000.00
ME	Lewiston	1,2	Bates College	College students will visit all K-3 classrooms in the area, reading and discussing books on human rights and will hold a "read in" throughout the area on the Holiday.	\$2,000.00

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MI	Caro	5	Human Development Commission	High school students will help Alzheimer's patients create a living history for their family members.	\$1,200.00
MI	Detroit	12,13,14,15,16	New Detroit, Inc.	Several days of activities will include preparing and serving meals at 3 senior centers, non-violence education for elementary school students, and a youth summit on non-violence.	\$3,650.00
MI	Iron Mountain	1	North Dickinson County School #3	Senior citizens will teach middle school students about civil rights and the children will teach the seniors about computers.	\$2,200.00
MI	Marquette	1	Marquette County Volunteer Center	Community volunteers and national service participants will launch a reading program on Dr. King's life beginning with two day care centers and expanding to six 4th grade classrooms.	\$1,500.00
MO	Baton Rouge	6	Mid City Redevelopment Alliance, Inc.	Volunteers from Serve! Mid City, 100 Black Men, the Junior League and national service participants will clean-up the Sweet Olive Cemetery, the oldest African-American cemetery in the city.	\$3,650.00
MO	Columbia	9	Curators of University of Missouri	Community college students will sponsor a "give back" including painting and cleaning at local non-profits, re-stocking food pantries, and neighborhood clean-ups.	\$1,100.00
MO	Edinboro	21	Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	College students will mentor and tutor minority students to encourage better academic achievement.	\$1,775.00
MO	Las Cruces	2	New Mexico State University - Engineering Reseach Center	The Black Studies Program students at New Mexico State Kick-off a mentoring program with 100 disadvantaged young people.	\$3,650.00

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MO	Saint Paul	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	State Council on Black Minnesotans	Hiawatha Neighborhood YMCA and Augsburg College will kick-off a year long tutoring and literacy project.	\$3,650.00
MS	Jackson	2,4	Jackson Servant Leadership Corps	Youth group and AmeriCorps members will fan out over Jackson for 7 hours of service including Habitat for Humanity builds, organizing community clothing closets, serving meals to homeless, and conducting neighborhood clean-ups. 100 young people will participate in 2 service projects per month (Dec. - March) and will be tutored twice per week.	\$2,000.00
MS	Jackson	4	Jackson State University		\$3,650.00
MS	Jackson	1,2,3,4,5	Mississippi State Institutions of Higher Learning - Campus Link	MLK Scholars from across the state will partner with local elementary schools to plan and implement a local service project. The week culminates in a video conference led by 9th grade Ambassadors Growing in Service.	\$3,650.00
NC	Charlotte	9,12	Hands On Charlotte, Inc.	Young people with adult mentors will plan and host a day of safe spaces for 400 children with working parents on the King Holiday.	\$3,650.00
NC	Southport	7	Southport - Brunswick County NAACP	Senior citizens will be paired with young people in mentoring relationships. Congregations from predominately white and black churches will be paired for clean-up projects.	\$3,000.00
NJ	Passaic	8	Anderson Lee Vocational and Technical School	In partnership with the NAACP youth chapter, young people will participate in the renovation of a community center, learning the trades as they serve over a 6 week period including the King Holiday.	\$3,650.00
NV	Reno	2	Northern Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society	Volunteers will collect books and set up a reading room at a local homeless shelter.	\$3,650.00

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NY	Brooklyn	10,11	Community School District #23	Students and parents will fan out door to door to collect winter clothing and food which will be distributed over the winter.	\$3,650.00
NY	Buffalo	30	Broadway-Fillmore Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.	Children from PS 90 will create stories on change through non-violence during a 4 part program culminating in sharing their stories with each other and giving back to the community through a spring neighborhood clean-up.	\$800.00
NY	Buffalo	29,30	Catholic Central School	Students will begin 6 months of service including creating a civil rights section in the library, creating a MLK memorial garden, and a community clean-up.	\$3,650.00
NY	Far Rockaway	6	Rockaway Development and Revitalization Corporation	Young people will participate in a 12 week entrepreneurship course during which they will be asked to give 30 hours of service.	\$2,500.00
NY	Jamaica	6,15	York College/RF CUNY	College students will be paired as mentors with at risk high school students from Southeast Queens, kicking off with a day of conflict resolution and mediation with the college students, high school students and their parents.	\$3,650.00
NY	New York	14	Hunter College	College students will mentor and tutor local high school students encouraging them to pursue a college degree.	\$1,500.00
NY	West Seneca	31,29,27,30	West Seneca Youth Bureau <i>30 y vels</i> <i>King's Urban Life Ctr</i> <i>to Buffalo</i>	Young volunteers will lead a community "giveback", collect food, clothing, books and other donations before the holiday, and restock local non-profits on the day.	\$3,650.00
OH	Cleveland	10,11	Case Western Reserve University <i>UWay</i> <i>AK</i> <i>Bus comm</i>	The city's national service programs will sponsor service projects including art and music performances by homeless children, senior citizens linked with after school programs, Habitat for Humanity builds, & indoor gardening at a nursing home.	\$3,650.00

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OH	Granville	12	Denison University Center for Service Learning	College students will mentor 100 3-6 graders focusing on non-violence teachings and attaining higher education.	\$2,500.00
OH	Toledo	9	Board of Community Relations	Youth Commission members will create and present service and King stories at the annual MLK Breakfast. They will kick off a mentoring recruitment campaign to meet the city's goals of America's Promise.	\$2,765.00
OR	Portland	3	The Urban League of Portland	College and high school students will be trained to teach elementary students about national leaders in civil rights and social justice. Together they will plan and lead service projects around inventions by African Americans.	\$3,650.00
PA	Philadelphia	1,2	Health Federation of Philadelphia	Fourth-graders and teens will be paired for a Wall of Hands project emphasizing non-violence, cooperation and service. Fourth graders will be paired with younger students for a similar spring time project.	\$3,650.00
PA	Philadelphia	1	Youth Build Philadelphia	AmeriCorps members and community volunteers will do 3 community clean-ups followed by community fairs that will restore and repair public spaces and will highlight ethnic diversity of the neighborhoods.	\$2,790.00
PA	Pittsburgh	4,14,18,20	United Way of Allegheny County	Students will distribute food and clothing collected during January and begin planning for their Youth Day of Caring in April.	\$3,650.00
RI	Kingston	2	University of Rhode Island	200 middle school students will participate in day long workshops on values, goal setting, diversity and conflict resolution, followed by planning and implementation of their own service projects.	\$3,650.00
SC	Charleston	1	Youth Service Charleston	The Mayor and community partners will launch "98 in 98", a campaign to challenge young & old to volunteer 98 hours in 1998. The first project will be a "Reading Soul Mates" program that trains 4th & 5th grades to tutor 1st & 2nd graders.	\$3,650.00

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SC	Columbia	6	Benedict College	Students will compete to plan 5 community service projects which upon completion will be judged for scholarship awards.	\$3,650.00
SC	Columbia	2	University of South Carolina	America Reads volunteers will be trained in a multi-cultural reading curriculum to be used at each of 7 sites.	\$3,650.00
TX	Amarillo	13	Amarillo United Citizens Forum	Conflict resolution/non-violence workshops for young people will be followed by 100 hours of service over the next 3 months including a community clean-up.	\$2,135.00
TX	Austin	10	Central East Austin Community Organization, Inc.	A month of service projects around anti-poverty & hunger: children from 3 elementary schools will simulate a march to fight hunger and poverty followed by lessons on non-violence and a program on Dr. King's life.	\$3,650.00
TX	Austin	10	Housing Authority of the City of Austin	Kick-off a Reading Partners program at 6 Family Literacy Centers at public housing complexes.	\$3,650.00
TX	El Paso	16	Casas por Cristo	Volunteers from the University of Texas, Casas por Cristo and returned Peace Corps volunteers will complete two houses with Habitat for Humanity in five days of sustained service.	\$2,040.00
TX	Houston	18	Shalom Zone Ministries	Volunteers will divide into teams to restore a Community Life Center, collect food, restock food pantries and sort and distribute clothing to shelters.	\$2,500.00
WI	Milwaukee	5	Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee, Inc.	Reading is Fun Day is planned for K-6 children in the Parklawn area. In addition to a day of reading fun and games, each child will receive a book.	\$3,650.00

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WI	Oshkosh	6	University of Wisconsin Oshkosh	America Reads work-study students and Foster Grandparents will serve as community links for families at a Domestic Abuse Shelter, setting up reading buddies, mentoring relationships and connecting them with other community services.	\$3,650.00
WV	Huntington	3	Marshall University	Reading buddy program between high school and elementary school students will be kicked off at a story hour and MLK Symposium.	\$3,650.00

FEDERAL AGENCY COMMITMENTS TO SUMMIT

All Federal Agencies

Federal agencies will expand their commitment to adopt schools or otherwise establish partnerships with schools in their communities by increasing the number of agency-school relationships from approximately 1,500 schools to 2,000 schools by the year 2000. Working through partnerships established by their agencies with schools across the country, Federal employees work closely with schools in a variety of ways -- volunteering as mentors and tutors, purchasing needed equipment for schools, and holding career days.

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), CityKids Foundation, and U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy, Department of Defense

By the year 2000, CADCA, ONDCP and the City Kids Foundation commit to provide over 200,000 young people in more than 100 cities with skills that will teach them to become community leaders, challenge them to build local community coalitions, and empower them to create and implement projects that directly tackle substance abuse and violence in their communities.

This "National Youth Academy" will combine CADCA's national network of community coalitions and its established training capacity with the peer leadership training methodologies of The City Kids Foundation, the support of the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the integral involvement of the Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the National Crime Prevention Council, the Work Group on Health Promotion and Community Development at the University of Kansas, the U.S. Department of Defense Junior R.O.T.C., and the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Department of Defense -- Department of the Army

- The Army has committed to expand opportunities for active duty, reserve, and retired military personnel to volunteer time as mentors and tutors in schools in their local communities; and will also expand opportunities for young people to give back to their local communities and contribute to the common good through a community service learning module in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program. America's Army is committed to enhancing its association with community-based coalitions by participating as a partner in coalitions designed to keep kids off drugs and out of gangs, mentor young minds, clean neighborhoods of destructive graffiti and provide worthwhile apprenticeships with local businesses. Its dedication to this endeavor is best exemplified by its commitment to work with the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America to identify Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps student leaders to help train more than 200,000 youth in more than 100 cities by the year 2000.

Department of Defense -- Department of the Navy

The Department of Navy commits to increase its efforts in tutoring and mentoring, focusing on literacy and anti-drug education. The Navy and Marine Corps, combined, will establish partnerships reaching well over 700,000 youths through the year 2000.

- Through its **“Personal Excellence Partnership Flagship,”** the Navy will increase its current youth tutoring and mentoring by establishing partnerships that reach over 400,000 youths through the year 2000.
- Through its **“Campaign Drug Free Flagship,”** the Navy commits to increase its mentoring and drug education efforts by establishing partnerships that reach over 200,000 youths through the year 2000. Volunteer teams of Navy and Marine Corps Reservists and active-duty Sailors use specially prepared and age-targeted videotapes to convey anti-drug messages to elementary, middle, and high school students.
- Through its **“Adopt-A-School”** program, the Marine Corps commits to tutoring/mentoring over 100,000 students through the year 2000.
- Through the **“Young Marines of the Marine Corps League,”** approximately 950 adult volunteers (mostly present or former Marines) provide an established curriculum of self-discipline, health and anti-drug education, personal responsibility, and teamwork development for at-risk young people. The Marine Corps commits to reach out to over 20,000 youths through the year 2000.

Department of Defense -- Department of the Air Force

- The Air Force commits to increase its current involvement in programs and initiatives that contribute to the goals of the President’s Summit for America’s Future by at least 10%, in terms of both the number of children reached and the number of bases involved. Currently almost one million children and youths benefit from Air Force programs, and the Air Force commits to increase that number by approximately 100,000 by the year 2000.

The Air Force concentrates its efforts on child development programs, including special education, literacy and creative arts programs, child care and child care research and training programs, and nutrition education programs. Other programs the Air Force participates in include Foster Grandparent Programs, Air Force Base Child Development Centers, Air Force Base Youth Programs, Youth Employment Skills Programs, and Air Force involvement in national accreditation of family day care providers. The success of these Air Force programs is due to the emphasis on partnering with local communities.

- The Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the official auxiliary of the Air Force, commits to increase membership and community activities by 10% by the year 2000. Currently CAP has 33,000 adult members, 500 Air Force Reserve members, and 75 active duty personnel involved in mentoring 21,600 Cadets. CAP combines a structured physical fitness program with a sound moral leadership program for youth. In addition, the CAP Drug Demand Reduction Program provides drug prevention training and a drug-free environment for the Cadets.

Office of the Secretary of Defense

- The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) commits to mobilize children of active duty personnel (more than 300,000 children ages 6-18) to volunteer 1.5 million hours of

- service annually in on- or off-base community service projects.
- The Office of the Secretary of Defense commits to 100 alliances between the Defense Department youth programs and the Boys & Girls Clubs (B&GC) of America, to reach military youth in local communities and strengthen youth programs at participating bases. Currently 51 of 90 Air Force youth programs have been granted B&GC charters.
- The Department of Defense commits to a 50% increase in high school enrollment in Junior ROTC Career Academies, an alternative to the regular high school JROTC program designed to address the special needs of “at-risk” youth. Thirty JROTC Career Academies are located primarily in inner city schools in large urban areas nationwide.

United States Department of Agriculture

- **Food Recovery and Gleaning** -- USDA commits to increase significantly the amount of excess food that is recovered and distributed to Americans in need, with a particular emphasis on involving young people in gleaning. The Secretary and the Congressional Hunger Center will convene a National Summit on Food Recovery, modeled on the Presidents’ Summit, to call on Americans to commit to increase recovery of excess food. The Department will work with the National Collaboration for Youth, Rock and Wrap It Up, and Food Chain to recover excess food from school lunches and large concerts, and with farmers’ markets, rural empowerment zones, and school districts.
- **“This Land is Your Land” Service Initiative** -- The Department commits to engage 26,000 more Americans in voluntary environmental service, and to offer conservation education to half a million school children by the year 2000, through a 25% increase in the Forest Service Volunteer Program and an increase of over 40% in the number of volunteers in its Natural Resources Conservation Service “Earth Team.”
- **After-school Programs** -- USDA will work with state cooperative extension services and the National 4-H Council to expand the 4-H Program to engage an additional 300,000 youth in community service activities. To meet this goal, the 4-H program will recruit an additional 20,000 teenage and adult volunteers who will serve as program coordinators and mentors. USDA will also provide assistance to the Future Farmers of America, the National Farmers Union, the Nature Conservancy, and the American Heart Association to help those organizations meet their goals to increase after-school activities that provide mentoring, environmental education, and nutrition education to youth.
- **Matching Volunteers with Service Opportunities** -- USDA will create a new Web site to match up volunteers with service opportunities fighting hunger, improving the environment, and boosting rural communities.

U.S. Department of Justice

- **Youth Network** -- To promote youth service, the Department commits to create a Youth Network to provide a forum for young people, national organizations, and DOJ to exchange ideas about juvenile violence, delinquency prevention, and volunteerism. Through a web site and national meetings, the Network will offer young people a chance to participate in local delinquency and juvenile justice programs and policies, as well as to contribute to the national debate on these issues. Partners will include the National

Crime Prevention Council, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, National League of Cities, MADD, United National Indian Tribal Youth, Youth Build, and others.

- **Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP)** -- The Department will commit \$9.6 million to 52 new JUMP sites across the country, many of them in communities attending the Summit, to support one-on-one mentoring for more than 6,500 at-risk young people, more than doubling the number of sites in the JUMP program. The program uses community volunteers as mentors, and grantees coordinate with local schools.
- **Drug Education for Youth** -- The Department of Justice, working in partnership with the Departments of the Navy and the Army and the American Legion, will expand the number of DEFY sites from 3 to 30, reaching 1,000 young people. Using military role models to promote positive life choices and reduce the demand for illegal drugs, each DEFY site offers a summer camp program for about 30 children between the ages of 9 and 12 at a Navy, Marine Corps, or other military facility. In the following ten months, the children are mentored by individuals from the local U.S. Attorney's Office, police department, or local university, taken to special events, and taught the value of education, health, and citizenship.
- **Public/Private Mentoring Alliance** -- The Department of Justice, with the Corporation for National Service, will convene a Public/Private Mentoring Alliance of federal agencies and private national organizations supporting mentoring activities. The alliance will disseminate information nation-wide on the value of and opportunities for mentoring, and explore the possibility of a training and technical assistance initiative to expand effective mentoring programs across the country.
- **"Get Involved America" Initiative** -- The Department of Justice commits to help volunteers identify specific, practical steps that they can take to reach out to youth and reduce youth violence. DOJ will partner with community, education, and law enforcement groups to create and distribute materials that will help them assist young people.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- **Girl Power! And HHS** -- HHS commits to expand its Girl Power! mentoring campaign through a new partnership with the National Council of Negro Women and African American sororities. The sorority members will work with their local alumni and with national and local organizations to mentor young girls in their communities.
- **Nike PLAYCORPS** -- HHS and Nike commit to greatly expand their PLAYCORPS program (modeled after AmeriCorps) from 100 coaches in four cities this year to at least 1,000 coaches all over America next year. Piloted last year, PLAYCORPS trains college students to coach/mentor kids in underserved areas in recreational leagues. They are paid \$500 -- which goes straight toward their tuition. HHS will also add a Girl Power! component by training coaches specifically on how to work with and inspire girls.

United States Department of Education

- **Summer Reading Partners** -- The Department of Education and its Partnership for Family Involvement in Education commit to increase the ranks of volunteer reading partners participating in this summer's Read*Write*Now! Initiative from 300,000 to 450,000, and to increase the number of children reading over the summer from 1 million to 1.5 million. The Partnership will identify and recruit reading partners and help establish reading programs in communities nation-wide. Working with appropriate reading organizations, the Department will prepare activity kits for the initiative. Launched in 1995 by the Partnership for Family Involvement in Education to prevent a fall-off in reading skills during the summer months, Read*Write*Now! volunteer reading partners pledge to read and write with a child for 60 minutes a week, and the child pledges to read 30 minutes a day five days a week. Last summer, more than 50 organizations sponsored the initiative, and over 300,000 volunteer reading partners read with one million children.
- **After-school Programs** -- The Department of Education and its Partnership for Family Involvement in Education commit to work with schools to launch 1,000 new after-school programs nation-wide, with the concurrence of Congress. We will enlist AmeriCorps members, Partnership members, and business and community organizations to volunteer in and help organize these programs. The Partnership will help identify potential sites for the after-school programs and recruit local volunteers. This is a newly proposed program to fund after-school, weekend, and summer activities for youth, based on the authorizing language for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program.

U.S. Department of the Interior

- **Public Land Corps: Restoring the National Parks through Youth Service** -- The National Park Service proposes to expand youth service opportunities to help carry out needed repair and restoration projects in our National Parks. Youth service provides the opportunity for environmental education, mentoring, counseling, and career development curricula, as well as the provision of highly skilled and experienced adult supervisors. NPS proposes to allocate \$1-2 million per year to expand youth service opportunities, and will work with youth service organizations, including, but not limited to, the Student Conservation Association, the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps, and the Environmental Careers Organization.
- **National Park Service National Junior Ranger Program** -- The Department commits to creating a "National Junior Ranger Program" through the Internet, targeted at children who are unable to visit national parks. Today, at over 100 parks nationwide, young people who visit parks have an opportunity to participate in activities which earn them the title of "Junior Ranger." This new electronic program will be designed for children ages seven to eleven, from both urban and rural areas. It will reach our nation's diverse population and stimulate interest in learning more about our natural and cultural heritage

and the future of America's public resources.

- **National Park Service Volunteer Opportunity System** -- The Department commits to sharing with other agencies its new National Park Service Volunteer Opportunity System, which provides a nation-wide listing of volunteer opportunities within the National Parks System on the Internet and the ability to apply electronically for a volunteer position in a specific park.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

- **Spring Break Program for High School Seniors** -- FEMA commits to offer high school seniors new service opportunities in their communities. These students would help communities prepare for emergencies or disasters by performing mitigation activities in community facilities like day care centers, schools, playgrounds, elderly residences and group facilities, and small businesses. Targeted communities would work with FEMA and state and local emergency officials to identify the natural hazards that threaten their community facilities. FEMA would coordinate the process and supervise volunteers. Local architects and engineers would volunteer to inspect facilities and design mitigation efforts, and local contractors/building trades professionals would volunteer to supervise activities. Local hardware and building supply outlets would donate the materials needed. Local high school seniors would provide the labor during the months of March, April, and May of their senior year.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service program, which just celebrated its 50th year of service to this nation's hospitalized veterans through the work of almost 100,000 volunteers, commits to create new opportunities for young people to serve. By the year 2000, VA will increase by 50% the number of student and youth volunteers in its facilities, bringing the total number of youth volunteers to 15,000.

U.S. School-To-Work Program

By the year 2001, the School-to-Work program will commit to:

- triple the number of employers involved with School-to-Work, so that approximately 600,000 companies have mentoring initiatives or School-to-Work systems within their organizations and are partnering with their local school districts. These companies will commit to not only having students learn in the workplace but also bringing teachers into the workplace; and
- implement a School-to-Work system in every state in the U.S.

Peace Corps

- Through its World Wise Schools program, the Peace Corps commits to significantly increase its global learning partnerships to at least 10,000 teachers by the year 2000, tripling the current number of partnerships with teachers. World Wise Schools connects

currently serving and returned Peace Corps Volunteers with U.S. students and teachers. The program educates young Americans about the people and cultures of other countries, and exposes them to positive role models who have engaged in public service as Peace Corps Volunteers.

- Every year, thousands of Americans inquire about the possibility of serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer overseas, signaling the tremendous interest among Americans in serving others. Recognizing that every person may not be immediately suited to overseas service, the Peace Corps commits to provide information on domestic service opportunities to an estimated 50,000 people per year.

U.S. Department of the Treasury

- **GREAT Program** -- The Department of the Treasury commits to increase the number of students educated in the GREAT curriculum by 10 percent -- or more than 35,000 additional students -- each year through the year 2000. GREAT is a Federal, state, and local partnership that teaches elementary and middle school children to avoid joining gangs and violence. GREAT has already reached more than 1 million American children, educating 350,000 students annually. More than 2,000 law enforcement officers have chosen to join the program as part of community policing initiatives.
- **Voluntary Income Tax Assistance** -- Treasury commits to assist 400,000 more taxpayers by the year 2000 through its voluntary income tax assistance program -- more than a 20 percent increase from 1996 levels. For 27 years, the IRS has organized volunteers to assist poor and non-English speaking people in paying their taxes. Last year, at over 8,000 sites across the nation, 47,000 volunteers assisted 1.9 million taxpayers in completing their forms.
- **Savings Bonds** -- Treasury is committed to reaching more Americans through the Savings Bond program by increasing its volunteers by 10%. Since WWII, savings bonds have been a stable and cost-effective source of financing for the Federal Government, while providing a convenient and safe opportunity for consumers to save. Almost half of all savings bonds sales are sold with the support of Treasury's National Volunteer Committee, formed by President Kennedy in 1963. It includes business executives and leaders from labor, education, and government.

U.S. Department of Transportation

- **Garrett A. Morgan Technology & Transportation Futures Program** -- The Department of Transportation commits to establish the Garrett A. Morgan Technology & Transportation Futures Program, which will reach 1 million students by the year 2000 through tutoring, mentoring, and education curricula. The goal is to build a bridge between America's youth and the transportation community. All the agencies of the department will contribute, including the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Railroad Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Maritime Administration, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- **Community Environmental Service Agreement with Senior Citizen Groups** -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency commits to expand senior citizen volunteer efforts to protect public health and the environment through a partnership with the National Council on the Aging, the Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement, the Corporation for National Service, and the Administration on Aging at HHS. Senior citizens, a growing and active segment of our population, have a large stake in protecting the environment, not only because they are “at risk” in terms of air and water pollution, but also because they want to protect the health of their grandchildren and provide them with a clean environment. The activities of the Partnership will include training senior citizens to teach children how to protect the health and environment of their communities.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Neighborhood Networks** -- HUD commits to expand its Neighborhood Networks to create 500 computer centers in assisted or insured housing by the year 2000, more than doubling its current program. These centers will give more than 50,000 households the chance to gain job skills necessary to enter the workforce, and will educate children through after-school programs, mentoring, and internships. HUD will work in partnership with educational, business, and community groups to create, operate, fund, and sustain these computer learning centers.

HUD will challenge owners of assisted housing to provide space, motivation, and involvement in Neighborhood Networks; challenge business leaders to provide equipment and technical assistance, prepare people for the job market, and perhaps most importantly, hire those people motivated to learn and to work; and challenge community organizations to help with fundraising, tutoring, mentoring, and accessing local economic opportunities.

- **NCAA Partnership** -- HUD commits to a partnership to expand the NCAA’s Regional Excellence in Academic Preparation (REAP) camps to four empowerment zone/enterprise communities cities next year, with the goal of 25 cities by the year 2000. REAP camps help troubled youth ages 10-13.
- **Lead Paint Poisoning Prevention** -- HUD commits to funding new partnerships with parent and community groups, including United Parents Against Lead, to educate more than 10,000 families about lead hazards over the next two years.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management -- OPM commits to give Federal agencies the personnel tools they need to support Federal employees’ participation in community service. OPM will publicize the work scheduling flexibility available to Federal employees and actively encourage its use in support of volunteer service.

Selective Service System

- **Expand "Serve America"** -- The Selective Service commits to inform young men about service opportunities that arise out of the Summit through its "Serve America" program, developed last summer with the Department of Defense and AmeriCorps. Serve America takes advantage of the Selective Service System's routine communication with nearly 5,000 men turning 18 every day to encourage them to serve the Nation.
- **Opportunities for Young People on Selective Service Local Boards** -- The Selective Service System commits to offer more young men and women the opportunity to serve as uncompensated community volunteers on Local Boards. Boards are prepared to decide claims for exemptions and deferments should this Nation reinstate a military draft in a crisis.

Department of Commerce

The Department of Commerce commits to significantly increase its number of volunteers and partner schools, with the goal of doubling its current numbers by the year 2000. The Department's service initiatives focused on tutoring and mentoring.

Social Security Administration

The Social Security Administration commits to provide its staff and those in communities served by SSA with information about new service opportunities, to hold "Back-to-School" drives for clothes, school supplies drives, and books, and to donate business attire for needy men and women for interviews and first jobs.

Small Business Administration

- **Education Means Business** -- SBA commits to expand its Education Means Business program by working in partnership with SCORE, Small Business Development Centers and Small Businesses of the Year from each state in the country. Through participation in hundreds of school events, the SBA will introduce students to the exciting possibilities of small business ownership. Many of the 400 chapters of SCORE representing over 12,500 SCORE volunteers will assist in this effort.

General Services Administration

- **Good Neighbor Program** -- GSA commits to expand its Good Neighbor Program nation-wide. In cities that have established business improvement districts, GSA is building partnerships with communities and federal agencies and is leveraging its resources to contract for common services such as security and maintenance. Under current law, GSA provides community groups access to federal facilities. GSA has signed 13 agreements with national and local organizations around the country.

Department of Energy

- **Chicago Science Explorers Program** -- The Department commits to expand its Chicago Science Explorers Program to introduce more students, particularly minorities, to science as a career possibility for their own lives, through a series of TV programs profiling

scientists that will be shown in schools. The Department will also create a pool of math, science, and technology employees who will volunteer to speak at elementary, junior, and senior high schools around the country.

January 8, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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SUBJECT: Options for Service on Martin Luther King Day

Below are five recommended options for service on MLK Day. We worked with the Corporation for National Service to review all the service activities occurring around the nation that day, focusing on AmeriCorps' CityYear and National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) programs and the Corporation's MLK Day grants.

It would be helpful if you could rank your top choices so that we can pursue them further. In case the five options presented below do not offer enough choice to make a decision, we also include six meritorious options that did not score as highly as the five we recommend.

To select these five, we used the following criteria:

- For logistical reasons, the site should be in the Eastern U.S., preferably not a site you've been to often or recently.
- AmeriCorps should be involved.
- The service should be real, and communicate the value of Americans serving together.
- The work should be continuing rather than a one-time effort.
- Those serving should be a racially diverse group.
- The event should be significant given the size of the community.

RELEVANT AMERICORPS PROGRAMS -- To understand AmeriCorps' involvement, it is useful to know the following:

- **NCCC** is AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps, a national corps of over 1,000 young people who serve full-time and live on five campuses (Washington, DC; Perry Point, MD, Charleston, SC; Denver; and San Diego). They are often detailed around the country on 6-week assignments, working at AmeriCorps' direction.
- **CityYear** is an AmeriCorps program, founded before AmeriCorps began by service visionary Alan Khazei, and it has racial diversity as a core mission. It is now in 9 cities -- Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbia SC, Columbus, Philadelphia, Providence, San Antonio, and San Jose.

- On MLK Day, CityYear plans to launch its **Young Heroes** program in 8 cities. Young Heroes are 6th-8th graders from all backgrounds who serve with CityYear corps members after school and on Saturdays for an entire year, beginning with 16 consecutive Saturdays.
- There are many other **AmeriCorps** programs run by local grantees under state auspices.
- In addition, the Corporation for National Service awarded **MLK Day Grants** to over 50 communities across the country, all less than \$5,000, for community organizations to sponsor service projects that day. Some involve AmeriCorps members, but most do not.

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS -- Below are five options in priority order, two of which are in Washington, D.C. We think it is probably best for you to serve elsewhere. The First Lady's staff is interested in having Mrs. Clinton serve at the DC Reads event at the MCI Center.

1. Renovation of Civil Rights Museum and River Clean-Up with CityYear/Young Heroes -- Columbia, SC

50 Young Heroes will start their service year by working with CityYear to convert the home of Modjeska Simpkins, a local civil rights activist, to a civil rights museum. Simpkins, who died two years ago, is considered the matriarch of the civil rights movement in South Carolina. She was an educator at Benedict College (an HBCU) and her home was the home of the movement in the state -- King and others stayed with her when they were in the state. The work is general clean up and renovation of the house, which has not been touched since she died. At the end of the day, there will be a march from the home to the MLK Park and a launch of Young Heroes.

In addition, AmeriCorps will join volunteers from UPS and community groups (approximately 300 people) to clear land around the Saluda River in preparation for the creation of the future Saluda River Park. This urban waterway has suffered from years of neglect. On the day, volunteers will haul trash, clear brush, and prepare for the construction of the park in the Spring.

Possible Downside -- The Mayor of Charleston, SC is eager for us to attend a service event in his city that day (listed in the second tier of options below). Although the event will involve black and white members of the community, it may lack multiracial diversity.

2. Renovation of Community Center by Delta Service Corps -- Clayton & Ferriday, LA

You helped create the Delta Service Corps when Governor; it is now part of AmeriCorps. Fifty Delta Service Corps members will join 70 community volunteers in two small Louisiana towns to create a community center for Clayton out of an old gym, renovate two municipal parks, and restore the Ferriday High School gymnasium. Clayton (pop. 4,000) and Ferriday (pop. 917) are small Delta towns, across the river from Natchez, MS. This effort involves black and white community members (unusual in this part of the state) as well as black and white churches. Everything has been donated by the partners and the community. The Clayton center will be totally finished and used for parenting classes, youth recreational activities, and GED classes. The Head Start Center will be opened. The National Guard will provide trucks for the trash. One AmeriCorps*Vista volunteer will remain to help keep this project going. We consulted Bob Nash on this option, and his initial reaction is positive.

Possible Downside -- Very small communities. Possible logistical problems. Although the event will involve black and white members of the community, it may lack multiracial diversity.

3. Renovation of Multicultural Museum by CityYear/Young Heroes -- Chicago

140 CityYear Young Heroes will serve with community groups and AmeriCorps in a range of projects across the city. Sponsored by the Chicago Bulls, the Young Heroes project was piloted in Chicago. More than 100 volunteers will participate in the demolition, cleaning, and painting of the Fairfax Museum, dedicated to telling the multicultural history of the West Side of Chicago. In the afternoon, there will be a celebratory ceremony at an historic Presbyterian Church on the South Side.

Possible Downside -- Frequent visits to Chicago. Very large city may not be preferable.

4. Renovation of Cardozo High School by AmeriCorps NCCC -- Washington, D.C.

NCCC has been renovating Cardozo High School in the Shaw neighborhood in D.C. On MLK Day, 65 NCCC participants, 50 Cardozo students, at least one hundred volunteers from local churches, volunteers from D.C. Cares from the Potomac School in McLean, and others will paint at least 25 classrooms at the school. There is a large auditorium that would be suitable for an address. The current student body at Cardozo is 60% black, 30% Latino and 10% Asian; many older alumni are white. NCCC's work could be expanded either within Cardozo, or to renovate other public schools in the District (or other renovation projects in Shaw). They could organize their service projects to occur on seven consecutive Saturdays to accommodate community volunteers, including young students, across the city.

Possible Downside -- Must further explore ramifications of District politics. Question of whether school construction is a good issue to highlight at this time.

5. America Reads/DC Reads at the MCI Center with NCCC -- Washington, D.C.

Although you have already indicated that you are not interested in this opportunity, the Corporation for National Service feels strongly that it is a very good event, and wanted the opportunity to present it to you one final time. One option is for the First Lady to attend.

Children, parents and tutors who participate in DC Reads will come to the MCI Center on MLK Day. The arena floor will be set up as a literacy service center, with stations with a range of services and activities. AmeriCorps*NCCC members will assemble child-sized bookshelves that children will take home. Children will personalize their shelves and get a backpack with 10 books, including one on Dr. King. Children will get their first library card. There will be reading circles and short history lessons about Dr. King's philosophy and his legacy. The Urban League will hold family literacy workshops to help parents support their child's reading at home. This is part of the continuing DC Reads program and its efforts in sixteen elementary schools.

Possible Downside -- You have done many reading events recently; event may seem stagey.

OTHER OPTIONS -- These are not recommended, but meet many of our criteria and may need to be considered if none of the above are chosen. They are in priority order.

1. Reading with Youth Service Charleston and the AmeriCorps*NCCC -- Charleston, SC
Mayor Riley's service office, America's Promise, and the College of Charleston will launch "98 in 98"-- a campaign to challenge young and old to volunteer 98 hours in 1998 -- at a rally/celebration. Grants will be announced for the first "Reading Soul Mates" program, which trains 4th and 5th graders to tutor those in 1st and 2nd grade, followed by the first reading sessions at the local library. In addition, AmeriCorps*NCCC will dedicate and install park benches throughout the city. Mayor Riley is very eager for you to attend this event.

Possible Downside -- You have done many reading events recently. Event is more celebration than hard service. However, we could work with organizers to improve the event if we wished to pursue it. Although the event will involve black and white members of the community, it may lack multiracial diversity.

2. Various Projects with West Seneca Youth Bureau AmeriCorps -- Buffalo, NY
Two hundred volunteers, including 100 newly sworn-in AmeriCorps members, will work on service projects: cleaning up the greenhouse at MLK Park, painting bathrooms at a day care center, and activities for children such as face painting and story-time. At noon, the West Seneca Youth Bureau and AmeriCorps will present a quilt created by 40 community organizations to the King Urban Life Center, to symbolize the sewing together of the various Buffalo communities.

Possible Downside -- Service opportunities not as strong as some others.

3. Church-Sponsored Service by Jackson Servant Leadership Corps -- Jackson, MS
Over 150 teen volunteers from eight churches will serve in King's honor and as a response to their Christian faith. Led by two AmeriCorps programs, the volunteers will fan out across the city in teams of 10 to 15 people from different racial backgrounds and churches. The projects include demolishing abandoned homes to start a Habitat build; painting a mural at an old school that is being converted into a community center with Head Start and AmeriCorps located there; sorting food at a food bank; and painting classrooms at a public school. At the end of the day, the young people gather downtown for a celebration and worship service. Though this service day is more of a culmination than a launch, there will be a follow-up retreat to look at how these kinds of interracial, faith-based, service projects can continue to grow in the city. Gov. Winter will probably attend this event.

Possible Downside -- Small scale and dispersed; concern that organizers limited to Christian churches. Not major AmeriCorps program. Although the event will involve black and white members of the community, it may lack multiracial diversity.

4. Various Projects with CityYear -- Cleveland, OH

MLK day kicks off a five-day celebration that focuses on leading children through a civil rights museum and teaching them about the civil rights movement. On the 19th, 50 Young Heroes and hundreds of school children will participate. In the afternoon, all the AmeriCorps members will gather to do a service project lead by Case Western University. The service options include art and music performances by homeless children, senior citizens linked with after-school programs, Habitat for Humanity, and indoor gardening at a nursing home.

Possible Downside -- Service opportunities not as strong as some others.

5. Book Bank Project with CityYear -- Philadelphia

Philadelphia's Young Heroes will be working at the Greater Philadelphia Book Bank. The Book Bank help schools that lack resources to purchase books. Young Heroes will join hundreds of volunteers in painting over the book bank's graffiti-covered walls, cleaning the building where the books are housed, and building shelves for more space. At the end of the day, each Young Hero will look through the books and choose one for his or her collection.

Possible Downside -- While this event is extremely well organized, you are invited to a bell-ringing ceremony at the Liberty Bell that would be difficult to skip and could overshadow your service message if you participated in it. (Secretary Babbitt is eager to represent you at the bell-ringing ceremony.) Also, you have done many reading events recently.

6. Teaching Trades to Youth at a Vocational and Technical School -- Passaic, NJ

In partnership with the NAACP youth chapter, ten local inner-city youth will be provided an opportunity to learn vocational skills (carpentry, plumbing, air conditioning, etc.) while renovating a local community center. On the 19th, the young apprentices will be putting in the bathroom. There is no National Service or AmeriCorps component to this program.

Possible Downside -- Very small project with no AmeriCorps involvement.

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HEADLINE: Promise Keepers Make Their Presence Felt; Arrival of Many Small Groups of Christian Men Transforms City Streets, Sets Stage for Rally

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BODY:

Thousands of evangelical Christians arrived in the region yesterday, transforming parts of the capital in ways large and small and setting the stage for what officials expect will be an enormous religious gathering on the Mall today.

"Prayer walkers" fanned out with the ambitious goal of visiting every corner of the District, volunteers handed out food for the poor or lent a hand repairing an abandoned school, and small groups of men, often accompanied by their sons, packed the Mall and its vicinity.

The presence of so many casually dressed Promise Keepers, as the organization and its participants are known, at times seemed to radically alter the look of the streets. The Old Town Trolley, so popular with tourists, was filled entirely with men at one point as it made its way through the downtown area.

Although women also were part of the crowd, it was the many small groups of men that often drew attention. Men crowded National Airport early in the morning, and from there, as well as from countless other arrival points, they spread throughout the area well into evening, finding their way to tourist sites, hotels, friends' homes, church basements and even the Capitol, where legislators hosted a reception for constituents.

The occupancy rates at area hotels neared the level normally associated with inauguration week, and as befits a group that is more well-off than the average American, the accommodations in some cases were first-rate. At the overflowing Hay-Adams Hotel, a single room went for \$ 220 to \$ 450, and more than half the guests were Promise Keepers.

"The PKs," said Art Schultz, a hotel spokesman, "are also well-heeled."

Meanwhile, organizers provided more details about their program and discussed some of its theological underpinnings, a subject that has been studiously played down all week.

Dale Schlafer, director of the event and a vice president of the organization, described the six-hour prayer and confessional session as "unapologetically Christian" and placed it in the historic tradition of the mass

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revivals that were common from the time of the Puritans to the advent of the Industrial Revolution.

Schlafer, whose title is vice president for revival and awakening, said such revivals occur when "the church" is in a period of decline. He left no doubt as to the rally's higher purpose.

"God will use this event to ignite revival in his church," he said. And the "awakening" that will follow, he added, will be powerful enough to draw non-Christians.

Promise Keepers also announced that it will use the event to raise money. The organization initially had said it would not solicit money at the gathering, but the decline in attendance at rallies across the country left it no choice, said Steve Chavis, the group's communications director. Chavis said barrels will be set up off the Mall to collect donations.

The Promise Keepers say the gathering is apolitical, often describing its purpose as a means to make men good. But already yesterday there were indications that politics would be a part of the rally, if only because having it in the nation's capital inevitably invites such activity.

At National Airport, for example, rally participants who crowded into the terminal, often dressed in teal-colored "Men of Integrity" T-shirts, encountered meet-and-greet tables set up by the Family Research Council, a Washington-based conservative Christian organization "that supports the Promise Keepers," volunteer Paul Yetmar said.

The council, led by Gary L. Bauer, has a clear conservative religious-political viewpoint and often is cited by critics of the Promise Keepers as evidence that the men's group has a higher political agenda. Yesterday on the Mall, the council also began distributing a four-page color newspaper that says the event signifies that "a new pledge is being taken. . . . There could be no richer setting for the rededication of a nation to the care of a just and merciful father."

It is this connection that has drawn protests from atheists, women's groups and others. On the east lawn of the Capitol yesterday, about 50 people stood in a circle and took turns praying for equality, diversity and tolerance -- values they said they fear are under attack by Promise Keepers. The protesters, who included about 30 women and 10 black people, were organized by Equal Partners in Faith, a coalition of mostly religious leaders formed last year in reaction to Promise Keepers.

Mohamad Elleithe, who works at the Islamic Center on Massachusetts Avenue, said Promise Keepers "is manipulating the legitimate needs" of the men.

"If he were alive today . . . there is no way that Martin Luther King would be with Promise Keepers," said the Rev. Image B. Stewart, president of Women Ministers of Greater Washington.

Leaders of American Atheists Inc., a group that views the Promise Keepers as an "extreme" and "authoritarian" religious movement, said that about 100 of their members will picket the rally peacefully, standing with placards a block from the Mall.



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"The underlying Promise Keepers agenda is the total submission of the female to the male and a complete evisceration of First Amendment freedoms," said Ronald Barrier, the group's spokesman.

The atheists said they supported Promise Keepers' right to assemble and air their views -- and expressed sympathy for men who feel confused and powerless in modern society.

Sam Jordan, director of the D.C. Office of Emergency Preparedness, flanked by officials who for months have worked on logistics for the event, described the city as "well prepared" to handle a crowd estimated to be about 700,000.

Metro officials say the Promise Keepers rally could break an all-time ridership record of 811,000 because, in addition to the religious assembly on the Mall, there also is a downtown Chinese Festival that could attract 20,000 people, as well as several other events in the District.

Also yesterday, prayer brigades were sent out to walk through every part of the District, asking God to bless the city and make all of it a "Holiness zone." By noon today, the prayer walkers planned to have covered 257 sectors in the District.

Steve Hawthorne, of Austin, was among the volunteers discreetly praying yesterday at 30th and Q streets NW, in Georgetown. "We don't stop by each place and let people know that we are praying," he said. Instead, "our aim is to let God know that we are praying for them."

As the brigades prayed, more than 1,400 **Promise Keepers** planted, plastered and painted at the crumbling, empty building that used to be Taft Junior **High School** in Northeast Washington. Harold Brinkley, Promise Keepers' national director for church relations and a Burke resident, said the group was disappointed that a judge prevented them from making repairs at other schools. "But we are flexible," he said. "Our main concern is the safety and needs of the schools."

Winston Smith, a white retired pastor who drove here from Oklahoma in his truck, put his arm around Charles Garrison, a black pastor from New Orleans, and said: "What today is about is that a black man from Louisiana and a white man from Oklahoma, who live in different localities, one of these days will be living together in heaven."

At the Capitol, about 90 Tennessee residents sat on the steps of the east side of the building under a noon sun, waiting to meet Sen. Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) The men, who included three African Americans, had traveled in two buses from Nashville.

Frist spoke with the baseball-capped men a few minutes, informing them that the Senate starts out every day with a prayer and that the legislators also attend a prayer breakfast every Wednesday. "So there are lots of opportunities for spiritual development up here as well," he said.

Staff writers Bill Broadway, Pam Constable, Derek Fromson, Hamil R. Harris, Sylvia Moreno, Saud Abu Ramadan and Valerie Strauss contributed to this report.

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GRAPHIC: Photo, james a. parcell, One of the aims of the Promise Keepers rally is to bring men together in spontaneous prayer. Participants on the Mall take turns praying for each other. Karl Smith, of Baltimore, prepares the central stage for the rally on the Mall. The gathering's location in Washington sparked debate over its political meaning.

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HEADLINE: D.C. Students Move As Officials Grumble; Bell Multicultural Students Spend Day at UDC

BYLINE: Valerie Strauss, Washington Post Staff Writer

BODY:

About 800 students were bused several miles yesterday from their Northwest Washington high school to makeshift classes at the University of the District of Columbia after a judge ordered the school closed because of a water leak in a woodworking shop.

D.C. school officials, after a night of frenzied activity to arrange the move, argued at a news conference that D.C. Superior Court Judge Kaye K. Christian had gone too far in overseeing school repairs -- a role she acquired as a result of a 1992 lawsuit by a parents group over fire code violations at schools.

"It is quite a shame that because of one moist, not even wet, ceiling tile that 70 teachers and 800 students have to be relocated," said Maria Tukeva, principal of Bell Multicultural High School in the Columbia Heights neighborhood. "I do think it's reaching a certain level of absurdity."

Bell was the third D.C. school closed this week as a result of fire department inspections. Its closing came as Christian also stopped school officials from taking advantage of an offer by members of the Promise Keepers religious group to spend the day doing repair work at the city's run-down public schools.

Christian said she needed detailed repair plans before letting the volunteers into schools that are in use. School officials said they didn't have time to prepare such a detailed report.

Instead, more than 1,400 **Promise Keepers** went to Taft Junior High School in Northeast Washington, which was closed last summer along with 10 other old or underused public schools. The volunteers spent the day painting, planting shrubs and making other repairs, and officials hope a refurbished Taft can house students during renovations at other schools.

School Chief Executive Julius W. Becton Jr. expressed anger at Christian's handling of her oversight responsibilities. A ruling by Christian that roof repairs at the schools could not be done while classes were in session contributed to a three-week delay in starting the school year.



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Asked why he did not provide Christian, who consistently has demanded to know every detail of work being done in the schools, with a plan for the Promise Keepers' visit, Becton said: "We don't have that much time to sit and lay out for 144 schools what 2,000 people are going to do. . . . We have responsible people in our schools. The principal isn't going to let something dumb occur."

Despite the rushed relocation, Bell and UDC students and faculty members seemed to take it all in stride.

Hundreds of UDC students were moved from 26 first-floor classrooms in two main buildings to empty rooms elsewhere on campus to make room for the Bell students, who ordinarily use 40 classrooms. The UDC classrooms, totaling 10,000 square feet of space, are in a confined area, making it easy to monitor the teenagers.

Mary Ross, 40, a UDC freshman whose English class was moved, was one of many college students who said the relocation didn't bother her. Bell students "have to go to school, too," she said.

Bell students were equally unfazed. "We're doing here just what we would do at Bell," said Rudolpho Acosta, 15, a 10th-grader.

But a Bell parent, Elizabeth Gamero, was angry. "School just got started, and now they have to close the school," she said. "The kids can't learn like this."

School Chief Operating Officer Charles E. Williams said UDC would be the school system's main alternative location in future relocation situations. Another backup site is Douglass Junior High School in Southeast Washington, where students from Ballou High School were sent this week after it was closed by Christian because of a leaky roof. Officials said it could take a few weeks to put on a new roof at Ballou.

Students from Paul Junior High School in Northwest Washington, which also was closed because of a leaky roof, were sent to nearby Coolidge High School. Officials said Paul may reopen Monday.

GRAPHIC: Photo, bill o'leary, From left, UDC President Julius Nimmons Jr., school chief Julius W. Becton Jr. and Bell Principal Maria Tukeva meet media.

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HEADLINE: 2,000 Promise Keepers refurbish school;
D.C. judge prevents systemwide effort

BYLINE: Ronald J. Hansen; THE WASHINGTON TIMES

BODY:

An army of Christian men wielding hammers, paintbrushes and rakes yesterday transformed one of the District's most dilapidated schools into its cleanest.

The free labor at Taft Junior **High School**, provided by about 2,000 **Promise Keepers**, offered an early glimpse of the sense of social and spiritual duty the organization will stress at today's "Stand in the Gap" rally from noon to 6 p.m. on the Mall.

Promise Keepers is a nationwide movement that urges men to be better Christians, fathers and husbands. More than 700,000 men are expected to attend the free event, which stretches from Third Street to the Washington Monument.

Though the event is expected to easily surpass all previous religious gatherings in the nation's capital, Promise Keepers has stressed that it won't attempt to release a crowd estimate.

But yesterday's turnout for the work at Taft, vacant since last school year, overwhelmed Ray Schutte of West Point, Neb., a town of 1,200.

"It's kind of a change from what I'm used to," the 39-year-old said with a grin as he took a break from repairing one of the many broken urinals in the Northeast school.

"When I knew I was coming, someone said they thought it was going to be 500,000. I thought they meant 50,000, which is still a lot of people to me," he said.

Mr. Schutte, a maintenance coordinator for a retirement home, typified the volunteers who spruced up the school, among those closed last year by the system's emergency board of trustees.

"I think it's great. We see a need, and we're serving God's purpose here," he said.

The school he entered in the morning had nearly an inch of water in the



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basement from leaking water pipes. Paint flaked off the walls, and missing chunks of drywall showed the old bricks underneath.

Gary Tucker, 39, of Denver fixed electrical outlets in classrooms.

"I'm glad we're helping here," he said. "It's obvious that this school has been in a major state of disrepair for a long time. We could spend a week here."

In the main office, John Cote of Moreno Valley, Calif., dusted off the 40-year-old intercom system and labeled switches to each of the rooms in the three-story school.

As co-workers identified via the system which room they were in, he asked them if they wanted to listen to music on the intercom. The men cheerfully said yes.

With the flick of a switch, the 43-year-old pastor and ham radio operator piped Christian radio into the rooms.

Like many of the men who donated their labor, Mr. Cote could not believe that D.C. Superior Court Judge Kaye K. Christian scuttled the original plan to have the volunteers pitch in at every school instead of at one vacant building. She wanted detailed plans of the work to be done at all of the sites. School officials told her that was an impossible request.

"How can you turn down free help?" Mr. Cote asked. "How can you possibly turn down free help?"

"I was going to give each school a face lift," school facilities chief Charles E. Williams said. "I am disappointed that I have been restricted from doing what I want to do for the children. These men want to help. This should be at every school."

Gen. Williams said he will have a new roof installed at Taft beginning next week to prepare the building for use as one of two "swing schools" for students at schools closed for repairs during the year.

Some volunteers complained quietly that supplies arrived slowly during the day, leaving them unable to patch holes and make other repairs.

Many toiled at badly needed landscaping outside the school.

Katherine Babcock of Victorville, Calif., was among those sweeping up glass and trash.

"If you're gonna get a bunch of people together, you might as well do something positive," she said.

Mrs. Babcock, one of the few women who participated in the cleanup, said Promise Keepers has helped strengthen her family.

"I think Promise Keepers is a good thing, and I don't see why the women's groups are upset about it," she said.



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The National Organization for Women is scheduled to protest near the rally. NOW says Promise Keepers is a "stealth political group" and is dedicated to the "subjugation" of women.

Promise Keepers officials defend their male-only composition, saying there are many successful women's ministries and that men are most derelict in family and church responsibilities and commit most of the nation's crimes.

****MAP/BOX

'STAND IN THE GAP'

Program schedule

Noon - American Indian welcome (Jon Lansa, Silas Correa, Huron Claus, Tom Claus, John Maracle and Art Begay)

12:15 p.m. - Purpose of event (Randy Phillips and Phillip Porter)

12:25 p.m. - Worship

12:45 p.m. - Context for the day (Jack Hayford and Fred Allen)

12:50 p.m. - "Message: An Extraordinary God" (Crawford Loritts and Joe Stowell)

1:10 p.m. - Invitation (James Ryle)

1:20 p.m. - Worship

1:35 p.m. - "An Extraordinary Response, Part One": Forsaking God; disregard for God's word; prayerlessness; and sexual sins (Joseph Garlington, David Bryant, Tom Forston, Art Begay, David De Leon and Ronnie Floyd)

2:15 p.m. - Worship

2:35 p.m. - "An Extraordinary Response, Part Two": Evasion of spiritual leadership; abuses of families; and abandonment of families (Bruce Fong, Jack Hayford, Tom Claus, Isaac Canales, Daniel Juster and Tony Evans)

3:10 p.m. - Worship

3:20 p.m. - "An Extraordinary Response, Part Three": Disunity in the body of Christ; sectarianism; and pride and jealousy (Max Lucado, John Maracle, David Castro, Michael Timmis and Jesse Miranda)

4 p.m. - "The Church and Race" (A.R. Bernard, John Dawson, Tom Claus, Bruce Fong, Jesse Miranda, John Perkins, Rolly Kolbye, Marty Waldman and Raleigh Washington)

4:35 p.m. - Music (Steve Green)

4:45 p.m. - "Message: An Extraordinary Hope" (Bill McCartney)

5:20 p.m. - Offering (James Robison)



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5:30 p.m. - Extended prayer and various topics (Dick Eastman, K.A. Paul and Silas Correa)

5:45 p.m. - "Stand in the Gap" covenant (Dale Schlafer)

5:55 p.m. - Music (Ray Bolltz)

6 p.m. - Benediction (Robert Cohen)

On television

C-SPAN: From noon to end

WDCA (Channel 20): From noon to end

On radio

WAVA-FM (105.1): 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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COVENANT

Each Promise Keeper is expected to keep seven promises:

1. Honor Jesus Christ through worship, prayer and obedience to God's word.
2. Pursue vital relationships with a few other men, understanding that each needs brothers to help him keep his promises.
3. Practice spiritual, moral, ethical and sexual purity.
4. Build a strong marriage and family through love, protection and biblical values.
5. Support the mission of his church by honoring and praying for his pastor and actively giving his time and resources.
6. Reach beyond any racial and denominational barrier.
7. Influence his world, being obedient to the Great Commandment (Mark 12:30-31), to love the Lord and one's neighbor, and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), to teach all nations about Christianity.

GRAPHIC: Photos (A&B, color), A) School boosters: A **Promise Keeper** sings Christian songs as others fix the auditorium ceiling at Taft Junior High School in Northeast yesterday.; B) One in heart: Mark Stallworth (right) and Jim Hampton hug after a prayer on the Mall yesterday. Some 700,000 men are expected today.; C) Members of **Promise Keepers** sit on the steps of Taft Junior High School yesterday as they take a lunch break., All By Barbara Davidson/The Washington Times; Map/Box, Map Caption) **PROMISE KEEPERS STREET CLOSINGS**; Box Caption) 'STAND IN THE GAP', Both By The Washington Times; Box; Chart, Box Caption) **COVENANT**; Chart Caption) **THE FLIP SIDE**, Both By The Washington Times



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HEADLINE: Judge Closes NW **High School**, Limits Repairs by **Promise Keepers**

BYLINE: Pamela Constable; Hamil R. Harris, Washington Post Staff Writers

BODY:

A Superior Court judge ordered the District's Bel Multicultural High School shut down yesterday because of a water leak in a woodworking shop, as school officials and others decried an earlier decision by the judge that restricted a volunteer effort to make repairs at D.C. public schools.

At an emergency hearing, Judge Kaye K. Christian ordered Bell shut because fire inspectors found water leaking through a light fixture in a basement woodworking shop.

School officials said all 740 students will be bused to classes at the University of the District of Columbia today and that the leak, which they described as minor, should be fixed by Monday.

"This is very discouraging and very disrupting," said Maria Tukeva, principal at the school in Northwest Washington's Columbia Heights neighborhood.

"School was started three weeks late, we finally get classes going and students into learning, and now they are being uprooted over a very small leak that we had closed off and isolated."

"I am very appalled and upset," said Melitta Djate, who has a daughter in the 11th grade. "Why do they have to make the students get here by 7:30 to be sent to another place? This is ridiculous and insane."

Arlene Ackerman, newly hired chief academic officer for the D.C. public schools, said that students in Seattle, where she worked previously, were not moved when such repairs were made.

"There comes a point when I think the learning process is really harmed by moving students," she said.

School officials were joined by local politicians and members of congress in expressing dismay over Christian's order on Wednesday that limited the efforts of 2,000 volunteers in town for the Promise Keepers religious rally on the Mall on Saturday. The Promise Keepers volunteers had proposed making repairs at all 143 public schools in the city today while school was in session.

"This is an amazing and disappointing decision," House Majority Leader



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Richard K. Armev (R-Tex.) said of Christian's ruling on the Promise Keepers.

"Here you have thousands of volunteers ready to fix our broken-down schools, and the judge tells them to get lost."

D.C. Council Member Kevin Chavous, (D-Ward 7), chairman of the council's education committee, called the action "extreme. The schools are in a position where they need to benefit from anyone who offers help. It is unfortunate that any time people want to help they are not allowed to."

However Council Member Kathy Patterson (D-Ward 3) said the group's plan had been too ambitious and she supported Christian's decision.

Christian, who is overseeing school repairs as a result of a lawsuit over fire code violations, said in her Wednesday order that she was "surprised" lack of detail in school officials' one-page formal notice to her that the Promise Keepers would be making repairs. In the past, Christian has refused to allow work to be done while school buildings are occupied.

School officials then proposed that the Promise Keepers would only work outside school buildings. But Christian requested extensive written descriptions of that work as well.

As a result, officials further scaled back their plan to Taft, where the volunteers will spend today painting, repairing ceiling and floor tiles, replacing doors, repairing light fixtures, plastering walls and mowing grass.

Beverly Lofton, a spokesman for the schools system said it would have been impossible to provide Christian with a detailed list of all planned volunteer repairs by this morning.

Schools Chief Executive Julius W. Becton Jr. expressed surprise at the judge's demands. "Everyone knows what they do. They clean up, paint up, that's no secret. . . . We did not anticipate that they could not come into our schools."

The Promise Keepers also plan to distribute school supplies, clothing and food today to residents across the District from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Carolina Missionary Baptist Church, Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church, Greater Deliverance Church, Kingdom Life Christian Church, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, New Samaritan Baptist Church and Faith United Ministry.

Christian's actions come in a week during which two other schools in addition to Bell -- Paul Junior High School in Northwest and Ballou Senior High School in Southeast -- also were closed as a result of fire department inspections.

Paul and Ballou were closed because of leaky roofs. D.C. public school students also have endured a three-week delay in the start of classes as the school system repaired or replaced the roofs of 50 schools.

Staff writer Caryle Murphy contributed to this report.

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HEADLINE: Asian Americans: The overlooked victims.

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BODY:

After reading articles last month about ethnic conflict at **Cardozo High School** [front page, Dec. 5; Metro, Dec. 6], I was troubled by the assumption that the problem only affected Latino and African American students.

As a VISTA volunteer who has been working with the Asian American community in the Mount Pleasant and Columbia Heights area, I know that many Asian American students at **Cardozo High School** and other schools in the area are harassed and assaulted by Latino and African American students.

For example, a Vietnamese student at **Cardozo** was beaten up by five African American students. The student spent several days in the hospital and never went back to school because he was scared and didn't believe the school would or could protect him.

Many Asian American students hang out together at lunch at **Cardozo**, and often African American students throw food at them and harass them. And it does not stop there.

Between classes, Asian American students report that students push them down stairwells, pull their hair and shove them around. This has been reported at other schools in the area also.

At Lincoln Multicultural Middle School, an Amerasian student was beaten up by five Latino students in school. He reported it to his teacher. She said there was nothing that she could do.

While I realize that this problem affects all ethnic communities, Asian American students have several unique challenges. They make up only about 10 percent of the student body in **Cardozo**, and their numbers are only a little higher in other schools such as Bell Multicultural High School, Bancroft Elementary, Lincoln Middle School and Tubman Elementary. It seems in all schools the pattern is the same -- students from the majority group repress the minority.

Most of the Asian American students in the area are recent arrivals to this country and lack the English skills or socialization to speak out for themselves. They often do not understand what people are saying, especially if slang or jargon is used. They also are just learning about American customs.



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These cultural and language barriers make it difficult for them to communicate with other students and can lead to major miscommunications that can turn into conflicts.

I work with the Mayor's Office of Asian Pacific Islander Affairs to address these problems. Our programs to help prevent violence and ethnic conflict in schools include a youth leadership program and public safety meetings. In addition, our office encourages parents and students to report incidents to the principal, and if they don't get an adequate response to call the school's ombudsman. Every student in the District has the right to go to school and not be harassed or assaulted.

If we are to survive as a city and a people, we must teach our youth that the future lies in our ability to create a multicultural community, to appreciate and build on the strengths of our diversity.

To build this community will take the cooperation of our residents, the government, our schools and the media. I believe that we can do it. I also believe that we have no choice.

-- Peter Tamaribuchi

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HEADLINE: An Advantage Not Taken; City Students Miss Out on Benefits of Early College Admission

BYLINE: Jay Mathews, Washington Post Staff Writer

BODY:

Lakyshaun Miller would seem a hot prospect for early admission to many colleges. She has a 3.7 grade point average at the District's **Cardozo High School** and a prized internship at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

But like many other high school seniors in D.C. public schools, she didn't give any serious thought to applying early to college. She needs financial aid, and most colleges that admit students early don't give them a firm scholarship offer until months later.

"I heard it was an advantage to apply early and let them know you really want to go to that school, but I can't do it in my situation," Miller said.

Early application, an increasingly popular strategy among suburban students, is a game that is not being played at most of the nation's urban high schools, according to interviews with college officials, high school counselors and students.

About 330 of the nation's 3,200 colleges now offer early admission, in which students who apply by Nov. 1 may be accepted in December rather than in April. A majority of the most selective colleges have adopted the idea, and admissions officials say they expect many more colleges to fall in line. Most schools limit early admittees to one-quarter or less of the freshman class.

College officials acknowledge that students who apply early enjoy several advantages. If their first-choice school accepts them, they don't have to waste time and money applying to other schools. Even if they are not accepted, the early application could boost their chances of being admitted in the next round. It gives students, as well as teachers and family, more time to work on reluctant admissions officers, college officials say. And the student might be viewed more favorably because the college knows it was the first choice.

But high schools with large numbers of low-income students aren't taking advantage of that system, according to interviews with Washington area educators, because of the financial-aid issue as well as other factors.

In the District, counselors at Dunbar, Coolidge, Spingarn and **Cardozo high schools** estimate that no more than 5 percent of their college-bound seniors

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apply early, and often fewer than that. The same is true at Laurel, Frederick Douglass and Eleanor Roosevelt high schools in Prince George's County. **Cardozo** Principal Reginald C. Ballard Jr. said early application programs don't help his students, because they must wait for college financial offers "so they can shop around for the best deal."

By contrast, counselors at Yorktown High School in Arlington County, Fairfax and Langley high schools in Fairfax County, Hylton High in Prince William County and Wootton High in Montgomery County said that about 15 percent to 20 percent of their college-bound seniors file early applications.

Jane Woodburn, director of guidance at Wootton, said she has no doubt that students who apply early are helping themselves. Indeed, she recently returned from a conference in San Francisco where Ivy League admissions officers explained the benefits of applying early. "They said they would have more time to review the application," she said.

College officials say they are aware that few low-income and minority students apply early. For example, only 9 percent of the 1,068 African Americans who applied to Georgetown University last year sought early admission, compared with 25 percent of all applicants.

"The early admissions programs tend to be biased toward the more affluent and more sophisticated schools," said Charles Deacon, Georgetown's dean of admissions. "Our pool of early applicants certainly reflects that."

He and other admissions officials said they try to ensure a diverse student body by looking for good urban-school candidates in the regular pool of applicants. They said they continue to believe that early admission is a good tool to ease the application process for the students most attracted to their schools.

A few colleges have programs in which early applicants must promise they will accept an offer of admission, and some of those schools -- such as George Washington University and the University of Virginia -- tell financial aid applicants in December roughly how much money they will receive.

But at most colleges with early admission programs, officials say they don't make early scholarship offers because there are too many unknowns, including the amount the student will receive from federal and private grant and loan programs.

The consensus among educators is that the difference in the way urban and suburban high schools have reacted to the early admission trend is one more consequence of an overall disparity in resources.

Counselors at urban high schools should be telling students such as Miller that they have nothing to lose by filing an early application and that it could help them in the long run, several educators said.

But some D.C. school administrators said their counselors have so many discipline, health and motivational problems to handle that it is hard for them to keep track of shifting collegiate practices. Suburban counselors, on the other hand, said they find it easy to spread news of new admission procedures

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because of the obsession with that subject in affluent neighborhoods.

Janice L. Nicholson, associate vice president for enrollment management at Howard University, one of the schools Miller hopes to apply to, said suburban students are far more likely to hear about useful nuances in the college admission process from their friends, their parents, the Internet or counselors who have time and money to attend special training and information sessions.

"It is a fact of life that the resources in the suburbs are very beneficial," Nicholson said.

Another problem is that many students in the District don't have their Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) results ready for an early college application because they wait until their senior year to take the exam. Suburban students usually take the SAT in their junior year.

This year's three-week delay in the opening of the D.C. schools was an additional blow, because it delayed the first-period grade reports for seniors until Nov. 13, two weeks after the Nov. 1 deadline for most early application programs.

Leroy Lewis, acting assistant principal at Spingarn High School, said he thinks more staff and training are needed for counseling departments to take advantage of the early application trend.

"Our kids take the SAT too late in the year," he said. "In a lot of inner-city schools, the SAT is seen as a thing for the senior year."

Michael J. O'Leary, senior associate director of admissions at George Washington, said he recognizes the difficulties some high schools may have in adjusting to the earlier admission schedule.

"We would welcome contact with any Washington school that is interested in looking to us for advice on how to handle this," he said.

GRAPHIC: Photo, marvin joseph, D.C.'s Lakysaun Miller would like to apply early, "but I can't do it in my situation." Lakysaun Miller, a senior at the District's **Cardozo High School** who has a 3.7 grade point average, would seem to be a prime candidate for early admission.

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