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In recognition of World AIDS Day 2007 President George W. Bush highlights partnerships between faith-based organizations and PEPFAR. White House photo by Chris Greenberg.

White House Marks World AIDS Day 2007

On World AIDS Day 2007, the U.S. Government highlighted the important role of faith- and community-based organizations in the global fight against HIV/AIDS. President and Mrs. Bush discussed the global response to HIV/AIDS with U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator Mark Dybul, members of local churches leading volunteer efforts in AIDS-afflicted countries and faith-based organizations partnering with the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). The President stated, "One reason for the effectiveness of our efforts is the leading role of faith-based organizations."

"Faith-based groups...are the foot soldiers in the armies of compassion. They are changing behavior by changing hearts — and they are helping to defeat this epidemic one soul at a time."

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

White House Roundtable: Faith-Based And Community Solutions To Combat HIV/AIDS

The December 2007 Compassion in Action Roundtable featured outstanding leaders committed to defeating the HIV/AIDS epidemic, including Under secretary of State for Public Diplomacy Karen Hughes, Dr. and Mrs. Kay Warren of Saddleback Church in California, and Ambassador and U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator Mark Dybul.



Representatives from non-profit organizations discuss goals and strategies at the HIV/AIDS Roundtable.



Dr. Anan Hammad, director of the Arab Community Center for Social Services and Cheryl-Anne Hall of Lutheran Family Health Centers participate in the HIV/AIDS Roundtable.



Mrs. Kay Warren, Director of the HIV/AIDS Initiative at Saddleback Church in California, shares her vision of hope at the HIV/AIDS Roundtable.

New Partners Initiative 2007 Grantees

This World AIDS Day, the New Partners Initiative (NPI) announced \$35 million for fourteen awards to new grantees. As part of the PEPFAR plan, NPI provides grant opportunities for non-profit organizations fighting the AIDS pandemic. President Bush launched the New Partners Initiative on World AIDS Day 2005, and NPI kicked off its first round of grant awards in December 2006. Following are the newest NPI grant recipients:

- American Refugee Committee International (ARC) — Minneapolis, Minn., USA
- Baptist AIDS Response Agency (BARA) — Nairobi, Kenya
- CAMFED USA Foundation — San Francisco, Calif., USA
- Children's Emergency Relief International (CERI) — Kingwood, Texas, USA
- Comprehensive HIV AIDS Management Programme (CHAMP) — Lusaka, Zambia
- Handicap International Rwanda — Surrey, United Kingdom
- Integrated Community Based Initiatives (ICOB) — Bushenyi District, Uganda
- Matibabu Foundation Kenya — Ugenya, Kenya
- St. Boniface Haiti Foundation — Randolph, Mass., USA
- Sophumelela Clinic Incorporated (SCI) — Eastern Cape, South Africa
- Tearfund — Teddington, United Kingdom
- THETA — Kampala, Uganda
- Woord en Daad — Gorinchem, Netherlands
- World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP) — New York, NY, USA

Nation's Governors Advance the Faith-Based And Community Initiative in New Conference Series

Last summer, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI) kicked off a new conference series to discuss the role of governors in advancing strategies to grow the Initiative's reach in all 50 states. Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano and Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty joined OFBCI Director Jay Hein to host the first two events. In Phoenix and Minneapolis, these conferences provided hundreds of faith and community leaders with information on the federal grants process, funding opportunities and legal responsibilities.



RIGHT: Outgoing National Governors Association (NGA) Chair Governor Napolitano greets incoming Chair Governor Pawlenty at the NGA Convention in Michigan, July 2007.

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Governor Mitch Daniels And Indianapolis Colts Coach Tony Dungy Participate In White House Regional Conference



Indianapolis Colts Coach Tony Dungy and Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels deliver remarks at the White House FBCI Conference in Indianapolis.

On November 5-6, 2007, Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels and OFBCI Director Jay Hein joined more than 800 leaders representing faith- and community-based organizations at a White House Regional Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in Indianapolis. Tony Dungy, head coach of the Indianapolis Colts and member of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, also addressed attendees and presented the President's Volunteer Service Award to two Hoosier dads for their work on encouraging mentorship.



White House Roundtable Spotlights Education Issues

The White House OFBCI monthly Compassion in Action Roundtables are designed to examine the unique role of faith-based and community organizations in addressing the great human needs of our day. The August 2007 Roundtable hosted education experts from the public and private sectors in a forum discussion of both federal and community initiatives that are addressing the “achievement gap” between disadvantaged students and their peers.

Panel topics focused on various educational initiatives, including No Child Left Behind, Supplemental Educational Services (SES) and school choice. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Education showcased several initiatives that have brought federal and community educators together, including one of local interest: the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program, which awards eligible students with tuition to attend a school of their choice.

“President Bush has been an historic advocate for choice in education. He’s supported a robust expansion of school choice options for students and parents. Faith-based and community organizations can continue to play a leading role.”

SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
MARGARET SPELLINGS

Hispanic Youth and Education Discussed At White House Regional Conference

On September 24, 2007, Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings addressed over 750 educators and leaders attending the White House Conference on Hispanic Youth and Education in Washington, DC. Spellings lauded the work of faith- and community-based organizations providing SES after-school tutoring for low-income students.

“These supplemental services are critical to improving student achievement and the faith-based community has played an important role -- over 12% of provider organizations were from the faith-based community last year,” she stated. Spellings also highlighted the impact of the No Child Left Behind Act on improving educational opportunities for Hispanic students.

New Grants To Empower Faith-Based And Community Organizations

Mentoring Children of Prisoners

During a Helping America’s Youth event in Louisiana on November 1, 2007, Mrs. Laura Bush announced that the Administration for Children and Families in the Department of HHS will award \$49 million to the Mentoring Children of Prisoners (MCP) program in fiscal year 2008.



Mrs. Laura Bush visits with students in New Orleans at a Helping America’s Youth event with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southeast Louisiana. White House photo by Shealah Craighead.

A presidential initiative, MCP provides funds to match children of prisoners with mentors. Since its inception, MCP has matched more than 70,000 children with adult mentors, and is working to reach 100,000 children this year.

Access To Recovery

The September 20th, 2007, White House Compassion in Action Roundtable focused on the role faith-based and community organizations play in providing substance abuse recovery services. In keynote remarks, Office on National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Director John Walters announced \$98 million in Access to Recovery (ATR) grants. “We will build on this record of success with this new round of grants and offer the opportunity for recovery to hundreds of thousands more people.” To date, ATR has served over 199,000 individuals through more than 5,400 service providers. The 24 new ATR grants will be awarded over three years and will help grantees increase access to clinical treatment and recovery support services for an estimated 160,000 individuals.

Compassion Capital Fund

On October 19, 2007, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced awards totaling more than \$57 million through the Compassion Capital Fund (CCF). These grants will expand capacity to provide services for 387 FBCOs. “The Compassion Capital Fund is the signature initiative of President Bush’s community renewal agenda,” said OFBCI Director Jay Hein. “It equips the quiet heroes serving those in need in America’s communities.”

White House OFBCI Director Jay Hein Joins Mrs. Bush At November *Helping America's Youth* Events



Mrs. Laura Bush greets students in New Orleans on November 1, 2007, during a Helping America's Youth visit with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southeast Louisiana. White House photo by Shealah Craighead.

White House OFBCI Director Jay Hein joined Mrs. Bush at two Helping America's Youth (HAY) events this fall. The November 1, 2007 event took place in New Orleans, La., at Good Shepherd Nativity Mission School.

Director Hein also attended the Dallas, Texas, HAY Conference on November 8, 2007, delivering opening remarks to a gathering of regional community leaders. Hein stated, "Over two million children have a mother or father in prison, which increases their risk factors for crime and other unhealthy behaviors. Research shows that all these problems...are defeated with a host of solutions, but at the top of that list is the presence of a caring, loving adult in the life of each child."

President Bush announced the HAY initiative in his 2005 State of the Union address. In addition to encouraging mentorship, HAY provides unique networking resources for individuals, communities and non-profit organizations. For more information, please visit: www.helpingamericasyouth.gov.

"President Bush and I believe that every child in the United States should have the adult support and guidance they need to lead healthy lives."

MRS. LAURA BUSH

OFBCI Director Jay Hein Keynotes Puerto Rico FBCI Conference

Last fall, OFBCI Director Jay Hein participated in the first workshop on faith-based and community initiatives held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Hosted by U.S. Representative Luis Fortuno, the October 20, 2007 event drew more than 450

community leaders representing over 200 non-profits and faith organizations from the commonwealth. Over 48 Puerto Rican mayors have established faith-based and community liaison offices within their municipalities.

Fall Roundtables Tackle Injustice



Ambassador Mark Lagon discusses trafficking issues at the October 24, 2007 Compassion in Action Roundtable. Photo courtesy of State Department



Leading actor in new movie "Bella", Eduardo Verástegui delivers remarks on adoption issues at the November 2007 Compassion in Action Roundtable.

The October 2007 White House Compassion in Action Roundtable brought together stakeholders who are instrumental in the fight against human trafficking, both in the U.S. and abroad. Attendees included public officials, policymakers and leaders from the non-profit, faith-based and private sectors. Ambassador Mark Lagon, director, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons at the U.S. State Department, addressed the importance of government and community partnerships to combat trafficking.

"Trafficking in persons is nothing less than modern-day slavery. It shouldn't be regulated or merely mitigated; it must be abolished."

AMBASSADOR MARK LAGON

The November 2007 Compassion in Action Roundtable entitled "Solutions for Orphans and Vulnerable Children," drew over 120 leaders from the private, non-profit and public sectors to discuss adoption issues. Actor, film producer and adoption advocate Eduardo Verástegui delivered keynote remarks, challenging leaders to partner together in caring for orphans. Other speakers included Dr. Sharen Ford, President of the National Association of State Adoption Programs (NASAP), and the Honorable Dan Schneider, Acting Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Roundtable also featured families who shared their personal journeys through the adoption process.

Secretary Chao Addresses White House National Summit on Prisoner Reentry

On November 27-28, 2007, more than 1000 people attended the first White House National Summit on Prisoner Reentry. Hosted in Los Angeles by the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI), the two-day conference highlighted the success of the President's reentry initiatives in changing lives and improving communities. Participants shared top innovations in the field, and helped to expand partnerships between Federal, State, and local corrections agencies and faith-based and secular non-profit prisoner reintegration programs. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao delivered keynote remarks.

"We have taken aggressive action to carry out the President's visions by leveling the playing field for faith-based and community organizations in every agency...[and have] draw[n] upon the unique strengths of faith-based and community organizations that complement the strengths of the workforce system."

SECRETARY
ELAINE CHAO

