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“The indispensable and transforming work of faith-based and other charitable service groups must be encouraged.

Government cannot be replaced by charities, but it can and should welcome them as partners. We must heed the growing consensus across America that successful government social programs work in fruitful partnership with community-serving and faith-based organizations.”

President George W. Bush

White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

As one of the first acts of his Presidency, President Bush established the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. He also created Centers for the Initiative in ten Federal agencies: the Departments of Justice, Agriculture, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Education, Commerce, and Veterans Affairs, the Agency for International Development, and the Small Business Administration. The White House Office and the Agency Centers were tasked with leading a "determined attack on need" by strengthening and expanding the role of these groups in addressing the nation's social problems. The President envisions a "faith-friendly" public square where grassroots organizations can compete equally with other groups to provide government-funded services.

The White House Office and the Agency Centers assist organizations in identifying Federal resources, educate social service providers about writing and managing government grants, and connect faith-based and community groups to each other.

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Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

JIM TOWEY

Jim Towey serves as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives.

Mr. Towey has extensive governmental and nonprofit experience that cuts across traditional party lines. He served Republican Senator Mark Hatfield as Legislative Director and Legal Counsel and also served in the cabinet of Democratic Florida Governor Lawton Chiles.

In 1993, Chiles appointed Mr. Towey to run Florida's health and social services agency – the largest in the United States. While serving in that agency, Mr. Towey helped Florida set a record for the number of adoptions and also implemented welfare-to-work pilot projects that became the national model.

After leaving the public sector in 1996, Mr. Towey founded and ran Aging with Dignity, a national nonprofit organization that helps families plan for and discuss the care they want during times of serious illness.

Most significant in Mr. Towey's life, however, was his work with Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Mr. Towey met Mother Teresa in 1985, visiting her home for the dying – an event he describes as the “defining moment” in his life. Mr. Towey went on to serve as legal counsel to Mother Teresa for 12 years and in 1990 lived as a full-time volunteer in her home for people with AIDS in Washington, DC.

DENNIS GRACE

Dennis Grace serves as Special Assistant to the President for Administrative Reforms in the White House Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives.

Mr. Grace worked in the field of refugee affairs for two decades. As the International Rescue Committee's Joint Voluntary Agency Representative in Bangkok from 1981 to 1995, he directed the U.S. private voluntary agency involvement in the Indochinese Refugee Resettlement program in Thailand. That initiative brought 500,000 Vietnamese, Khmer, Hmong, and Lao refugees to the United States from camps in Thailand. He later served as Vice President of Refugees International, a Washington, DC-based advocacy group. Mr. Grace also worked to strengthen the US-Thai commercial relationship as Executive Director of the US-Thailand Business Council, and founded an English language school in Vientiane, Laos.

A native of Chicago, he holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado and a graduate degree in East Asian Regional Affairs from Harvard University.

KATHY WILLS

Kathy Wills currently serves as the Special Assistant to the President for Legislation and Policy in the White House Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives.

Ms. Wills has a diverse background in politics and public relations, as well as in education and marketing. Most recently, she served at the United States Department of State as the Senior Advisor to the Secretary (General Colin Powell) as White House Liaison where she advised the Secretary on Presidential appointments, ambassadorships, and UN delegations. Prior to her position at the Department of State, Ms. Wills served as the Director of Communications at the Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS). At DTS, Ms. Wills directed the graduate institutes in design, publications, and marketing. She also was Director for Marketing at Thomas Nelson Publishers in Nashville, Tennessee and Vice President of Public Affairs for United Seniors Association.

During the Administration of President George H.W. Bush, Ms. Wills was the West Wing Receptionist at the White House in the Immediate Office of the President and then served as the White House Liaison to the United States Department of Transportation.

A native of Texas, Ms. Wills obtained an undergraduate and masters degree from Baylor University in Education. She is currently a Fellow at the C.S. Lewis Institute.

JEREMY WHITE

Jeremy White serves as the Associate Director of Outreach for the White House Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives.

Mr. White has previously served in various capacities in policy and research in the faith-based arena. He was Program and Policy Analyst at Public/Private Ventures where he researched the extent and efficacy of faith-based programs nationwide under the guidance of John Dilulio. There he co-authored a study “Faith-Based Programs for At-Risk Youth in Washington, DC.” He also researched metropolitan government in the Economic Studies Department of the Brookings Institution and contributed to the work *The Orphaned Capital*, a book focused on remedying the former financial woes of the District of Columbia’s municipal government. Most recently he served as Coordinator of Youth Programs at the Unique Learning Center, a faith-based academic enrichment center in Washington, DC.

A native of Detroit, he is a graduate of Princeton University. At Princeton, he concentrated in urban policy at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and obtained a certificate in Spanish Language and Culture.

REBECCA REES DUMMERMUTH

Rebecca Rees Dummermuth serves as the Associate Director for Legal Affairs in the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Ms. Dummermuth has experience both in government and with the Religion Clauses of the First Amendment. She previously served in the Department of Labor as Special Assistant to the Solicitor, Eugene Scalia. Most recently, she worked as Legal Counsel at The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a public interest law firm in Washington, D.C. While in law school, she published a Note entitled “*If We Recant, Could We Qualify?: The Exclusion of Religious Providers from State Social Service Voucher Programs*,” which examined the intersection of the charitable choice initiative, state Blaine Amendments, and the First Amendment.

A native of Pennsylvania, Ms. Dummermuth received her undergraduate degree *summa cum laude* from Grove City College. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Washington and Lee University School of Law, where she was a lead articles editor for the Washington and Lee Law Review. Following graduation from law school, Ms. Dummermuth clerked for the Honorable Rhesa Hawkins Barksdale on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

CHRIS BUGBEE

Chris Bugbee, on detail from the U.S. Department of Labor, serves as the Associate Director for Special Projects in the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Mr. Bugbee brings experience from multiple levels of government and an understanding of the variety of issues facing the public sector. At the Department of Labor, he serves as a Senior Intergovernmental Officer in the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs where he is a liaison to state and local government officials. Prior to his appointment there three years ago, Mr. Bugbee spent time working at the state and local levels of government in Texas.

Bugbee received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University and a Masters of Administration from the George Bush School of Government and Public Service.

JENNIFER STECHER SULLIVAN

Jennifer Stecher Sullivan serves as the Deputy Associate Director for Outreach at the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Ms. Sullivan previously worked in public affairs and media relations at the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA), where she ran the *VITA Wireless Samaritan* program.

Before joining CTIA, Ms. Sullivan taught pre-school age children and wrote grant proposals for an innovative early childhood education program in Boston. She has volunteered for a number of nonprofit organizations, including the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization and Miriam's Kitchen, a breakfast program located in Washington, DC.

A native of San Francisco, Ms. Sullivan graduated in 1999 from Georgetown University, where she majored in theology and minored in Spanish and psychology.

CATHARINE RYUN

Catharine Ryun serves as the Executive Assistant to the Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Before joining the White House, Ms. Ryun helped coordinate logistics for the 2000 Inaugural Committee. She has served as an assistant treasurer, media director, scheduler, and coordinator of grassroots initiatives for various political campaigns. She has also worked as an office manager for two Christian sports camps and volunteered as an emergency medical technician.

A native of Lawrence, Kansas, Ms. Ryun attended Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas.

CHRISTOPHER LINDSAY

Christopher Lindsay serves as the Staff Assistant at the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Before joining the White House, Mr. Lindsay served as an executive board member for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. He later went on to spend two years living in the Ural region of the Russian Federation as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. There he was involved in many service activities including working on anti-tobacco campaigns in local schools, promoting religious tolerance, and coordinating a project with the Red Cross of Bashkortostan.

Mr. Lindsay previously started a Red Cross organization in his college community that initiated a campus-wide CPR certification program as well as organized college students to teach basic safety to elementary school students. He was a volunteer with the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games where he hosted and translated for a member of the Russian Press.

A native of Provo, Utah, Mr. Lindsay graduated with Honors from Brigham Young University.

U.S. Department of Justice

Task Force for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

What is the mission of the Department of Justice?

Under the leadership of Attorney General John Ashcroft, the Department's mission is to enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law; to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic; to provide Federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.

How does the Department accomplish its mission?

To accomplish its mission, the Department depends on each of its 110,000 loyal, skilled, and dedicated employees. Led by the Attorney General, the Department of Justice comprises 39 separate component organizations, such as U.S. Attorneys; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Prisons, which confines convicted offenders; several litigating divisions representing the interests of the American people and enforcing Federal criminal and civil laws; the Office of Justice Programs (OJP); and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). OJP and COPS provide leadership and assistance to State, tribal, and local governments and private non-profit organizations.

What role is there for faith-based and community organizations at the Department of Justice?

Faith-based and community organizations play a significant role in the Department's programs, particularly in the areas of community development and crime prevention, domestic violence, drug and alcohol intervention and prevention, juvenile delinquency and youth gangs, prisoners and their families, and services to victims of crime.

Most of the programs of interest to faith-based and community organizations are administered through OJP and the Office on Violence Against Women. OJP's bureaus and program offices include the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office for Victims of Crime, and the Office of Weed and Seed. Faith-based and community organizations may participate in social services programs as direct recipients of funding or as project partners, working on broad-based community responses to crime.

In addition, partnership opportunities exist within the Federal Bureau of Prisons, which is responsible for the custody and care of approximately 162,000 Federal offenders, as well as within COPS.

PATRICK PURTILL

Before becoming Director of the Department of Justice Task Force for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Patrick Purtill served as President & CEO of the National Council For Adoption (NCFA). Founded in 1980, NCFA leads the nation in promoting adoption as a positive option for children in need and women in crisis, domestically and internationally.

From 1998 to 2000, Mr. Purtill served as President and Executive Director of the Washington Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to low-income elementary and secondary school children in the District of Columbia to attend private, independent, and parochial schools.

Before joining the National Council For Adoption and the Washington Scholarship Fund, Mr. Purtill served as Legislative Assistant to Congressman E. Thomas Coleman during the 102nd Congress.

During his years in Washington, Mr. Purtill has provided commentary on child welfare issues for national broadcasts and newspapers, including ABC's World News Tonight, NBC's Today Show, CNN, MSNBC, and USA Today, in addition to many regional and local broadcasts and newspapers.

Mr. Purtill studied political philosophy at the University of Dallas where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Politics degree.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

What is the mission of the Department of Agriculture?

Under the leadership of Secretary Ann M. Veneman, the Department of Agriculture works with rural and urban communities to strengthen the entire food and agricultural system.

How does the Department accomplish its mission?

The Department accomplishes its mission through a number of activities. It works to ensure a safe, affordable, nutritious, and accessible food supply and to reduce hunger in America and throughout the world. In addition, it supports the sound development of rural communities; cares for agricultural, forest, and range lands; provides economic and educational opportunities for farm and rural developments; and expands global markets for agricultural and forest products and services.

What role is there for faith-based and community organizations at the Department of Agriculture?

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) has a history of partnership with faith-based and community organizations to carry out its diverse programs. Faith-based and community organizations can partner with USDA to help eliminate hunger, revitalize communities, and protect the environment.

Many of these opportunities are found in USDA's Food and Nutrition Service and Rural Development, along with a few in the Foreign Agricultural Service's food aid. These opportunities are generally not grants, but instead take the form of reimbursements for meals served or loans and loan guarantees to build housing or community facilities.

JULIET McCARTHY

Juliet McCarthy currently serves as the Director of the Department of Agriculture Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Prior to joining USDA, she was the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor's Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives since June 2001.

From 1994-98, Ms. McCarthy worked as an attorney for the Georgia Justice Project, which provides criminal defense services to the poor, visits clients who are sentenced to jail and prison, and supports ex-offender rehabilitation and re-entry efforts. She was named Development Director for the Southern Regional Council, a leading Atlanta civil rights organization, where she served from 1998-99.

Ms. McCarthy holds a J.D., with honors, from Emory University School of Law and a B.A., with high distinction, from the University of Virginia.

U.S. Department of Labor

Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

What is the mission of the Department of Labor?

Under the leadership of Secretary Elaine L. Chao, the Department is committed to the welfare of the United State's job seekers, wage earners, and retirees.

How does the Department accomplish its mission?

The Department improves working conditions, advances opportunities for profitable employment, protects retirement and health care benefits, and helps employers find workers. To provide career services and job training nationwide, the Department funds the nation's One-Stop Career Center System, which is authorized through the Workforce Investment Act. The Department also administers a variety of Federal labor laws, including those that guarantee workers' rights to safe and healthy working conditions, a minimum hourly wage and overtime pay, freedom from employment discrimination, and unemployment insurance.

What role is there for faith-based and community organizations at the Department of Labor?

By getting involved with the nation's One-Stop Career Center System, faith-based and community organizations can help connect people in need to the Federal-State workforce system in their community and can become part of these networks. One-Stop Centers house all Federal employment and training services in one place, integrating programs such as unemployment insurance, State job services, public assistance, and training initiatives. One-Stop customers can find out about job vacancies, receive career counseling, and obtain job skills training.

Additionally, faith-based and community organizations are welcome partners to the U.S. Department of Labor agencies, such as the Employment and Training Administration, the Veteran's Employment Training Services, International Bureau of Labor Affairs, and the Office of Disability and Employment Policy. Each agency has individual grant programs which explicitly include faith-based and community organizations, and each encourages partnerships between large non-profits and faith-based and community organizations.

BRENT ORRELL

Brent Orrell joined the U.S. Department of Labor as the Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in August, 2001. Before joining DOL, he worked in both the United States Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives for 15 years.

Most recently he served as Legislative Director to Senator Sam Brownback, one of the Senate's leading advocates for faith-based and community initiatives. From 1998 to 2000, he was Administrative Assistant to Congressman Gil Gutknecht.

From 1996 to 1998, Mr. Orrell served as Legislative Director to Senator Dan Coats. He was the lead staff person overseeing the Project for American Renewal, an omnibus legislative package designed to highlight and support the work of religious and community organizations. He also oversaw the creation of REAL Life, a separate faith-based and community package more narrowly tailored to the economic, social, and educational problems of urban areas.

From 1989 to 1996, Mr. Orrell served as Deputy Legislative Director to Senator Sam Nunn where he handled health care, welfare, and other domestic policy issues.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

What is the mission of the Department of Health and Human Services?

Under the leadership of Secretary Tommy Thompson, the Department's mission is to protect the health of all Americans and to provide essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.

How does the Department accomplish its mission?

The largest grant-making agency in the Federal government, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) operates some 300 programs and provides around 60,000 grants per year. These programs cover a wide spectrum of activities, including medical and social science research, preventing outbreak of infectious disease, assuring food and drug safety, Medicare and Medicaid, financial assistance for low-income families, Head Start, substance abuse treatment and prevention, and services for older Americans. The Department's budget in fiscal year 2004 is \$548 billion.

What role is there for faith-based and community organizations at the Department of Health and Human Services?

Faith-based and community organizations have a history of providing a variety of services funded under HHS programs. Most of the opportunities of interest to grassroots organizations are available through four of HHS' agencies—the Administration for Children and Families, the Administration on Aging, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The Charitable Choice laws apply to three HHS programs: (1) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (HHS's chief means for providing assistance and work opportunities to families in need); (2) programs operated by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration; and (3) the Community Services Block Grant program. Together, these programs make approximately \$20 billion available for serving America's neediest families. The provisions of the Charitable Choice laws are similar to the principles of the President's Executive Order on equal treatment for faith-based organizations (Executive Order 13279), which apply to all Federal financial assistance for social service programs.

HHS is also responsible for administering the Compassion Capital Fund (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccf/>). Created in 2002, the Administration for Children and Families' Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) is a key component of the President's Faith-Based and Community Initiative. CCF helps faith-based and community organizations increase their effectiveness and enhance their ability to provide social services to those most in need. The Compassion Capital Fund administers two grant programs: the Demonstration Program and the Targeted Capacity Building Program. The CCF Demonstration Program funds intermediary organizations that provide faith-based and community organizations training, technical assistance, and capacity-building sub-awards. The CCF Targeted Capacity Building Program funds faith-based and community organizations with one time, \$50,000 awards to increase their capacity to serve targeted social service priority areas. During the three years since the President created the Fund, the CCF has provided \$99.5 million in grants to 197 organizations and sub-grants to over 1,700 grass-roots organizations.

ROBERT POLITO

Robert J. Polito serves Secretary Tommy Thompson as the director of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr. Polito is the Founder and past President of FaithWorks International in New York City. In the fall of 1999, Mr. Polito founded FaithWorks Milwaukee. Mr. Polito has also served as the former Executive Director of BMTc. Mr. Polito founded BMTc in January 1994, and led the design of the programs and administrative systems.

Mr. Polito has a 12-year management career. He has sat on several Boards of Directors and served as an advisor to the Mayor of New York on welfare and substance abuse issues. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Health Education from Pennsylvania State University where he was recognized as a national champion collegiate athlete. While in college, he was also very active in Christian Athletes.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

What is the mission of the Department of Housing and Urban Development?

Under the leadership of Secretary Alfonso Jackson, the Department's mission focuses on increasing homeownership, supporting community development, enforcing fair housing laws, reducing chronic homelessness, and increasing access to affordable housing for low-income individuals and families.

How does the Department accomplish its mission?

Through a combination of direct grants, formula grants to State and local authorities, and insurance programs, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) increases opportunities for homeownership, provides housing assistance for low-income Americans, helps the homeless, and provides affordable housing for the elderly, people with disabilities, and people living with AIDS. The Department also promotes economic development in thousands of communities across America, and prevents housing discrimination through public education and enforcement of fair housing laws.

What role is there for faith-based and community organizations at the Department of Housing and Urban Development?

Faith-based and community organizations have long been involved in constructing affordable housing for the elderly and disabled, providing shelter for the homeless, and promoting homeownership and community development. Faith-based and community organizations also provide support and services to residents of public housing. Faith-based and community groups can apply directly to HUD for programs such as homeless assistance grants, housing counseling, and elderly housing. They can also access funds for affordable housing and community development from their city or State governments.

RYAN STREETER

Ryan Streeter is Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He also served in the Bush administration as Associate Director for Information Resources in the White House Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives and was previously at HUD as the Center's Resource Director.

Prior to joining the Bush administration, he served as a research fellow at Hudson Institute, where he advised public and private leaders on policy concerning faith-based and community organizations, and served as Special Assistant for neighborhood policy to former Indianapolis mayor Stephen Goldsmith. He has authored and edited several books and numerous articles on the public purposes that faith-based and community organizations serve.

Mr. Streeter holds a Ph.D. from Emory University.

U.S. Department of Education

Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

What is the mission of the U.S. Department of Education?

Under the leadership of Secretary Rod Paige, the Department's mission is to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence for all Americans.

How does the Department accomplish its mission?

The Department provides national leadership and partnerships to address critical issues in American education, and it delivers approximately \$13 billion per year to help schools meet the most pressing needs of their students. In addition, it conducts and monitors educational research and shares the latest findings and information with parents, teachers, school board members, policy makers, and the general public. It also helps families pay for college, prepares students for work in a changing economy, and ensures nondiscrimination by recipients of Federal education funds.

An important priority for the Department is the *No Child Left Behind* Act, which President Bush signed into law on January 8, 2002. This new law fundamentally changes the Federal government's role in elementary and secondary school education by requiring America's schools to be accountable for positive results in student achievement. The Act implements the President's four basic education reform principles: stronger accountability for results, increased flexibility and local control, expanded options for parents, and an emphasis on proven teaching methods.

What role is there for faith-based and community organizations at the U.S. Department of Education?

Faith-based and community organizations play an important role in accomplishing the Department's mission. They foster a culture of achievement in which every child is expected to learn, hold the school system accountable for improved academic achievement, and access Federal resources to provide extra academic help and support to America's schools.

Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply directly to the Department for a number of grants. For example, under the Safe and Drug Free Schools program, faith-based and community organizations can provide mentoring services to children to boost academic achievement and reduce dropout rates. Faith-based and community groups may also partner with local schools in programs such as the Even Start Family Literacy Program, which integrates literacy training for low-income children and parents.

Additionally, the *No Child Left Behind* Act provides substantial funding for "supplemental services," which are provided by outside organizations that tutor children who attend schools designated as needing improvement. Faith-based and community groups may review the Department's explanation of this program to learn how to become a certified provider of these supplemental services. The Act also provides funding for 21st Century Community Learning Centers, which provide comprehensive after-school services. Even if they choose not to apply for Federal educational funds, community leaders can get involved by calling upon local officials to implement the *No Child Left Behind* Act, and they can encourage their local officials to take advantage of all the opportunities the Act offers. In addition, they can inform and educate parents about the new opportunities available for their children.

JOHN PORTER

John Porter is the director of the Department of Education Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Mr. Porter is an attorney from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with extensive experience working with faith-based and community organizations. He served on the board of an inner city faith-based school in Pittsburgh and advocated for a quality education for children of all backgrounds after witnessing first-hand the desperate plight of inner city kids who were not being well served by their school systems.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Porter practiced law in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He earned a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1987 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1981.

U.S. Agency for International Development

Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

What is the mission of the U.S. Agency for International Development?

Under the leadership of Administrator Andrew Natsios, the Agency for International Development (USAID) is the principal U.S. agency working to fulfill U.S. foreign policy interests in expanding democracy and free markets, while also improving the lives of the citizens of the developing world.

How does the Agency accomplish its mission?

USAID provides foreign aid to further many important goals abroad, including disaster assistance, food aid, economic support, assistance to achieve democracy and good governance, improved global health, and environmental preservation. USAID maintains a worldwide structure of offices to administer USAID programs and services. It awards grants and competitive contracts to various domestic and foreign nonprofit and for-profit organizations to implement USAID programs.

What role is there for faith-based and community organizations at the U.S. Agency for International Development?

Faith-based and community organizations play the same role as other USAID partners—to meet the strategic objectives of the Agency by empowering people in developing nations around the world.

USAID has a long history of working with faith-based and community organizations. Since its inception in 1961, USAID has done extensive work with religious groups such as Catholic Relief Services, World Vision, Lutheran World Relief, and others. The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at USAID works to remove barriers to the full participation for potential new faith-based and community-based partners.

USAID will work diligently to ensure that taxpayer money will go to the most appropriate and effective activities with all of its partners. The Agency is committed to reaching out beyond traditional partners to find new organizations that will help USAID improve the lives of citizens in the developing world.

LINDA SHOVLAIN

Linda Shovlain currently serves as the Acting Director of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Prior to becoming Acting Director, Ms. Shovlain was the Deputy Director for the USAID Center, where she worked closely with faith-based and community-based organizations working in international relief and development projects abroad.

Previous to joining USAID, Ms. Shovlain was the Communications Director for the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia. In this capacity, Ms. Shovlain worked with diocesan social outreach programs and was responsible for all official press events and releases for the Diocese of Arlington within the geographic boundaries of northern Virginia.

Miss Shovlain studied philosophy and theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome from 1995 to 2000 where she received her Bachelor of Arts and Licentiate in Sacred Theology.

U.S. Department of Commerce

Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

What is the mission of the Department of Commerce?

Under the leadership of Secretary Don Evans, the Department's mission is to create the conditions for economic growth and opportunity by promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, competitiveness, and stewardship.

How does the Department accomplish its mission?

The Department works to provide the information and tools to maximize U.S. competitiveness and enable economic growth for American industries, workers, and consumers. It fosters science and technological leadership by protecting intellectual property, enhancing technical standards, and advancing measurement science, and works to observe, protect, and manage earth's resources by promoting environmental stewardship.

What role is there for faith-based and community organizations at the Department of Commerce?

The Department of Commerce has a long history of providing grants to faith-based and community organizations that give assistance to distressed communities and minority business.

For example, in 2002, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) awarded \$50,000 to the African American Ministries in Pennsylvania, to develop ways to increase the volume and effectiveness of job training, new building initiatives, business incubation, the use of credit unions, investment clubs, and commercial ventures. In that same year, EDA also awarded \$900,000 to the Carver Community Center in Cumberland, Maryland to support a micro-enterprise business incubator and training program facility.

The new Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at the Department of Commerce will work to improve the ability of faith-based and community organizations to fully participate in Federal programs by removing unmerited barriers and bureaucratic red tape.

DAVID BOHIGIAN

David Bohigian was named Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at the Department of Commerce on July 16, 2004. Mr. Bohigian also serves as the Director of the Office of Policy and Strategic Planning, where he formulates and recommends policy positions and initiatives to the Secretary.

Prior to joining the Commerce Department, Mr. Bohigian served as a Managing Director of Idealab. Idealab creates and operates companies, with approximately 50 businesses in various stages of development. With Idealab, he served in several management positions for various portfolio companies, including Chief Executive Officer of Ice Jewelry. Later, he led operations for Idealab's London office.

Mr. Bohigian joined Idealab after it acquired the company he founded, Washington-based VenCatalyst. Prior to founding VenCatalyst, Mr. Bohigian was a partner at Jefferson Partners, a Washington, D.C.-based venture capital firm. Mr. Bohigian developed policy understanding and experience through serving in the office of Speaker Newt Gingrich, including during the first 100 days of the 1995 Congress: the "Contract with America."

Mr. Bohigian received his J.D. from Washington University and received his B.A. in journalism, cum laude, from Washington & Lee University. He is a member of the Missouri Bar Association and the Eagle Scout Association.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

What is the mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs?

Under the leadership of Secretary Anthony J. Principi, the Department's mission is "To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan." These words, spoken by Abraham Lincoln during his Second Inaugural Address, reflect the philosophy and principles that guide the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in everything it does and are the focus of its endeavors to serve the nation's veterans and their families.

How does your agency accomplish its mission?

The Department of Veterans Affairs carries on the nation's strong history of support for veterans. By challenging itself to provide world-class benefits and services to veterans in a manner that is cost-effective, VA strives to fulfill the words spoken by President Lincoln over 100 years ago. The spirit of these words is further ingrained in the Department's statutory mandate "to administer the laws providing benefits and other services to veterans and the dependents and the beneficiaries of veterans." (38 U.S.C.310(b)). This mandate sets forth VA's role as the principal advocate for veterans and charges it to ensure that veterans receive the medical care, benefits, social support, and lasting memorials they deserve in recognition of their service to their nation.

The delivery of veterans service is accomplished through 162 VA hospitals, more than 850 community and facility-based clinics, 43 domiciliaries, 206 Vet Centers, 57 regional offices, 120 national cemeteries, and 33 other cemeterial installations.

What role is there for faith-based and community organizations at the Department of Veterans Affairs?

The Department of Veterans Affairs welcomes faith-based and community organizations to apply directly to the VA for a number of grants. The VA has a number of different programs, and it works in a variety of venues with many partners at the Federal, State, and local levels and with faith-based and other community providers. Through such effective and extensive collaborations, combined with innovation, VA maximizes opportunities for success. One of VA's most significant programs is the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. It provides grants and per diem payments to help public and nonprofit organizations establish and operate new supportive housing and service centers for homeless veterans. Since the program's inception in FY 1994, VA has awarded more than 400 grants to faith-based and community service providers, State or local government agencies, and Native American tribal governments in 50 States and the District of Columbia.

DARIN SELNICK

Darin Selnick was appointed the Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for the Department of Veterans Affairs in July 2004. Most recently, he served as Special Assistant to the Secretary and Associate Dean, VA Learning University.

From 1999-2001, Mr. Selnick was the Director of Training and a member of the Executive Committee for Lindora Medical Clinics. In this role, he was responsible for all company training and development.

From 1993-1999, Mr. Selnick was Manager, Health Care Delivery/University Administration and a Senior Consultant for FHP International. Following its acquisition in 1997 by PacifiCare Health Systems, Mr. Selnick became Manager, Corporate Training, Education and Development.

From 1996 to 2000, Mr. Selnick served as a member of the City of Long Beach, Homeless Services Advisory Committee. His role as a committee member was to advise and make policy recommendations to the city council on the issue of homelessness.

Mr. Selnick is an Air Force veteran and has a BS in Health Science and a MA in Public Management.

Small Business Administration

Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

What is the mission of the Small Business Administration?

Under the leadership of Administrator Hector Barreto, the Administration's mission is to maintain and strengthen the nation's economy by aiding, counseling, assisting, and protecting the interests of small businesses and by helping families and businesses recover from national disasters.

How does the Administration accomplish its mission?

Since its founding in 1953, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has facilitated over \$230 billion in loans for small businesses. It has helped 20 million small businesses and facilitated millions of government contracts for small businesses.

What role is there for faith-based and community organizations at the Small Business Administration?

The SBA provides loan guarantees, technical support, grants, and other services to help small business men and women achieve their goals. Faith-based and community organizations can play a critically important role in helping the SBA locate, train, and help finance the entrepreneurs whose small businesses will provide jobs, hope, and opportunity to economically distressed communities across the nation.

JOSEPH SHATTAN

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Immediately prior to his appointment, he was an Assistant Administrator in the SBA's Office of Policy and Planning. From 2002 to 2003, Mr. Shattan served as Special Assistant and Senior Speechwriter to President George W. Bush and as Assistant for Speechwriting to Vice President Dick Cheney.

From 1989 to 1991, he served as speechwriter to Vice President Dan Quayle. Mr. Shattan has also served in the Department of Education, the Human Rights Bureau of the State Department, and the Policy Planning Office of the State Department.

He was a Bradley Fellow at the Heritage Foundation and a Public Affairs Fellow at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace, and is the author of one book and numerous articles and reviews on issues of public policy.

“I believe in the power of faith in people's lives. Our government should not fear programs that exist because a church or a synagogue or a mosque has decided to start one. We should not discriminate against programs based upon faith in America. We should enable them to access Federal money because faith-based programs can change people's lives, and America will be better off for it.”

President George W Bush

