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For the past seven years, the Faith-Based and Community Initiative (FBCI) has addressed society's most challenging problems by supporting the compassionate and invaluable work of thousands of faith-based and grassroots organizations. In response to President Bush's vision and leadership, the FBCI has inspired Federal, State, and local governments to form partnerships with America's "armies of compassion" as never before. This collaborative effort has resulted in significant changes in the way social services are delivered and, more importantly, improved the lives of countless citizens. Much of this success can be attributed to the hard work and leadership of faith-based and other community groups across the Nation.

Thirty-five Governors from both political parties now oversee initiatives dedicated to strengthening faith-based and community organizations and extending their vital work. Together, these State governments and organizations are addressing some of the toughest problems we face, from addiction and prisoner recidivism to homelessness and HIV/AIDS. Even in States without a formal office, the FBCI is tackling stubborn problems every day. Such partnerships between governments and nonprofit groups result in more individuals served and more lives touched.

This guidebook details the remarkable diversity of the FBCI at work in every State. Specifically, it details the awards won by each State's nonprofits, the funding they received, and the innovative programs they administer. On the right side of each page, we highlight an individual whose story conveys the distinct achievements of a particular grassroots effort within the State – describing impacts of the President's Initiative that numbers can never fully capture.

I congratulate each State on the accomplishments outlined in this book, and I pledge the continued support of the FBCI to help achieve new levels of success – whether a State chooses to form a new Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, hold training events for nonprofits, or launch a demonstration project to tackle a State's greatest challenges. Through grassroots leadership and the stalwart service of faith-based and community organizations, I am confident these innovative partnerships will continue to grow in the years to come.

Jay F. Hein
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and Community Initiatives

ALABAMA



Federal Grant Awards to Alabama Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$164 million through 186 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$149,784,500 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$15,035,701 to faith-based organizations

Alabama Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$819,000 to nonprofits in 11 Alabama cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$112,000 to Alabama nonprofits.

Alabama Highlights

- Established in 2004, the Governor's Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Office houses both the AmeriCorps State program and the Alabama Citizen Corps program.
- In response to Hurricane Katrina, the Alabama FBCI Office created the Alabama Interfaith Disaster Network which engages with and educates primarily small, often rural faith-based organizations. The Office also partners with state agencies and faith-based and community organizations in its aggressive outreach and citizen preparedness campaign called Ready Alabama. Ready Alabama is a portfolio of programs which includes the innovative Be Ready Camp, a program for sixth graders held at the U.S. Space and Rocket Camp in Huntsville.
- The Office is a strategic partner in the Governor's Community Partnership for Recovery and Reentry (CPR) which brings together government agencies, as well as faith-based and community programs to help ex-offenders make a successful transition from prison into their respective communities.
- In 2006, 890,000 Alabama volunteers dedicated 117.3 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

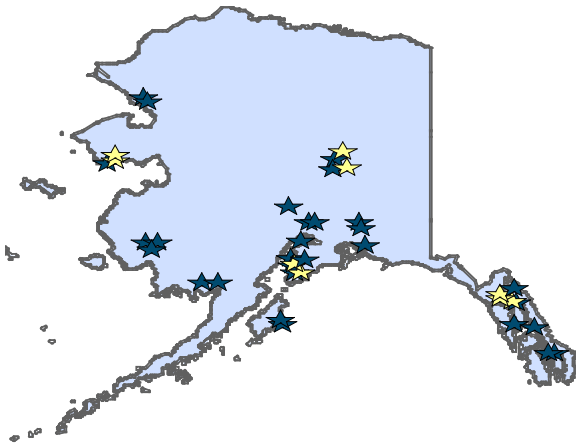
Honor of Hope Awardee

Charles and Brenda Heaton's home was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Determined to rebuild, they registered with FEMA and filed a claim with their insurance company. The Heatons received a little more than \$70,000, which was spent on building a new, elevated foundation compliant with insurance regulations and building code. Although their new home was modest and built with their own equity, the Heatons had exhausted all of their funds before they were able to complete construction. Still homeless, the Heatons turned to Volunteer Mobile for help.

Volunteer Mobile is the lead agency for Long Term Recovery (LTR) in southwest Alabama. They serve as the fiscal agent and coordinating body for multiple faith-based and community organizations participating in LTR. Volunteer Mobile heard the Heaton's case and agreed to help them finish rebuilding. In partnership with the Mennonite Disaster Service and Lutheran Disaster Services, and with funding from the American Red Cross, the Alabama Governor's Emergency Relief Fund, and the Bush-Clinton Hurricane Katrina Fund, Volunteer Mobile helped raise \$51,437.90 for the Heaton's remaining construction costs. The Heatons are now in their new home and are just one example of the thousands of families along the Gulf Coast who have benefited from coordinated assistance delivered through LTR efforts by faith-based and community organizations.

Volunteer Mobile partners with the Corporation for National and Community Service to help link individuals with service opportunities through faith-based and community organizations, extending the vision of the Faith-Based and Community Initiative to build the capacity of grassroots nonprofits. Established in 1975, Volunteer Mobile serves as the host organization for the South Alabama AmeriCorps Emergency Response Team, which deploys across the nation to assist with disaster response and recovery.

ALASKA



Federal Grant Awards to Alaska Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$49 million through 96 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$45,927,498 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$4,049,196 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Alaska are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$650,000 to nonprofits in 7 Alaska cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$1.3 million to nonprofits in 2 Alaska cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2007): \$265,000 to an Alaska nonprofit.

Alaska Highlights

- Established by Administrative Order in 2004, the Alaska Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives is one of only four State FBCI offices to receive a Compassion Capital Fund grant.
- The FBCI Office and its Council are spearheading the Faith-Inspired Foster Care and Resource Family Workgroup in an effort to develop additional resources from faith communities to better serve the children and families in the foster care system.
- In 2006, 190,000 Alaska volunteers dedicated 26.6 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.
- The Office is a strategic partner in the Governor's Community Partnership for Recovery and Reentry (CPR) which brings together government agencies, as well as faith-based and community programs to help ex-offenders make a successful transition from prison into their respective communities.
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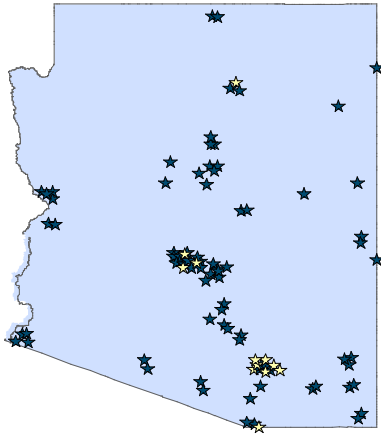
Sonshine Konovalov joined Sitka Works Project in January 2006, seeking help in finding a job that would fit her skills, personality, and ability to work. She had been dealing with some mental health issues, which made it difficult to find and keep a good job. She was, and still is, receiving monthly SSI payments, and is only able to work part-time. During her first 6 months in the program, Sitka Works Project—which received a Grassroots Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor—helped Sonshine with a master employment application, resume, and cover letters, which she used to apply for several positions. The project also provided Sonshine with clothing, bus passes, and cab vouchers. In addition, the project paid for Sonshine to take a Techniques of Alcohol Management (TAM) class, which is required by many employers.

In June 2006 she was hired as an on-call delivery driver for Hermanos Restaurant. Later that fall, she began taking a few classes at the University of Alaska Southeast, and worked eighteen hours a week in a work-study position while maintaining her restaurant delivery job.

As of spring 2008, Sonshine reported that she worked for Hermanos Restaurant for two years, the longest she'd ever held a job. She continues to upgrade her resume and seek employment opportunities that will advance her career, hoping to find an office job. For now, she is focusing on work, rather than education, but is nonetheless on her way to an associate's degree when she chooses to go back to college. She is a much more confident young lady, has her own car, and has recently married and moved into a nice little house.

The Sitka Works Project connects unemployed and under-developed individuals to the workforce by complementing and supporting the services of the Sitka Job Center—Sitka's One Stop Career Center.

ARIZONA



Federal Grant Awards to Arizona Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$178 million through 261 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$161,371,391 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$16,668,208 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Arizona are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$4.2 million to nonprofits in 7 Arizona cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$8.3 million over 3 years to Arizona nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$2.8 million to nonprofits in 4 Arizona cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$3.9 million to nonprofits in 3 Arizona cities.

Arizona Highlights

- Established in 2005, the Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives hosts bi-annual Faith and Community Expos, topical summits on programmatic issues, and the Governor's Annual Interfaith Prayer Breakfast.
- In May 2007, Arizona hosted the first in a new series of White House FBCI Conferences designed to highlight State efforts and best practices.
- In 2006, 1.12 million Arizona volunteers dedicated 182.9 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

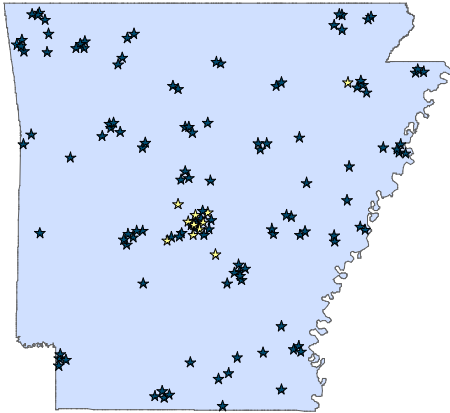
Teresa Magellan was sentenced to serve 2 ½ years in prison following her third DUI conviction. While in prison, Teresa explored various educational and career training opportunities offered through the Arizona Department of Corrections and Rio Salado Community College. Teresa developed an interest in the electrical trade and began taking relevant coursework. By the time Teresa left prison, she had earned at least half of the necessary certifications to work and train as an electrician.

Upon release, Teresa enrolled in the Paths to Living Free (PLF) program to continue her career development. PLF is a part of Arizona Women's Education and Employment, Inc., a Prisoner Reentry Initiative grantee funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. PLF provides intensive work readiness training and placement classes in both English and Spanish, where participants are eligible to receive credits from local community colleges, including Rio Salado Community College. Participants also receive GED preparation and testing services, transitional employment, substance abuse counseling, emergency and housing assistance, health care services, family reunification services, and mentoring.

Teresa has been enrolled in the PLF program since July 2007. Her first job placement was at Construction Secretaries where she earned \$15 an hour. Teresa has since moved to Banner Desert Medical Center and is currently earning \$21.50 an hour. Teresa is also applying for Federal student-aid funding and scholarship opportunities to attend school at Mesa Community College. Teresa would like to complete her training and education so she can work full-time as an electrician.

In March 2008, Teresa became a PLF mentor so that she can help other ex-prisoners successfully transition back into society.

ARKANSAS



Federal Grant Awards to Arkansas Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$115 million through 146 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$102,831,714 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$13,158,948 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Arkansas are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$2.3 million to nonprofits in 10 Arkansas cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$3.9 million to nonprofits in 5 Arkansas cities.

Arkansas Highlights

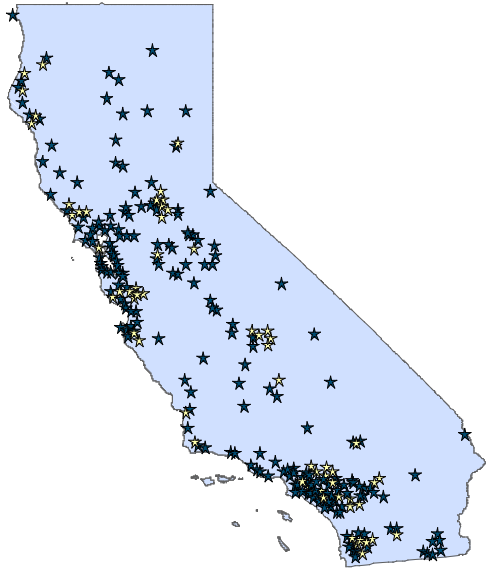
- The Arkansas Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives operates as part of the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Volunteerism and provides capacity-building training and technical assistance to faith-based and community organizations.
- The Office engages faith-based and community organizations in a statewide emergency preparedness initiative called Connect Arkansas.
- In 2006, 550,000 Arkansas volunteers dedicated 57.7 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

Ben Heimericks came to Alpha House Men's Shelter in an unusual way. The 41-year-old was traveling across the country with friends when they decided to leave him on the shelter's doorstep. Ben had been homeless for three years and, like most Alpha House residents, struggled with addiction. Ben did not have a high school education and was raised in a broken-family environment. Ben committed burglary, served time in jail, and learned how to survive living life on the streets. By the time he reached Alpha House, he had lost all hope.

Alpha House offers clients meals, a bed, transportation, clothes, counseling, and job-related services. Through extensive counseling, Ben was able to uncover the hurt and hopelessness that held him hostage. Ben also discovered a deep desire to return to school. In collaboration with the Arkansas Workforce Center—the local One Stop Career Center funded by the U.S. Department of Labor—Alpha House helped Ben enroll in college, putting him on a path toward a more productive and hopeful future. Alpha House gave Ben a place to study, a computer, computer training, and helped him obtain grants for tuition. Ben is attending Arkansas State University and is also working a part time job.

CALIFORNIA



Federal Grant Awards to California Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$1.1 billion through 1,510 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$1,009,382,345 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$146,483,280 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to California are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$16.6 million to nonprofits in 67 California cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$14.5 million over 3 years to California nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$15 million to nonprofits in 21 California cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$7.7 million to nonprofits in 4 California cities.

California Highlights

- The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives hosted Los Angeles FBCI Regional Conferences in Los Angeles in 2004 and 2007, and a FBCI Regional Conference in San Diego in 2003.
- In September 2006, the Department of Education held a roundtable discussion with faith-based and community leaders in Los Angeles.
- In 2006, 6.47 million California volunteers dedicated 858.5 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

When Vanessa Sanchez was a senior in high school, her family told her they were going to leave the state. Vanessa's family was not supportive of her educational goals, and six weeks before her graduation, they made Vanessa choose between staying in school or dropping out so she could move with her family. Determined to graduate, Vanessa chose to stay and found a place to live with a family she knew through her church. Vanessa graduated on time and was the first person in her family to earn a high school diploma.

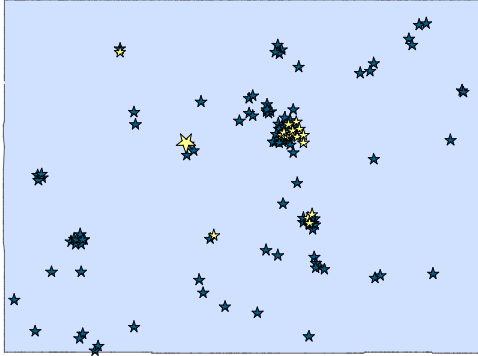
After graduating, Vanessa enrolled in community college. While there, she participated in a new program called Reclamado Nuestro Futuro (RNF). This program is offered through the Latino Coalition, a national nonprofit organization consisting of grassroots, faith-based, and community organizations that received \$10 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to help at-risk and adjudicated youth.

The RNF project Vanessa enrolled in was administered through Cloud and Fire Ministries, a faith-based organization, which matched Vanessa with a mentor to guide her as she pursued her educational and career goals.

The beginning of Vanessa's college career was tumultuous. When classes started to become difficult, her attendance faltered and eventually she dropped out. Throughout this challenging time, Vanessa remained enrolled in RNF. With the help of her case manager and mentor, she started to turn her life around. She studied for and obtained her driver's license, eventually buying her own car and car insurance.

With her RNF mentor, she explored career options and decided that she wanted to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Vanessa passed the entrance exam, and she is enjoying the training. Vanessa is learning the financial benefits and career advancement that will be available to her as a certified EMT. She looks forward to a promising future.

COLORADO



Federal Grant Awards to Colorado Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$135 million through 217 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$125,322,165 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$10,631,030 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Colorado are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$1.7 million to nonprofits in 13 Colorado cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$13.9 million over 3 years to Colorado nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$2.2 million to nonprofits in 2 Colorado cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$2.1 million to 2 Colorado nonprofits.

Colorado Highlights

- Funded through a grant award from the U.S. Department of Labor, the state of Colorado established the Colorado Partnerships Initiative, a program offering training, technical assistance, and small capacity building grants to community and faith-based organizations.
- The Colorado Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Community Access Program, which funds 42 programs across the State (over half of which are run by faith and community based organizations), strengthens and increases the parenting skills of fathers of at risk children through community based direct services.
- In 2006, 1.14 million Colorado volunteers dedicated 122.5 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

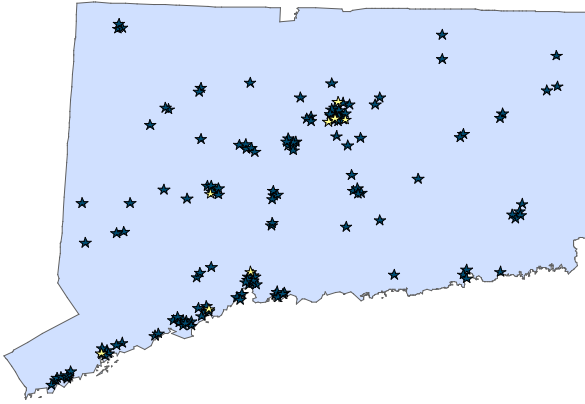
Lawrence Avila has been coming to Senior Support Services—a nonprofit community-based organization that faithfully serves Denver’s inner city, homeless seniors—for several years and participates in both the meal and pantry services.

Avila said, “I appreciate receiving food from the pantry because I’m able to share some of it with others who also need it. The USDA commodities have really added to the quality of the food I get. Coming to the center makes my day more enjoyable. I like to volunteer my help with things that need to be done here.”

Through the outreach efforts of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Senior Support Services learned they were eligible to participate in The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Under TEFAP, commodity foods are made available to states by USDA. States select local agencies to distribute the food to soup kitchens and food pantries that directly serve the public. Using TEFAP commodities, Senior Support Services is able to provide about 55 individuals with a monthly food care package. They also serve over 2,500 meals monthly, three times a day, six days a week.

Senior Support Services is a multipurpose day center open Sunday through Friday for those 55 and older, serving over 1,000 individuals each year. The center is run by a small number of caring and committed staff that have engaged more than 100 other organizations in partnership efforts to provide a wide variety of services.

CONNECTICUT



Federal Grant Awards to Connecticut Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$107 million through 237 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$100,637,778 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$6,985,124 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Connecticut are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$3.1 million to nonprofits in 6 Connecticut cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$14.5 million to Connecticut nonprofits.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$1.9 million to a Connecticut nonprofit.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$1.8 million to nonprofits in 3 Connecticut cities.

Connecticut Highlights

- In March 2005, the Capitol Region Conference of Churches (CRCC) was designated as the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for Connecticut.
- Connecticut's Department of Mental Health and Addiction Service has developed a faith-based crisis network through which members from the faith community receive intensive training and network with Behavioral Health Crisis Response Teams.
- In 2006, 840,000 Connecticut volunteers dedicated 113.6 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

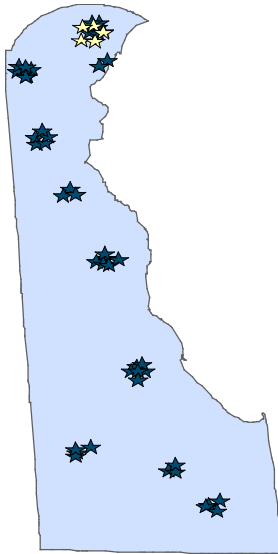
After years of substance abuse, Mr. J. was arrested for possession and sale of narcotics and sentenced to five years in prison. He had no hope or plan for a future after his release. Through his parole officer, Mr. J. connected with Stepping Stone House, one of the many certified service programs available through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Access to Recovery I (ATR I) services network.

On the day of his release from prison, the staff from Stepping Stone House coordinated a recovery support network for Mr. J., linking him to Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotic Anonymous meetings, and providing food, clothing, transportation, and phone card vouchers. Mr. J. connected with the staff and felt empowered by them to take control of his life by actively seeking employment and reuniting with his family. Mr. J. reports that the level of personal responsibility Stepping Stone helped him maintain allowed him to reconnect with his family and regain their respect. Three years after receiving ATR services, Mr. J. continues to maintain his recovery, remaining in the same job found through Stepping Stone and caring for his own apartment.

Mr. J. reunited with his four children, including his son, who was also imprisoned for selling drugs. As his son's sentence neared completion, Mr. J. reached out to Stepping Stone and connected his son to ATR II services. His son, who entered Stepping Stone House on May 8, 2008, has also benefited from Stepping Stone and is currently employed.

According to Mr. J., he would have "been lost" without the help Stepping Stone and ATR provided him. ATR help him to reclaim his life, and also provided him with a tremendous resource that enabled him to intervene in his son's life and set him on the right path. In Mr. J.'s words, it is a "blessing to have them [Stepping Stone] in society."

DELAWARE



Federal Grant Awards to Delaware Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007)

- ★ Over \$32 million through 64 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$28,127,019 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$4,311,296 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Delaware are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$741,000 to nonprofits in 2 Delaware cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$3.1 million to Delaware nonprofits.

Delaware Highlights

- In June 2006, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives held a Regional Conference in Wilmington, Delaware.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development regularly conducts free grant writing workshops for faith-based and community nonprofit organizations in the Delaware region.
- In 2006, 160,000 Delaware volunteers dedicated 20.9 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

Shelia Tucker worked as a pharmacist for more than 20 years in several chain pharmacies, hospitals, nursing homes, and as a consultant. While she enjoyed her profession, she always dreamed of owning her own pharmacy. To make that dream a reality, Shelia went to the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Wilmington to put together a business plan.

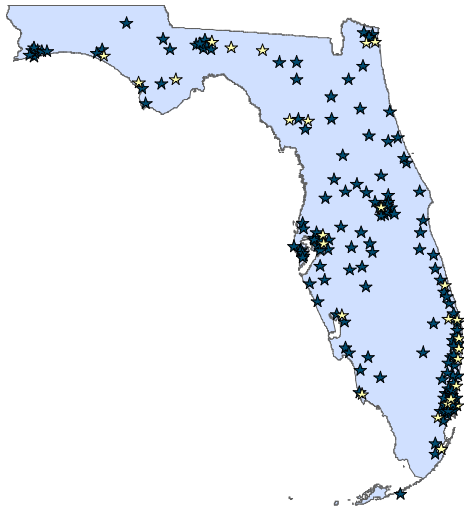
The SBDC, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), helped Shelia analyze the area's demographic data, build financial models for the new store, develop a loan package, and choose business service vendors. Shelia decided she wanted to go into business with a partner and asked a former colleague, John Simpson, to co-own the new independent pharmacy.

Shelia and John identified a store location in Brandywine Village, an underserved community. The building owner offered Shelia and John six months free rent as an incentive, and staff from the Greater Brandywine Village Revitalization project helped them identify resources to get the pharmacy operating.

Although Tucker and Simpson, both first-time business entrepreneurs, wanted to personally finance their new business, they ran out of their own money and had to find additional funding. Three banks initially rejected their loan applications, but with two SBA-backed 7(a) loans from Wilmington Trust totaling almost \$200,000, the funding was secured. The Market Street Pharmacy opened in September 2003.

In 2006, sales from the Market Street Pharmacy totaled \$1.1 million, up from almost \$900,000 in 2005. In April 2007, Tucker and Simpson opened a second location and plan to open three more.

FLORIDA



Federal Grant Awards to Florida Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$508 million through 666 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$372,259,679 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$135,803,707 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Florida are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$6.1 million to nonprofits in 32 Florida cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2004-2006): \$20.4 million over 3 years to Florida nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$13 million to nonprofits in 11 Florida cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$2.1 million to nonprofits in 2 Florida cities.

Florida Highlights

- Florida's Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Office was established in December 2002 and was codified under the Florida legislature in April 2006. The Office operates as part of the Volunteer Florida Foundation (VFF), which supports the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism.
- VFF administers the Florida Disaster Fund distributing \$24 million to more than 300 faith-based and community organizations and engaging thousands of volunteers working on long-term recovery efforts throughout the State. As part of this effort, VFF has launched an innovative internet-based virtual warehouse called Neighbors to the Rescue to help volunteers connect people in need with donated goods.
- The Foundation recently launched Compassion Florida with a Federal Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Grant. The Foundation is partnering with the Florida Institute of Government to provide training, technical assistance, and mini-grants to grassroots groups who help Florida's neighbors in need.
- In 2006, 2.62 million Florida volunteers dedicated 432.8 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

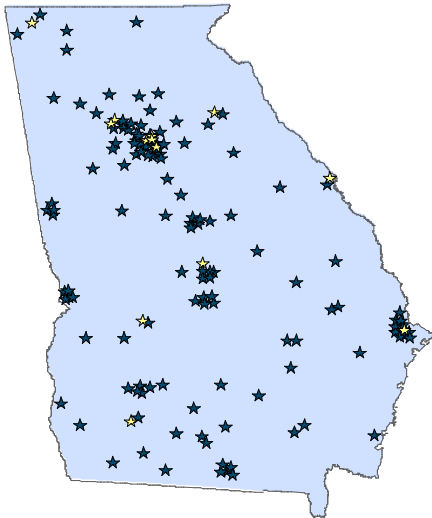
Honor of Hope Awardee

Quinton Washington came to Opportunities Industrialization Center of Broward County (OIC) as a 24-year-old homeless, single father of two small children. After receiving job placement services at OIC, Quinton took a position as a line prep cook earning \$9.00 an hour and went on to earn a better paying position with a steel company as a laborer.

In addition to working full-time, Quinton attended school and successfully completed a CPR certification course with the hope of becoming a paramedic. By mid-May 2007, his Care Coordinator and Job Developer at OIC secured an interview for him for a full-time position as a driver and EMT trainee with American Ambulance. He successfully completed the Emergency Vehicle Operation Course test and was hired the following month. OIC continued to support Quinton as he sought to fulfill his career goals. The organization assisted him in his appeal efforts that requested permission to pursue his paramedic licenses after a restriction was placed on his record for previous drug offenses. In early August 2007, Quinton defended his appeal and was granted approval to take the EMT state board exam. In September 2007, he enrolled in a school in Doral, Florida, to pursue his dream of becoming an EMT, while still working as a driver and EMT trainee. Quinton is now stable, no longer homeless, and is earning \$13 an hour.

The Opportunities Industrialization Center of Broward County prepares people for today's workforce with life skills development, fundamental education, superior job skills training, and employment readiness services. The OIC is a grantee of the Prisoner Reentry Initiative, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor.

GEORGIA



Federal Grant Awards to Georgia Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$316 million through 322 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$277,341,569 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$38,775,776 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Georgia are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$4.0 million to nonprofits in 19 Georgia cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$3.8 million to nonprofits in 9 Georgia cities.

Georgia Highlights

- The Georgia Faith-Based and Community Initiative liaison, based within the state Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), engages and supports faith-based and community organizations throughout Georgia.
- The Georgia FBCI Liaison partners with the Georgia Inter-Departmental Faith & Community-Based Coalition to share information about training, funding and partnership opportunities. Representatives from the Governor's Office, 20 State agencies, 13 faith-based and community organizations, and five Federal agencies serve on the Coalition which has been active since 2005.
- In 2006, 1.54 million Georgia volunteers dedicated 192.1 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

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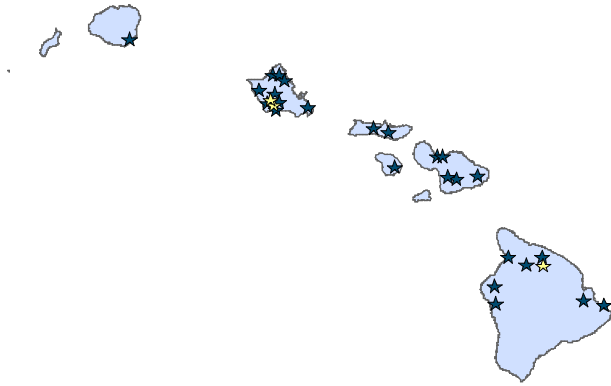
After her son Anthony was born, Yolanda Johnson had no money to continue paying rent for her apartment. For the next six months, she and her newborn bounced between her boyfriend's house and a close friend's place. Knowing that this was not how she wanted to raise her child, Yolanda was determined to buy a home of her own. She entered a homeownership voucher program and took real estate classes while receiving support from the United Way IDA (Individual Development Account) homeownership program, a matched savings account program funded by Federal Assets for Independence grants.

After five years of saving and fixing her credit, Yolanda applied for a home loan. She was approved by two different lenders. In October of last year, Yolanda purchased her very own townhouse. She plans to decorate and paint a room for Anthony, her bright and active six-year-old.

"I appreciate the support of the Housing Authority and United Way. Without their continuous encouragement, I wouldn't have gotten through this process," Yolanda explains. "It's a blessing to be where I am today."

United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta believes giving and working together to address the most critical issues affecting metro Atlanta is the only way to ensure successful results. United Way offers a variety of programs and partnerships, including Individual Development Accounts, designed to bring people together and focus the United Way's considerable resources toward achieving the goals that matter most to their community. They partner with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Assets for Independence program sponsored by the Administration for Children and Families' Office of Community Services.

HAWAII



Federal Grant Awards to Hawaii Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$64 million through 101 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$61,308,749 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$2,694,569 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Hawaii are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$723,000 to nonprofits in 3 Hawaii cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$8.3 million over 3 years to Hawaii nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$1.1 million to Hawaii nonprofits.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2007): \$265,000 to Hawaii reentry services.

Hawaii Highlights

- Hawaii's Faith-Based and Community Liaison is located within the Hawaii Office of Community Services and provides capacity-building and technical assistance resources to local faith-based and community organizations.
- The Hawaii FBCI Office engages faith-based and community organizations in a number of innovative partnerships to reduce homelessness, including the H-5 program, which converts buses into mobile shelters deployed to areas where homeless people gather.
- In 2006, 240,000 Hawaii volunteers dedicated 39.6 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

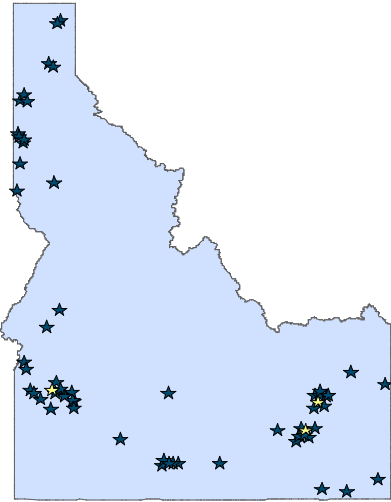
Honor of Hope Awardee

Loke and Earl Correa and their three children were homeless and in need of assistance when they came to the Family Promise Network of Hawaii hoping to find resources for a better life. The Family Promise Network consists of volunteers from 50 church congregations who maintain "host sites," providing families in need with a safe place to sleep. Guest families like the Correas move weekly from one host site to another, where they receive housing, food, hospitality, and support. During the day, guest families work, attend school, pursue employment, or seek job training. Guest families also have access to a Family Center that provides phones, mail service, a copier, fax machine, showers, and laundry facilities.

Through the Family Promise Network, the Correas found employment and permanent housing. Loke now works at a youth center, and Earl has a full-time maintenance job renovating vacant public housing units. Earl is doing so well that he recently received a raise. The Correas have opened their first savings account and, with assistance, have developed a savings plan that will enable them to buy their own home within five years.

The Family Promise Network requires less funding than traditional homeless shelters because volunteers provide roughly 90 percent of the services. Family Promise received funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through a Community Development Block Grant to the City and County of Honolulu.

IDAHO



Federal Grant Awards to Idaho Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$57 million through 115 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$53,928,085 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$3,845,130 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Idaho are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$196,121 to nonprofits in 5 Idaho cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2004-2006): \$22.8 million over 3 years to Idaho nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$268,320 to Idaho nonprofits.

Idaho Highlights

- In 2003, the State of Idaho appointed a liaison to serve faith-based and community organizations throughout Idaho.
- Idaho participated in the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Grant Program to reduce domestic violence and increase services for victims in rural areas. This pilot program provided funding to Idaho nonprofits who served as intermediaries between OVW and small community and faith-based programs nationwide.
- In 2006, 390,000 Idaho volunteers dedicated 62.9 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

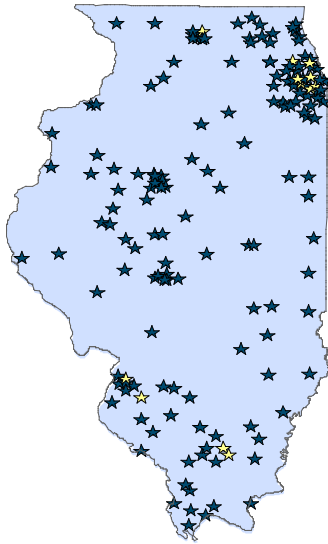
Rick Erb had a wife, a family, and an 18-year career as an Army National Guard Recruiter. He was also a chronic alcoholic.

Rick struggled to find an effective rehabilitation clinic and began to despair. He remembers "sitting in my camper, trying to figure out the least painful way to kill myself." At his sixth Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Rick was referred to ChangePoint. Someone gave him his card and said, "Go talk to them, they are good people." Rick took the advice and visited ChangePoint. He joined a group and began regularly attending. Rick is now thriving at his job and volunteers at local Celebrate Recovery Meetings.

Rick credits ChangePoint with his recovery. "ChangePoint has shown me how and why my life became so unmanageable, and better yet, how to never let that happen again with help from God." Rick was able to follow a twelve-step program and learn the physiological/psychological aspects of alcoholism in order to better understand his disease. He believes that turning his life over to God made his recovery successful. "It is my opinion, that had I checked into any other clinic, I would have relapsed and lost a lot more than I did. ChangePoint saved my life."

ChangePoint provides gender-specific and intensive outpatient treatment. Their staff consists of qualified professionals with many years of experience in traditional treatment settings. In 2006, ChangePoint received funding as a sub-grantee under the Access to Recovery program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ILLINOIS



Federal Grant Awards to Illinois Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$456 million through 727 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$353,717,798 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$102,407,034 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Illinois are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$7.5 million to nonprofits in 19 Illinois cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$13.9 million over 3 years to Illinois nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2004-2007): \$4 million to nonprofits in 7 Illinois cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$1.8 million to Illinois reentry services.

Illinois Highlights

- The State of Illinois sponsors a Faith-Based Emergency Preparedness Initiative uniting the State Department of Public Health with 60 ministers throughout the State to enhance preparedness against major emergencies.
- Between 2003 and 2006, there were six Department of Housing and Urban Development grant writing trainings throughout the State, and six Department of Education workshops.
- In 2006, 2.75 million Illinois volunteers dedicated 311.1 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

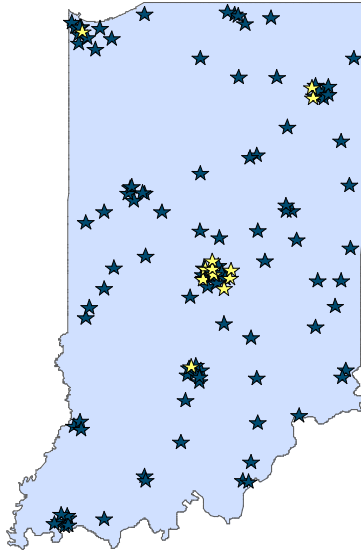
Honor of Hope Awardee

When Vincent Johnson was released from prison for the second time, he went to the Safer Foundation in Chicago to try to find work. Vincent was matched with a mentor from Valley Kingdom Ministries, a Safer Foundation faith-based partner. Although Vincent was initially reluctant to work with a mentor, he is now grateful for the support and direction his mentor provided. The Safer Foundation also provided Vincent with clothing, job placement services, and employment readiness training. Since coming to the Safer Foundation, Vincent has worked at two companies and is currently employed as a printing press operator, a job with medical benefits and a 401(k).

Vincent stated that he will never quit on life because he loves his wife of six years and his three children and two stepchildren. He credits mentoring and his reentry counselor for his success. In Vincent's words, "Safer had the relationships with employers that understood my ex-offender status and had someone in place to support me along the way."

The Safer Foundation is a nonprofit organization that helps people with a criminal record become employed, law-abiding members of the community. Safer House, a Prisoner Reentry Initiative grantee of the U.S. Department of Labor, works in partnership with other faith-based and community organizations to reduce the high rate of recidivism among ex-offenders.

INDIANA



Federal Grant Awards to Indiana Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007)

- ★ Over \$187 million through 238 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$173,924,321 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$13,168,013 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Indiana are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$3.5 million to nonprofits in 9 Indiana cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$14.5 million over 3 to Indiana nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$2.2 million to nonprofits in 3 Indiana cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2007): \$265,000 to Indiana.

Indiana Highlights

- Established by the Governor in 2005, the Indiana Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives administers the State AmeriCorps program and houses the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism (ICCSV), as well as the Indiana Faith-based Advisory Council (IFBAC).
- In 2008, the Indiana FBCI opened a U.S. Dream Academy at the John Marshall Middle School in Indianapolis to provide mentors to students with incarcerated parents. The volunteer mentors were drawn from local faith-based and community organizations.
- In 2006, 1.52 million Indiana volunteers dedicated 242.8 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

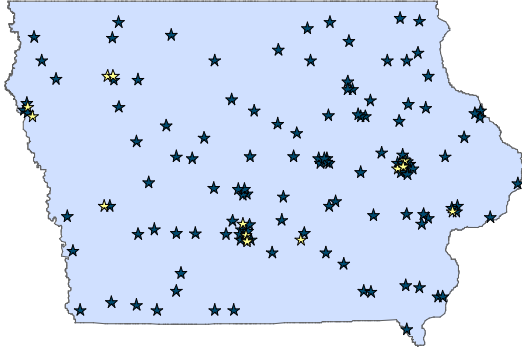
Honor of Hope Awardee

Nick Werle grew up in an inner-city, low-income neighborhood with a high crime rate, gangs, and a high school graduation rate of 30 percent. When Nick was a high school freshman, he was paired with a college-educated adult mentor through the Starfish Initiative, an Indianapolis-based nonprofit organization that facilitates mentoring opportunities for economically disadvantaged high school students. Its mission is to improve dismal graduation rates and make a difference “one student at a time.”

Nick says that weekly contact with his mentor as a Starfish Scholar has been the major influence on his life today. Nick’s mentor believed in him, encouraged him, and showed him what to do. Nick says his mentor helped him gain the self-assurance to raise money for the Indiana University Honors Spanish immersion program and spend a summer in Mexico. “That was pretty life changing. It made me more confident in everything I do. I left my family, my friends, my first language. It’s going to make college a piece of cake.” Nick graduated from high school this year and received a full scholarship to Indiana University where he will have a dual major in Spanish and business—a true success story of the power of mentoring to change a life and make a difference.

In 2006, Starfish Initiative received a Compassion Capital Fund Targeted Capacity Building Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

IOWA



Federal Grant Awards to Iowa Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$107 million through 237 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$102,605,299 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$4,822,745 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Iowa are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$1.8 million to nonprofits in 10 Iowa cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$9.6 million over 3 years to Iowa nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2004-2007): \$1.3 million to nonprofits in 5 Iowa cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$2.1 million to Iowa nonprofits.

Iowa Highlights

- The State-appointed Faith-Based and Community Initiative Liaison also serves as the Director of the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource.
- The Department of Housing & Urban Development regularly conduct free grant writing workshops in the Iowa region. Cities participating in past workshops include Sioux City, Council Bluffs, and Des Moines.
- In 2006, 850,000 Iowa volunteers dedicated 91.2 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

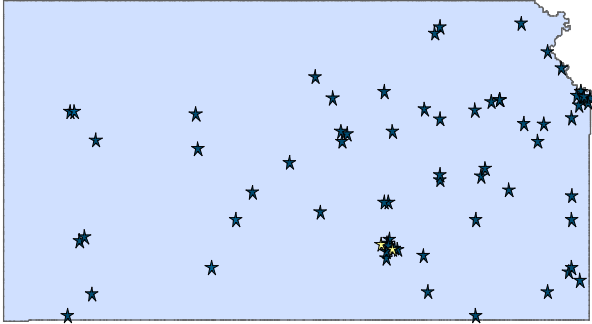
Honor of Hope Awardee

When Roy Jointer was released from prison on June 27, 2005, he told himself he would never go back. Roy knew the transition would be difficult, so he sought help from Port of Entry, a residential housing complex and support center. While there, Roy enrolled in Spectrum Resources' prisoner reentry program. Spectrum Resources is a non-profit organization that provides mentoring, job training, and job placement services to ex-offenders. Since Spectrum Resources began its partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor through the Prisoner Reentry Initiative (PRI), it has enrolled over 400 participants and has placed 83 percent into jobs. The one-year recidivism rate for program participants is currently less than half the national average.

Through the Spectrum Resources' PRI program, Roy started attending Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) to major in Human Services, where he will be graduating this fall with his associate's degree. Roy has also built up his credit and maintained stable employment. Roy recently became a father and in his free time enjoys spending time with his family.

Roy is thankful for the services he received through Spectrum Resources, which have helped him become a productive citizen. Roy stated, "None of this would have been possible without God and a strong support system."

KANSAS



Federal Grant Awards to Kansas Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$71 million through 121 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$66,654,266 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$4,798,685 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Kansas are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): Over \$1.2 million to nonprofits in 7 Kansas cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$3.7 million to Kansas nonprofits.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2007): \$265,000 to Kansas reentry services.

Kansas Highlights

- Established in 2003, the Kansas Faith-Based and Community Initiative Liaison provides resources, training, and networking opportunities for community and faith-based nonprofits throughout Kansas.
- Kansas nonprofits regularly participate in training events hosted by FBCI Centers within the Federal agencies, including free grant writing workshops, roundtable discussions, and regional conferences.
- In 2006, 760,000 Kansas volunteers dedicated 92.6 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

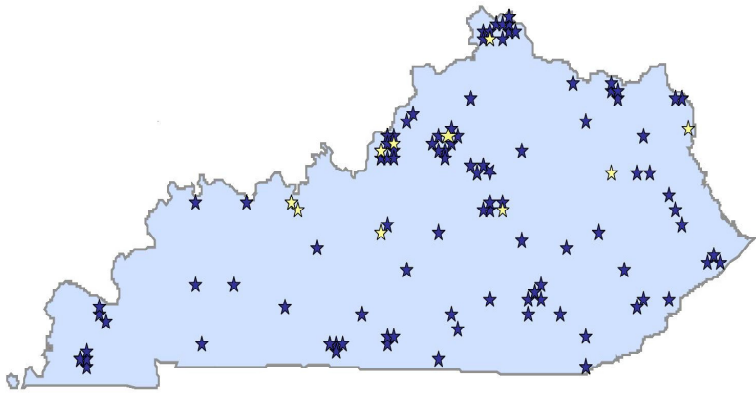
Honor of Hope Awardee

As a single mother of three, Son-Tia Davis' story is common among the working poor. Though long employed by a local manufacturer, she did not earn enough to meet more than her family's basic needs. Son-Tia struggled to pay her monthly bills, and when she could no longer pay her rent, utilities, car payment, and other expenses, she was forced to move in with her sister.

Son-Tia had lived with her sister for three months when she heard about Elizabeth Estates, a transitional Mennonite housing community and United Methodist Open Door partner agency. Son-Tia applied and was accepted into Elizabeth Estates, where, over several months, she worked closely with an Open Door case manager to move toward self-sufficiency. Son-Tia enrolled in a money management program and began paying down her debt. She is now debt-free and is in the process of becoming a homeowner.

United Methodist Open Door is supported in part by a Continuum of Care grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This funding assists Open Door in providing temporary housing and the supportive services necessary to help families become self-reliant and to break the cycle of poverty for future generations.

KENTUCKY



Federal Grant Awards to Kentucky Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$151 million through 234 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$133,942,723 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$17,607,709 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Kentucky are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$2.5 million to nonprofits in 9 Kentucky cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$1.7 million to Kentucky nonprofits.

Kentucky Highlights

- With support from the Kentucky legislature, the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives opened in Fall 2005.
- In September 2007, Kentucky hosted a summit on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. The Summit provided an opportunity for faith-based and community organizations to learn about the Initiative, gain resources, and participate in workshops on topics such as grant writing, legal information, and local networking opportunities.
- In 2006, 930,000 Kentucky volunteers dedicated 104.1 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

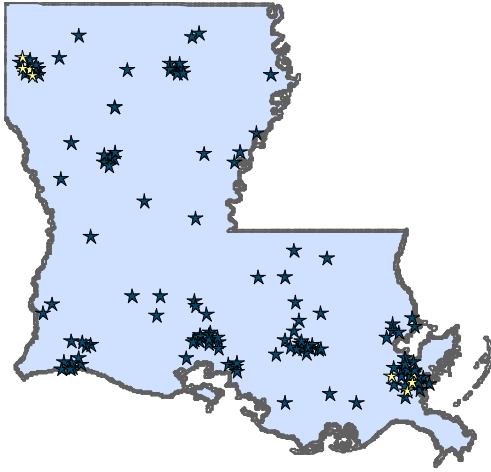
Julette Green, a self-reliant, 80-year-old woman, is not one to ask for help. Yet when her home of 35 years needed repairs, she contacted U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (RD) office for assistance. Staff from the local RD office visited Ms. Green at her home and helped her complete an application for a Section 504 Single-Family Home Repair Loan.

Ms. Green's home did not appraise at a value high enough to receive a loan for all the repairs it needed. To cover the remaining costs, the RD staff met with Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) to determine Ms. Green's eligibility for additional assistance. Already an RD partner, CAP had received a \$300,000 Rural Community Development Initiative Grant to build capacity for housing in rural areas.

A full evaluation of Ms. Green's house revealed that only the living room met a safe and livable standard. The kitchen, dining room, bathroom, bedroom and a storage room needed re-building. The situation was particularly dangerous as the floors and roof were falling in throughout the house.

To secure the additional funding needed to make Ms. Green's house habitable, RD and CAP representatives contacted the Kentucky Housing Corporation's HouseWorks Program. Through the collaborative work of these three agencies, Ms. Green received the necessary repairs, including a new roof, siding, and two small decks with stairs. She now has a safe, warm, and dry home—a dream come true for this remarkable woman.

LOUISIANA



Federal Grant Awards to Louisiana Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$196 million through 307 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$165,942,976 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$30,426,617 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Louisiana are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): Over \$3.8 million to nonprofits in 12 Louisiana cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$13.4 million over 3 years to Louisiana nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2004-2007): \$5.4 million to nonprofits in 4 Louisiana cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$3.8 million to nonprofits in 2 Louisiana cities.

Louisiana Highlights

- The state of Louisiana actively partners with community and faith-based organizations through the Governor's Office of Community Programs. In 2008, the White House FBCI Office hosted a Gulf Coast Conference on Disaster Preparedness.
- Louisiana nonprofits access training and resources through regular training workshops conducted by Federal Agency FBCI Centers, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Education.
- In 2006, 590,000 Louisiana volunteers dedicated 44.8 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

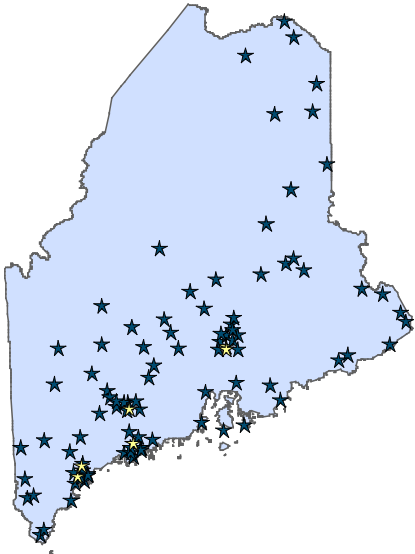
Honor of Hope Awardee

When she was ten years old, Diane DeMelio and her mother moved to the United States from the Czech Republic. As a young girl, Diane was physically and mentally abused. Her stepfather owned a liquor store, and she quickly learned how to numb her pain with alcohol. Surrounded by the wrong crowd at a young age, she was soon introduced to chemicals and became poly-substance dependant. As Diane grew older, her life continued to worsen. She would disappear from her job for months at a time, but her employers, who were also addicted to drugs, continued to take her back over the course of 20 years.

While Diane was still abusing drugs, Simone, her nine-year-old daughter, was in the care of Diane's mother. Shortly after Hurricane Katrina, Diane's beloved mother passed away. Having no other family, Diane realized she now bore the full responsibility for her daughter. An internet search led Diane to the Odyssey House Louisiana (OHL), where she has been enrolled for over a year. Diane says that if the Odyssey House had not let Simone come to treatment with her, there is no telling where they would be today. "I had no other choices. There is no place else to go. I would have...well, nothing," she says. Diane expects to graduate from the Odyssey House by August 2008. "It's amazing what happens here," she says. "I can see my behaviors and how much they have changed. I can see my old self in the new people who come in. I know where they've been, and I know how far I've come. I am happy now. I don't think I've ever been happy before. And I know I'm going to be alright."

Odyssey House Louisiana, which receives funding in part from the Louisiana Office for Addictive Disorders and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through their Access to Recovery (ATR) program, is a nonprofit, behavioral, health care provider with an emphasis on addiction treatment. Funded in part through grants from United Way, OHL operates the only social detoxification facility in the City of New Orleans not located in a hospital, and remains the sole provider of services to women with dependent children. Odyssey House offers a professional, structured, and caring therapeutic community with comprehensive services and effective support systems that enable individuals to chart new lives and return to their communities as contributing members.

MAINE



Federal Grant Awards to Maine Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$85 million through 179 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$78,097,260 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$6,926,291 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Maine are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$228,000 to nonprofits in 4 Maine cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$360,000 to Maine nonprofits.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2007): \$265,000 to Maine reentry services.

Maine Highlights

- Faith-based and community organizations have successfully competed for Federal grants offered through the Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Justice, and Health and Human Services.
- Between 2003 and 2006, there were two Department of Housing and Urban Development grant writing trainings in Augusta and one in Portland.
- In 2006 alone, 350,000 Maine volunteers dedicated 42.4 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007*.

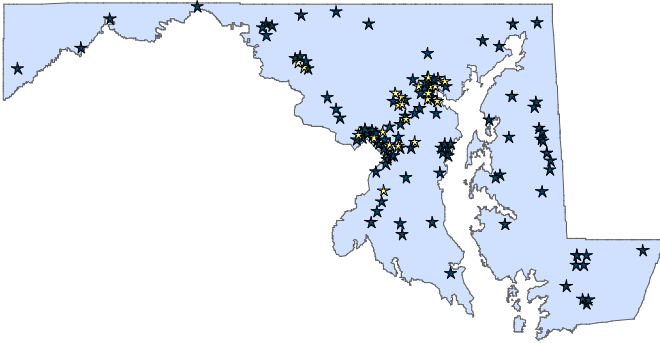
Honor of Hope Awardee

Matt Carter, an avid musician from the age of three, grew up in a rural area with few resources for musicians. However, while in middle school he learned about a “Battle of the Bands” competition that the Sagadahoc County Weed & Seed Program—coordinated by the Volunteers of America—was developing for high school students. Although not old enough to compete, Matt volunteered to act as a youth representative. He worked with young people, community members, and concerned parents to run the event. His mom also joined the effort, applying both her graphic design skills and tireless advocacy for youth in the community. During high school, Matt participated in the competition all four years until he graduated.

Weed and Seed is a community-based strategy sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice that aims to prevent and reduce crime, drug abuse, and gang activity in designated high-crime neighborhoods across the country. Law enforcement, local community and faith-based organizations, and concerned citizens work together to “weed out” violent criminals and drug abusers while collaborating to “seed” human services, including prevention, intervention, treatment and neighborhood restoration programs.

Matt says the “Battle of the Bands” program inspired him to focus in school and showed him that his talent had a place in the world. Inspired to continue with his music, he later took classes in audio engineering, secured a grant to start his own business, and has recently opened a recording studio.

MARYLAND



Federal Grant Awards to Maryland Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$302 million through 353 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$145,755,676 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$156,330,314 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Maryland are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$5.8 million to 23 nonprofits in 18 Maryland cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$6.4 million to nonprofits in 17 Maryland cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$1.8 million to Maryland reentry services.

Maryland Highlights

- The Governor's Office of Community Initiatives was formally established by Executive Order in October 2004.
- The Office of Community Initiatives houses the following entities: the Office of Asian-Pacific American Affairs; the Governor's Commission on Asian-Pacific American Affairs; the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs; the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism, the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, and Volunteer Maryland (an AmeriCorps program of the Governor's Office).
- In 2006, 1.19 million Maryland volunteers dedicated 166.5 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service Volunteering in America

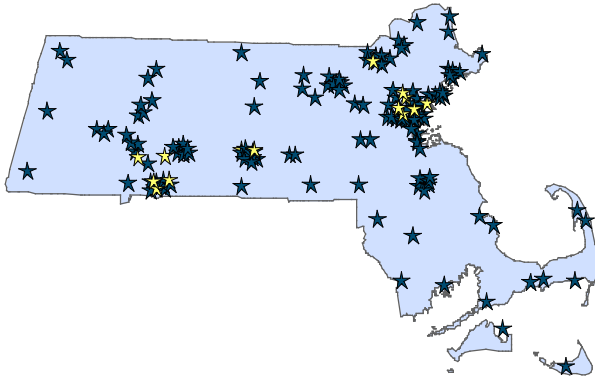
Honor of Hope Awardee

In Prince George's County, Maryland, school children face tough realities—the electricity at home may turn off, families often lose their apartment and fathers lose their jobs, mothers face health issues and may find themselves hospitalized. These struggles and a number of other circumstances are beyond their control. With problems such as these, children need the emotional support from caring adults in their communities. Without it, even the soundest curriculum and strongest education programs will be inadequate to meet their needs.

Anasia Harris was facing difficulties at home when she came to Mrs. Dowd's Teaching Service in the fifth grade, and her academic success was being affected. While she tested at grade level in reading, she was below a grade level in math. Two years later, after receiving services from Mrs. Dowd's, she tested several grades higher in both reading and math. Anasia is now an honor roll student who plays in the band. She has learned to love math so much that she now helps others in her class who are having a difficult time.

Mrs. Dowd's Teaching Service, a tutoring program in Maryland, became an approved provider of Supplemental Educational Services (SES) through the U.S. Department of Education in early 2005. This faith-based and community program was founded on the principle that children need caring adults just as badly as they need a skilled tutor. Due to a reputation for providing sound tutoring in a safe and caring environment, demand for Mrs. Dowd's program rose from 120 students the first summer to 588 students by the close of the 2005-2006 school year. Enrollment increased the following school year to 785 students. Two of the schools enrolling children in the program made adequate yearly progress (AYP), and their students no longer needed to attend an SES program.

MASSACHUSETTS



Federal Grant Awards to Massachusetts Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$288 million through 580 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$271,174,075 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$17,230,146 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Massachusetts are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2003-2007): \$14.9 million to nonprofits in 14 Massachusetts cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$2.5 million to nonprofits in 6 Massachusetts cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$1.8 million Massachusetts reentry services.

Massachusetts Highlights

- Massachusetts faith and community nonprofits gain resources and training through periodic regional workshops focusing on a wide range of topics including grant writing information, capacity building, and legal information. These trainings are sponsored by Federal agencies, including the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Labor, and Education.
- The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives held a Regional Conference in Boston in 2004. The event was followed by a Department of Labor capacity building conference.
- In 2006, 1.43 million Massachusetts volunteers dedicated 143.8 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

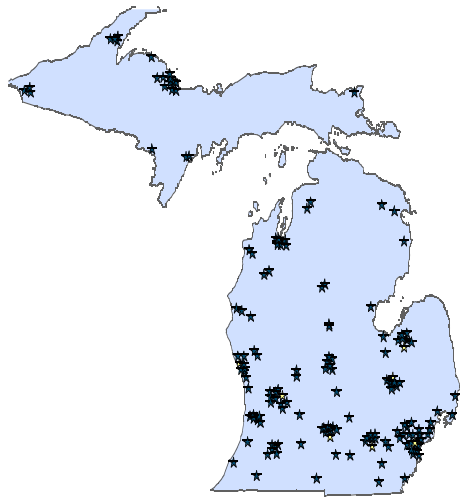
Honor of Hope Awardee

A repeat offender, Pamela Kerisher was paroled in April 2007 to a pre-release halfway house that required residents to obtain employment within two weeks of release. Pamela's excitement from being released soon faded at the challenge of finding work and reintegrating into society. Through the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) Women Offender Reentry Collaborative (WORC), Pamela was able to obtain identification, transportation and interview attire. She worked with her career counselor to become "job ready" and attended job fairs, recruitment sessions and interviews. The WORC program also offered job search support, counseling and career coaching to help her transition into employment.

Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) is a non-sectarian organization that helps businesses hire, train, retain and promote their employees. JVS also provides job search, employment assistance, education, training, career development and support to individuals from all backgrounds. JVS received a grant from the Department of Labor to run a three-year prisoner reentry program for women.

With the help of the WORC program, Pamela obtained full-time employment as a customer service representative and was eventually groomed for a management position. Eighteen months later, Pamela now lives in her own apartment and has been reunited with her daughter who had been in State custody during Pamela's incarceration. Her daughter earned top scores on the MCAS exam and obtained a college scholarship. Pamela is also pursuing her own educational goals and is earning an associate's degree through online courses from the University of Tampa.

MICHIGAN



Federal Grant Awards to Michigan Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$336 million through 489 Federal grant awards
 - ★ 292,466,831 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$44,115,834 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Michigan are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$9.2 million to nonprofits in 18 Michigan cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$5.5 million in funding to nonprofits in 12 Michigan cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$2.1 million to Michigan reentry services.

Michigan Highlights

- The Governor's Office of Community and Faith-Based Initiatives was formally established by Executive Order in March 2005.
- The Office works in partnership with the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative (MPRI) to engage faith-based and community organizations giving recently released prisoners the services and support necessary to successfully transition back into their communities, cutting the rates of crime and recidivism.
- In 2006 alone, 2.43 million Michigan volunteers dedicated 328.7 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007*.

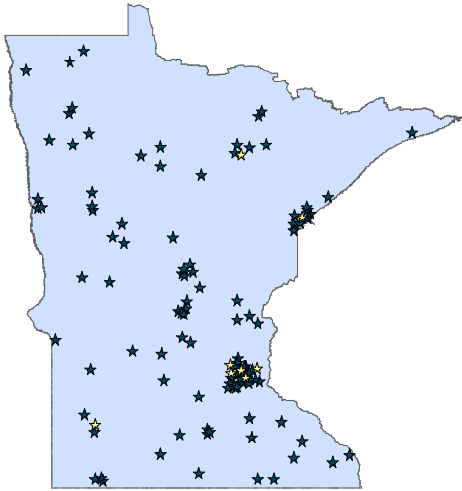
Honor of Hope Awardee

Mr. William Norman III was enrolled in the Wings of Faith, Inc. (WOF) Work Force Mentoring Program in August 2006. An ex-offender in search of a job, Mr. Norman expressed his difficulty in obtaining employment because of his background and sought help with his job search. Upon enrollment in the program, Mr. Norman participated in an orientation, a mentor match and interview tips, and was also referred to the One-Stop Career Center.

With the help of WOF, Mr. Norman contacted an employer, and after only 15 days of release from prison, he called WOF to report that the employer had interviewed and hired him. During the first 3 months of Mr. Norman's employment, a mentor followed up with him monthly, and then twice a year. Mr. Norman is still employed today, proving that he has overcome many barriers— including lack of transportation, ex-offender status and the difficulty of transitioning from incarceration to the community— to achieve employment and a life of dignity and hope.

The Wings of Faith, Inc. program, which receives funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, is designed to help ex-offenders, veterans, disabled, and homeless individuals, ages 18-45 years of age, have access to effective job training and placement services. WOF provides employability and life skills training, pre-and post-job placement and retention services. WOF also provides the appropriate referrals, job fairs, and job placement mentoring.

MINNESOTA



Federal Grant Awards to Minnesota Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$191 million through 340 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$175,081,943 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$16,035,399 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Minnesota are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$5.1 million to nonprofits in 9 Minnesota cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$1.2 million to nonprofits in 3 Minnesota cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2007): \$265,000 to Minnesota reentry services.

Minnesota Highlights

- The Minnesota Governor's Council on Faith and Community Service Initiatives was established by Executive Order in 2005.
- The Council is an active participant in the Governor's "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program" to support the reintegration of deployed and returning veterans and military members and leads an expanded effort called Minnesota Families United to support their family members.
- In 2006 alone, 1.59 million Minnesota volunteers dedicated 155.8 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007*. The city of Minneapolis is in the top ten cities for volunteer rates.

Honor of Hope Awardee

Obang Ogwa, a refugee from Sudan, came to the United States three years ago and found his way to a congregation supported by Daily Work. The mission of Daily Work is to help unemployed and underemployed people find living-wage employment. They do this by connecting people to community resources and by providing support throughout the process.

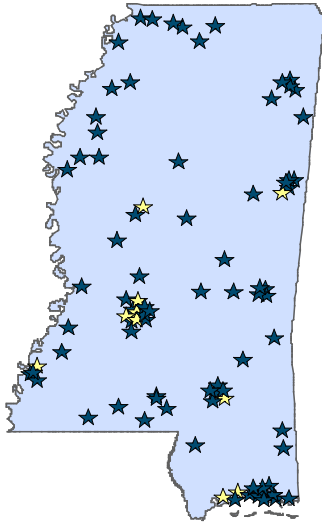
Daily Work began helping Obang navigate systems he was unable to navigate on his own. They helped him create a resume and practice interview skills, which culminated into a part-time job at Fairview Hospital. After noticing his good work habits, Fairview Hospital increased his responsibilities and hours, helping enable him to bring his three daughters to the United States.

With the arrival of his daughters, he needed a new apartment. Daily Work helped him find a clean, safe apartment, as well as resources to help him move in. They connected him with a financial institution that could assist him with budgeting and investments. As a result, Obang has begun a savings account and is on the path to financial success.

Because of Daily Work, Obang's success has allowed him to realize his dream of creating a new life and given him the skills and resources to help others in similar situations.

Daily Work is a sub-awardee of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, a Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Demonstration Project intermediary. Under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, CCF works through intermediary organizations to fund small, grass-roots groups and assists them in increasing their effectiveness and enhancing their ability to provide social services by building their organizational capacity.

MISSISSIPPI



Federal Grant Awards to Mississippi Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$242 million through 136 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$235,551,687 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$6,579,185 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Mississippi are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2004-2007): \$2.1 million to nonprofits in 9 Mississippi cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2004-2007): \$2.1 million to nonprofits in 3 Mississippi cities.

Mississippi Highlights

- In January 2006, a Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Liaison was designated to serve within the Governor's Office.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development held two grant writing trainings in Jackson in 2004, and one in Canton in 2006.
- In 2006 alone, 490,000 Mississippi volunteers dedicated 55.8 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007*.

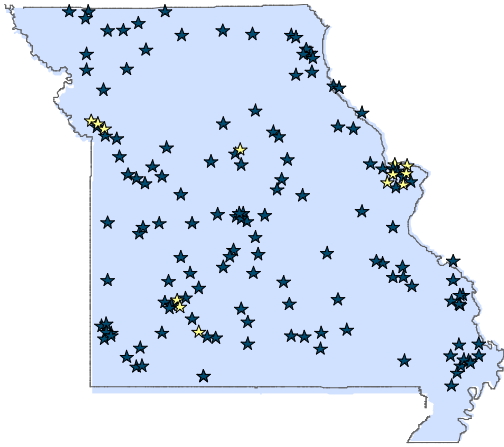
Honor of Hope Awardee

Tennessee Valley Community Development, Incorporated (TVCDI), is a community-based, nonprofit organization located in Alcorn County, Mississippi. The organization was created with a two-fold mission: providing low income citizens of Alcorn County with affordable housing, and to strengthen the local economy through partnerships with local vendors. Through information disseminated under President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, TVCDI applied for the Mutual Self-Help Housing Program.

In 2006, TVCDI was awarded a \$210,000 Mutual Self-Help Housing Grant by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development (RD) agency. This grant allows the nonprofit organization to help guide families in the construction of new homes. The families receive a direct loan from RD and are required to provide at least 65 percent of the labor on their home. This program reduces the total cost of purchasing a home by 20 percent, and allows those typically unable to afford safe housing to become homeowners.

To date, TVCDI has completed 230 new homes for low-income families throughout Alcorn County. The staff specializes in leading clients through the process of making applications, compiling loan dockets and completing the requirements necessary to become homeowners.

MISSOURI



Federal Grant Awards to Missouri Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$212 million through 295 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$143,243,269 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$69,688,770 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Missouri are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$5.2 million to nonprofits in 13 Missouri cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$14.5 million over 3 years to Missouri nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$4 million to nonprofits in 4 Missouri cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$3.7 million to 2 Missouri nonprofits.

Missouri Highlights

- In 2007, the Missouri Governor signed the Faith-Based Organization Liaison Act and implemented the Faith-Based Missouri Initiative to increase cooperation between State government and faith and community-based groups providing social services to Missourians in need.
- The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives held a Regional Conference in St. Louis in 2004 and in Kansas City in 2006. The 2004 event was followed by a Department Of Labor capacity building conference.
- In 2006 alone, 1.36 million Missouri volunteers dedicated 187.4 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007*. Kansas City, MO is among the top ten U.S. cities for volunteer rates.

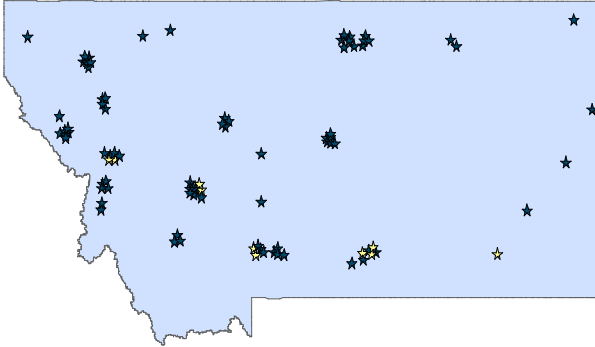
Honor of Hope Awardee

Under the supervision of the United States Probation Office and the State of California, Robin Morgan served 5 years in prison on multiple convictions. After his last incarceration, Robin decided to turn his life around and make a real change. Robin engaged with Connections to Success (CtS) in April 2006 with the first class of the U.S. Department of Labor's Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative participants in Kansas City. He immediately connected with his mentors who became a strong support system for him. Connections to Success is a nonprofit organization created to encompass a number of existing programs with a vision to break the cycle of poverty.

Shortly after he engaged with CtS, Robin was hired through a temporary agency to work at Weight Watchers. After 60 days, he became a permanent employee and was given a raise, and at six months, he was elevated to a Team Lead. A few months later, he was promoted to supervisor and is currently responsible for a team of approximately 20 staff.

Robin has been featured in a public service announcement encouraging employers to hire people formerly incarcerated and has successfully completed his parole. Robin has spoken at the Offender Employment Specialist Training, sharing about his transition back into the community and providing a new perspective to attendees. Robin serves as a motivator and role model for other CtS participants working toward a successful return to the community.

MONTANA



Federal Grant Awards to Montana Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$46 million through 102 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$42,421,417 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$3,899,649 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Montana are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$2.7 million to nonprofits in 7 Montana cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$337,000 to Montana nonprofits.

Montana Highlights

- In 2004, the Department of Housing and Urban Development held two grant writing trainings in Helena and Billings. In 2006, the Department held two in Anaconda and Billings.
- Montana participated in the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Grant Program to reduce domestic violence and increase services for victims in rural areas. This pilot program provided funding to Montana nonprofits who served as intermediaries between OVW and small community and faith-based programs nationwide.
- In 2006 alone, 290,000 Montana volunteers dedicated 37.9 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007*.

Honor of Hope Awardee

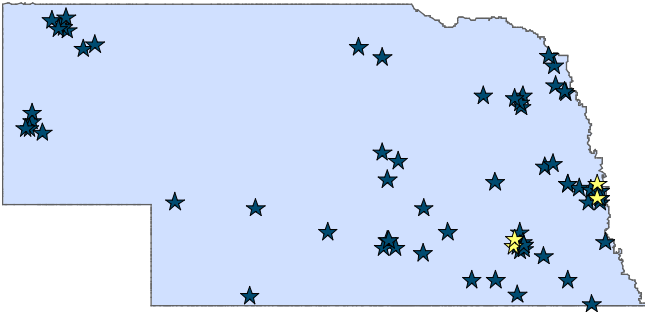
Catherine* grew up without her father and surrounded by much aggression in an extremely abusive home life. Looking for love in all the wrong places, she found herself pregnant at age 16. She tried to continue attending high school but the morning sickness and lack of support caused her to drop out. After her son was born, she realized her son was witnessing too much violence and that she needed to get out. Desperate to find a safe place for her baby boy, Catherine packed a small bag for herself and her son and went to a family shelter. While at the shelter, she learned of Harmony House, a maternity group home for homeless, pregnant or parenting young women between the ages of 18 and 21.

Upon arriving, Catherine quickly established independent living goals with a Harmony House case manager and began learning life skills and attended parenting classes. She is ready to take her GED test and feels much more confident in her parenting abilities. With the intensive support of an on-site, life skills manager and a case manager, she feels confident she will be able to attain her self-improvement goals and be ready to live on her own within 18 months.

Harmony House is sponsored by the District 7 Human Resources Development Council, Inc., a leading nonprofit, community development and human services corporation, and is funded by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services through the Runaway and Homeless Youth Transitional Living Program and Community Services Block Grant. The organization also received funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care grant.

**The real name has not been used.*

NEBRASKA



Federal Grant Awards to Nebraska Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$57 million through 129 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$43,700,532 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$13,329,206 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Nebraska are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$1.9 million to nonprofits in 6 Nebraska cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$367,000 to nonprofits in 2 Nebraska cities.

Nebraska Highlights

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development held a grant writing training in Omaha in 2004.
- President Bush visited the Juan Diego Center in Omaha in June 2006 to discuss comprehensive immigration reform.
- In 2006 alone, 550,000 Nebraska volunteers dedicated 67.5 million

Honor of Hope Awardee

The St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church has been a vital part of the Falls City community in southeast Nebraska for a number of years. Church leaders put ministry into practice by serving others throughout the community. To help facilitate service opportunities, St. Paul's and a number of local churches have pooled their resources together to form and participate in the Falls City Area Ministerial Association.

In 2005, St. Paul's and the Ministerial Association combined their efforts to initiate an opportunity to bring kids together to participate in enrichment activities as well as receive good nutritious lunches while schools are not in session. This effort is known as the St. Paul's Summer Lunch Program, supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program. The Summer Food Service Program reimburses organizations for meals and snacks served to low-income children in the summer. With St. Paul's and the Association working together, the program uses a team of cooks to plan menus, purchase and prepare food, and keep records on meals served. A team of volunteers also works together to plan activities for the kids, including bringing in guests to educate, motivate, and entertain.

Seeing the success of the St. Paul's program, other churches in the network began to support and run their own summer lunch programs, as well as provide volunteers. These programs help children receive the nutrition they need when school is out for the summer.

NEVADA



Federal Grant Awards to Nevada Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$35 million through 72 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$29,018,501 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$6,033,200 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Nevada are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$798,000 to nonprofits in 3 Nevada cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2007): \$265,000 to Nevada reentry services.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$1.2 million to Nevada nonprofits.

Nevada Highlights

- Nevada faith-based and community organizations benefit from regular training opportunities available through Federal Agency FBCI Centers, including hands-on workshops offered through the Small Business Administration.
- The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives held a Regional Conference in Las Vegas in June 2006.
- In 2006, 320,000 Nevada volunteers dedicated 42.4 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

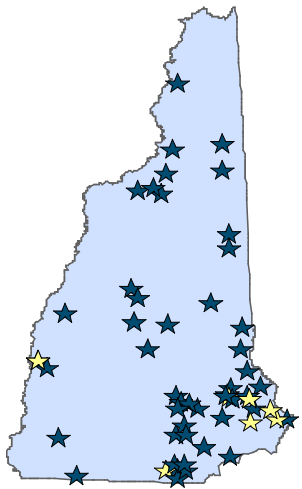
When Edward Kline heard that veterans in his community needed emergency shelter, he immediately wanted to help. Edward is a member of the Jewish War Veterans, Post 64, a group of World War II veterans based in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Jewish War Veterans fund the Independence Day Program, which provides veterans up to ten days of emergency housing after they have been discharged from the hospital, begin a new job or are awaiting admission to a transitional housing program. The program rents six rooms from a local hotel and provides program participants with meals and transportation.

Over the last five years, more than 800 veterans have participated in this program at a monthly cost of over \$1200. Eighty percent of the veterans served through the program either successfully returned to work or entered a transitional housing program.

Edward Kline, along with the members of Post 64 and their wives, remains highly involved in the day-to-day operation of the program and works closely with the Community Based Outreach Clinic, which receives Federal funds through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Community Health Centers Initiative. The Clinic is grateful to the Independence Day Program for the tremendous amount of time and financial support that they have given homeless veterans.

NEW HAMPSHIRE



Federal Grant Awards to New Hampshire Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$43 million through 106 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$43,207,401 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$58,480 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to New Hampshire are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2003-2007): 324,131 to nonprofits in 8 New Hampshire cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2005-2007): \$500,000 to New Hampshire nonprofits.

New Hampshire Highlights

- The Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services established a Faith-Based and Community Initiative in 2007.
- There were two Housing and Urban Development grant writing trainings held in Manchester in 2004 and one in 2005. A grant writing training was held in Plymouth in 2006.
- In 2006 alone, 330,000 New Hampshire volunteers dedicated 41.1 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007*.



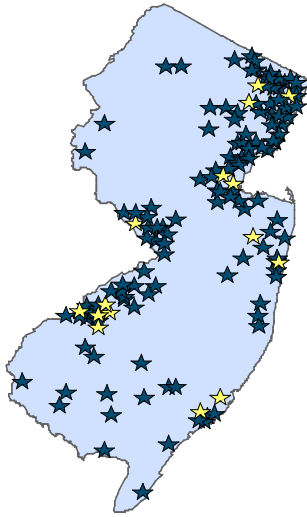
Honor of Hope Awardee

David Rothwell, a Vietnam veteran and construction worker, permanently injured his legs and lost his ability to work after falling off a building. Separated from his wife and unable to find affordable housing, David became homeless.

A housing counselor from The Way Home, a community-based organization in Manchester, New Hampshire, met David while doing outreach at a drop-in center. For four years, David had been living at various homeless shelters or going from one friend's house to another, sleeping on couches. Unclean and unkempt, he had lost all hope of ever having a home again. Working with a counselor from The Way Home, David began to make progress, eventually completing the Steps to Success goal-setting and action plans.

David's first successful steps were small and included collecting the forms and documents needed to apply for a new Social Security card and food stamps. When an apartment became available in The Way Home's Samaritan Initiative permanent supportive housing program, David was ready to take this important step. Not only did David gain a home of his own that was guaranteed to remain affordable, but by succeeding one step at a time in the new choices he made for his own life, David regained confidence in himself. Housing Counseling, Steps to Success Coaching, and Permanent Supportive Housing are three of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funded programs that The Way Home offers to provide an integrated approach to safe and affordable success in housing.

NEW JERSEY



Federal Grant Awards to New Jersey Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$213 million through 284 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$182,652,488 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$30,480,325 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to New Jersey are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$1.6 million to nonprofits in 13 New Jersey cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$3.8 million to nonprofits in 7 New Jersey cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$7.4 million to nonprofits in 3 New Jersey cities.

New Jersey Highlights

- The New Jersey Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives was established within the Department of State in 2002. The Office has a budget of \$2.5 million in State revenue and \$1.5 million from New Jersey's TANF block grant.
- The Office funded Project ATLAS (Applied Training Lasting Solutions), a program designed to enhance the capacity of faith and community based organizations that are planning to or are currently implementing substance abuse recovery support services and/or treatment services.
- In 2006, 1.56 million New Jersey volunteers dedicated 224.2 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

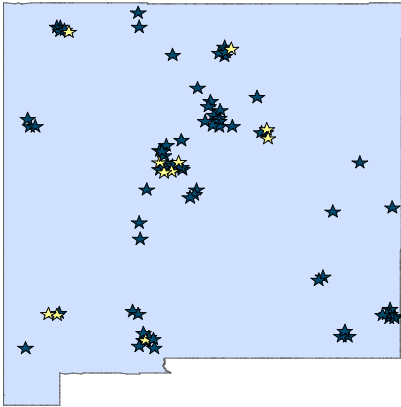
Joe Wilkins was referred to Career Opportunity Development, Inc.(CODI) by a pastor he met while incarcerated. When Joe arrived for intake, he was assigned to a life coach who would help him find employment. Joe found work with a theatrical equipment contractor that provides lighting services to local casinos and conference centers.

Currently, Joe is working as a stage hand and enjoys his new job. The company has many potential advancement opportunities, and Joe hopes to become a lighting technician in the future. His parents are so impressed with the change and accomplishments they have seen in Joe that they have welcomed him back into their home and are providing the family support he needs.

Recently, Joe's parents moved and Joe and his brother purchased their house from them. They are now co-owners of a beautiful home.

CODI is located in Egg Harbor, New Jersey and receives funding through the U.S. Department of Labor's Prisoner Reentry Initiative. CODI provides vocational training services to ex-offenders and individuals with disabilities.

NEW MEXICO



Federal Grant Awards to New Mexico Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ \$110 million through 139 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$85,178,267 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$25,326,654 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to New Mexico are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$5.3 million to nonprofits in 9 New Mexico cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$14.5 million over 3 years to New Mexico nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$961,000 to nonprofits in 2 New Mexico cities.

New Mexico Highlights

- The New Mexico Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives was established in 2005 and has developed a database of more than 1,600 FBCOs, presented "Accessing Federal Funds" training to 340 FBCOs, and directly supported 70 FBCOs with capacity-building services to assist them with applications for Federal funding. The Office partners with the United Way of Central New Mexico's Center for Non-Profit Excellence to provide information and resources through shared e-mail lists.
- The Office leads the New Mexico Task Force to End Hunger which is a coalition of 26 public and private sector entities. The Task Force's 2007 Summer Food Pilot Program engaged a large number of FBCOs and included an effective intergenerational program component which has become an important part of New Mexico's plan to increase the civic engagement of older adults.
- In 2006, 370,000 New Mexico volunteers dedicated 45 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007*.

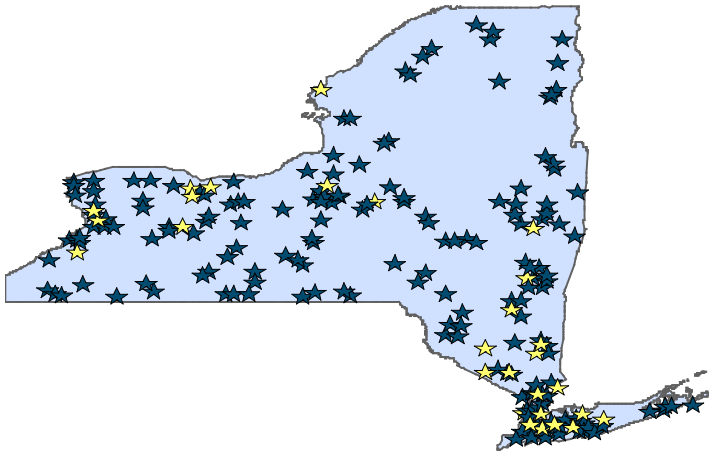
Honor of Hope Awardee

Although married, Michele Horton chose to enter Susan's Legacy alone in order to focus on her addiction recovery. Located in Albuquerque, Susan's Legacy is a nonprofit organization that provides permanent supportive housing for individuals to conquer mental and substance abuse disorders. Clients are required to maintain certain program criteria, which include being clean and sober for a minimum of 90 days and passing a drug and alcohol test at admission and every month thereafter.

Michele and her husband reunited after Susan's Legacy allowed them to become the first married couple to live in the provided housing. Michele has since become a certified medical assistant employed at a local nursing home, and she also receives medical billing training through a local hospital.

Michele, who once spent time in the New Mexico Women's Correctional Facility, says that Susan's Legacy "gives a person the opportunity to establish themselves back in the community and to become a productive member of society so a person can pursue their dreams. Susan's Legacy provided a stable environment so I could pursue recovery and career oriented goals and also provided a stable foundation for us to restore our marriage." Susan's Legacy is supported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care through a sub-award from Catholic Charities of Central New Mexico.

NEW YORK



Federal Grant Awards to New York Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$856 million through 1,290 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$686,102,006 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$169,918,315 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to New York are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$11.9 million to nonprofits in 30 New York cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$9.2 million to nonprofits in 9 New York cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$3.7 million to 2 New York nonprofits.

New York Highlights

- Between 2004 and 2006, the Department of Housing and Urban Development held 24 grant writing workshops throughout the State. Between 2003 and 2007, the Department of Education held six workshops.
- New York FBCOs participated in over 300 capacity building workshops conducted by the Small Business Administration. These workshops provide business management resources and training for nonprofits.
- In 2006, 2.78 million New York volunteers dedicated 380.5 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007*.

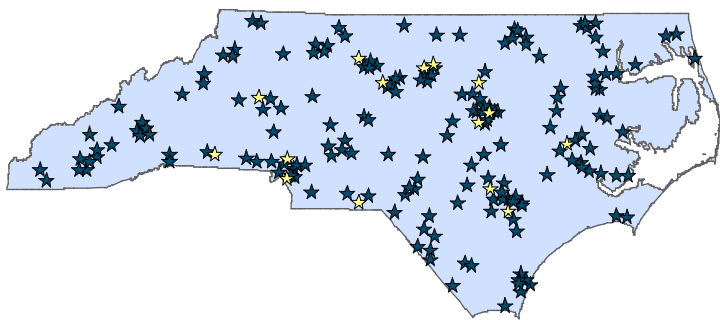
Honor of Hope Awardee

The Doe Fund (TDF) serves New York City and the surrounding community with a variety of resources, including a substance abuse relapse program funded through the U.S. Department of Labor's Prisoner Reentry Initiative. Geared toward recently incarcerated individuals that struggle with substance abuse and other addiction problems, TDF provides tools that help former inmates to re-integrate into daily life.

In addition to substance-abuse counseling, The Doe Fund operates a Computer Learning Instruction Center (CLIC) through funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The intensive computer skills training, as well as hands-on instruction and weekly job skills classes, focus on equipping individuals to re-enter the work force. CLIC also operates a leadership alliance which allows program participants to learn interpersonal and leadership skills as they work in the community with other former prisoners.

TDF participants benefit from other vocational opportunities such as a culinary arts program at their Gates Avenue facility. This enables participants to earn a food handler's certification and allows them to find employment working in restaurants or other kitchen facilities. TDF also operates a graduate-services department.

NORTH CAROLINA



Federal Grant Awards to North Carolina Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$262 million through 342 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$232,091,979 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$30,466,416 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to North Carolina are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$2.1 million to nonprofits in 14 North Carolina cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$3 million to nonprofits in 8 North Carolina cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2007): \$265,000 to North Carolina reentry services.

North Carolina Highlights

- In 2005, a Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Liaison was appointed within the Governor's Office.
- Between 2004 and 2006, there were five Department of Housing and Urban Development grant writing trainings throughout the State. In 2002, there was a Department of Education workshop in Salisbury, and in 2006 there was one in Durham.
- In 2006 alone, 1.73 million North Carolina volunteers dedicated 206.4 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007*.



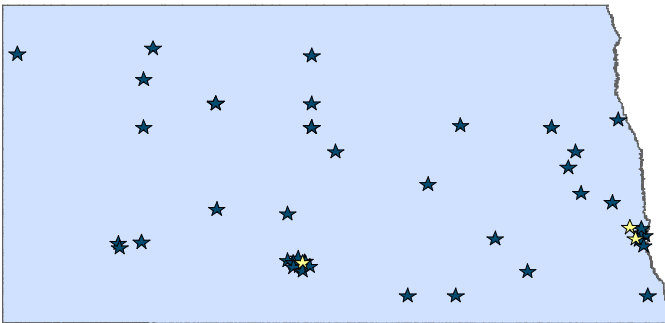
Honor of Hope Awardee

Jeffrey Hamilton is a participant in Reading Connections' Workplace Essential Skills (WES) class at Open Door Ministries. As a 22-year-old high school drop-out, he struggled for years with substance abuse, unemployment and homelessness. He dreamed of getting his GED, going to college and turning his life around, but low self-esteem and addictions held him back. His post-test upon completion of the WES course reflected a 17 point gain and an increase of one literacy level, qualifying him to take the official GED exam in reading. After graduating from a substance abuse recovery program and the WES course, Jeffrey found employment, passed four sections of the GED and enrolled in a mathematics course at Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC) to help him pass the remaining section of the test. Jeffrey met his goal in December 2007, passing the mathematics section and earning his GED.

Jeffrey is now enrolled in a community college to become a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Earning a GED gave Jeffrey a huge confidence boost and opened many doors to career and educational opportunities. Jeffrey continues to work part-time as he pursues his goal of becoming an EMT. His success in the WES class and support from other students and staff gave him the confidence he needed to return both to the workforce and to his education.

Reading Connections provides various reading classes and tutoring sessions in the greater Guilford County area. It offers "Workplace Essential Skills" classes in several locations around the county, which focus on "soft" work skills. Reading Connections was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. WES continues to enable its participants to engage in everyday-life activities that many would take for granted, such as getting a driver's license, reading a story to their children, or reading information on a prescription.

NORTH DAKOTA



Federal Grant Awards to North Dakota Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$17 million through 63 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$16,774,766 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$839,091 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to North Dakota are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$143,000 to North Dakota nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$268,000 to nonprofits in 2 North Dakota cities.

North Dakota Highlights

- The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives was created by legislation in 2005. In 2007, the Office was transferred to the Department of Commerce which also administers the State's Commission of National and Community Service.
- Between 2004 and 2006, the Department of Housing and Urban Development held four grant writing workshops throughout the State.
- In 2006 alone, 180,000 North Dakota volunteers dedicated 14.5 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007*.

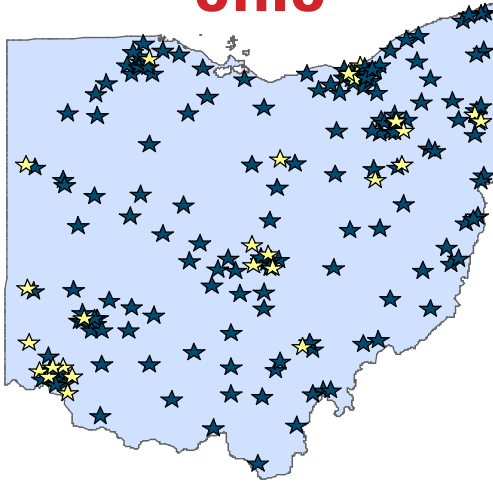
Honor of Hope Awardee

For six years, Dave has mentored Gunner through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bismarck-Madison, North Dakota, a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grantee. Gunner, now 12, has completed the seventh grade and proudly admits that he has finished with all As and Bs. During the school year, Dave makes sure Gunner finishes his homework before they play basketball or other sports. Gunner and Dave see each other weekly, and sometimes Dave's son, Beau, is included. Through their friendship, Gunner and Beau occasionally do activities together without Dave.

Although Dave no longer coaches Gunner's soccer team, he is always cheering on the sidelines. He also continues to show his support and encouragement for Gunner's latest passion, golf. Gunner was selected out of a group of 52 to be on an all-star golf team, which enabled him to play in a tournament made up of two boys and two coaches. Because Dave is not very good at golf, Gunner has agreed to meet with him weekly to help improve his game.

Gunner is involved in Boy Scouts and is looking forward to going to camp this summer. He hopes to go on to be an Eagle Scout some day.

OHIO



Federal Grant Awards to Ohio Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$439 million through 525 Federal grant awards.
 - ★ \$399,265,823 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$39,975,313 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Ohio are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$4.7 million to nonprofits in 25 Ohio cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$13.9 million over 3 years to Ohio nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$6.1 million to nonprofits in 7 Ohio cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$2.1 million to nonprofits in 2 Ohio cities.

Ohio Highlights

- The Ohio Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives was established in 2003 by the Ohio General Assembly and became the first such office to receive a Federal Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Grant in 2004. The grant allowed the Office and its partners to provide capacity-building training and technical assistance to more than 2,000 FBCOs and distribute \$1 million in capacity-building mini-grants.
- The Office invests more \$11 million per year of State TANF to support the Strengthening Families Initiative, administers a five-year HHS grant awarded in 2006 for the African-American Healthy Marriage Initiative, and oversees the Ohio Benefit Bank which assists low-income families receiving tax credits and other government benefits like food stamps, health insurance, child care subsidies, and home energy assistance.
- In 2006, 2.69 million Ohio volunteers dedicated 333.8 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007*.

Honor of Hope Awardee

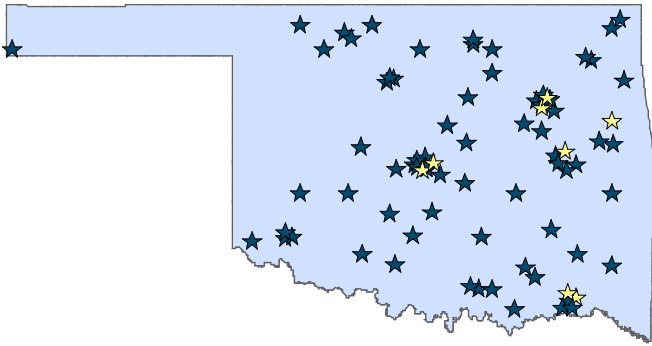
After serving a 33-month Federal sentence for the offense of embezzlement, Tim Aldridge came to the Talbert House, a grantee of the U.S. Department of Labor's Prisoner Reentry Initiative. Tim attributes his long history of unlawful behavior to severe alcohol, prescription drug, and meth addiction.

Tim has been free from mood altering substances for 56 months, and he doesn't take his new life for granted. Tim credits the 500-hour residential drug abuse program that he completed in the Federal Correctional Institution as having laid the foundation for his newfound lifestyle. The program taught Tim powerful coping skills, with an emphasis on rational thinking and decision making, allowing him to make the most of his aftercare and reentry opportunities.

While participating in the Talbert House reentry program, Tim received help finding employment and remains employed full-time today. He obtained housing in a three-quarter house -- a transitional home for men committed to sobriety -- in order to support his recovery and to help others with their afflictions. He continues to make amends for his past crimes by staying current with restitution payments and by volunteering his time in helping others find recovery. In addition to attending various 12-step support groups each week, practicing the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, and using the tools and techniques of rational self-counseling that he learned while incarcerated, Tim also volunteers as a night manager at the recovery home where he lives.

The Talbert House is a network of social service organizations that aids the people of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Its primary purpose is to help prisoners reenter the community smoothly through its system of halfway houses, drug counseling centers, and other support sites.

OKLAHOMA



Federal Grant Awards to Oklahoma Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$141 million through 154 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$138,934,388 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$2,299,234 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Oklahoma are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$1 million to nonprofits in 5 Oklahoma cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$11.9 million over 3 years to Oklahoma nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$1 million to nonprofits in 2 Oklahoma cities.

Oklahoma Highlights

- The Oklahoma Office of Faith-Based Liaison was established in July 2000, but in 2002 the name was changed to the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. The Office is funded by TANF and is facilitated through the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.
- In May 2005, the Office helped create the “Oklahoma Partnership for Successful Reentry”, a statewide coalition of reentry service providers. The Partnership has since acquired status as a 501(c) (3) organization and the OFBCI project manager serves on its executive committee. The Partnership held one conference which was co-sponsored by the OFBCI and the Department of Corrections and is beginning a series of quarterly educational forums for reentry service providers in Oklahoma.
- In 2006, 800,000 Oklahoma volunteers dedicated 110.3 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007*. Tulsa is in the top ten U.S. cities for volunteer rates.

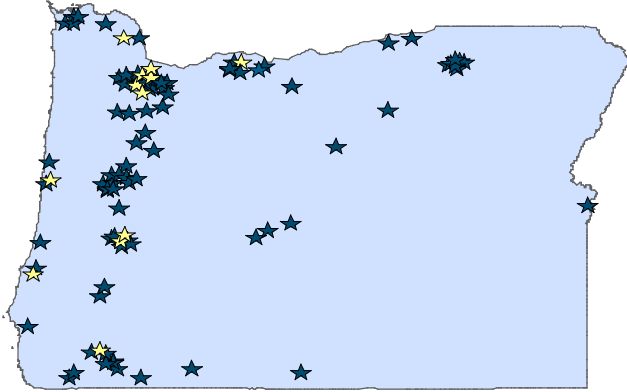
Honor of Hope Awardee

Andrea Delgado is a busy 14-year-old who takes care of her brother and cousins when her mom is at work. When she is not looking after her family, Andrea participates in the Oklahoma Weed and Seed program, which offers afterschool mentoring and tutoring services to at-risk youth. Andrea has also participated in the program’s Drug Education for Youth summer camp, where young people receive support to develop self esteem, citizenship, and leadership skills with counselors drawn from the law enforcement community. A Weed and Seed participant since 2005, Andrea has particularly enjoyed her time in the Martial Arts program, which provides karate lessons to students at school and at the community center.

Andrea was named Student of the Year for 2006-2007. In addition to karate, she enjoys dance, volleyball and basketball. She hopes to be a pediatric nurse when she grows up. When asked how the Weed and Seed program has benefited her she said, “It helped me raise my grades and has [shown] me how to respect my mom and to listen to her... Weed and Seed is always there for me. Whatever I need—you are like a family to me.”

Weed and Seed is a community-based strategy sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice that aims to prevent and reduce crime, drug abuse and gang activity in designated high-crime neighborhoods across the country. Law enforcement, local community and faith-based organizations, and concerned citizens work together to “weed out” violent criminals and drug abusers while collaborating to “seed” human services, including prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood restoration programs.

OREGON



Federal Grant Awards to Oregon Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$139 million through 216 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$134,330,006 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$5,387,957 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Oregon are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$3 million to nonprofits in 12 Oregon cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$2.4 million to nonprofits in 3 Oregon cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$1.2 million to Portland reentry services.

Oregon Highlights

- In 2004, the Department of Housing & Urban Development held grant writing workshops in Eugene, Salem, and Portland. In a 2007 study, the Corporation for National and Community Service ranked Portland among the top ten cities for volunteer rates.
- Oregon FBCOs participated in 62 capacity building workshops conducted by the Small Business Administration. These workshops provide business management resources and training for nonprofits.
- In 2006, 940,000 Oregon volunteers dedicated 136.5 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

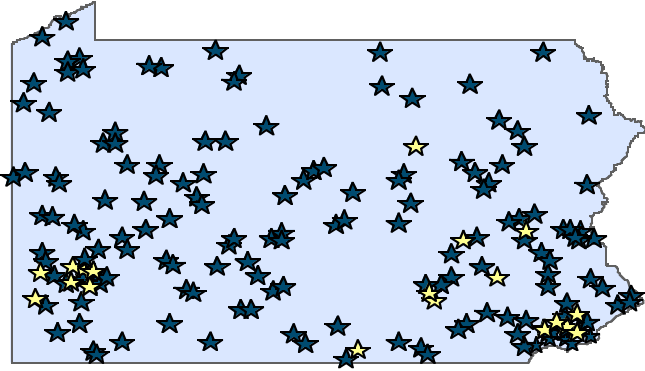
Jim Meiser responded skeptically to his referral to Harbor Light Mission, a Veterans Emergency and Transition Shelter (VETS) program administered by the Salvation Army. He knew he couldn't sing or play a musical instrument, and he didn't want to ring bells in front of the mall. But he had just been released from jail and was cold, hungry, sick and in need of treatment for his drug habit.

Much to his surprise, the first directive given to him by his case manager was to go to bed and get well. He was told to "take it easy." Jim was waiting for something bad to happen, for the other shoe to drop. But it never did. Jim's case manager kept helping him along, giving Jim a room, food, clothes and a big dose of encouragement.

Jim completed drug rehabilitation through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Substance Abuse Treatment Program and recovered physically. He also completed a transition program to assist with reentry into the community after serving time in jail. After less than 9 months, Jim graduated from the Salvation Army VETS program clean and sober and is now in his own apartment.

In a letter to his case manager about his time in the Salvation Army, Jim stated, "I believe that if all the armies of the world were like yours, the world would be a better place. Yours is an army that fires bullets of hope, grenades of compassion and an atomic burst of love. Thank you for making me feel so welcome and for the hope you gave me in my recovery. Without your help, my success would not have happened."

PENNSYLVANIA



Federal Grant Awards to Pennsylvania Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$374 million through 638 Federal grant awards.
 - ★ \$321,204,612 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$53,692,141 to faith-based organization

Included in Federal grants to Pennsylvania are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$16.8 million to nonprofits in 22 Pennsylvania cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$7.4 million to nonprofits in 6 Pennsylvania cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$2.1 million to nonprofits in 2 Pennsylvania cities.

Pennsylvania Highlights

- The Department of Housing & Urban Development held 19 grant writing workshops between January 2004 and October 2006.
- The Philadelphia Mayor's Office of Faith Based Initiatives, as well as other aspects of government such as the local workforce system, have cultivated networks of community- and faith-based nonprofits to collaboratively engage some of the city's most pressing needs, ranging from unemployment and at-risk youth to prisoner reentry.
- In 2006, 2.69 million Pennsylvania volunteers dedicated 350.2 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007*.

Honor of Hope Awardee

In May 2007, Earl Gaymon came to Turning the TIDE, a faith-based organization helping ex-prisoners attain employment and life skills through Project ECHO (Empowering Communities to Help Others).

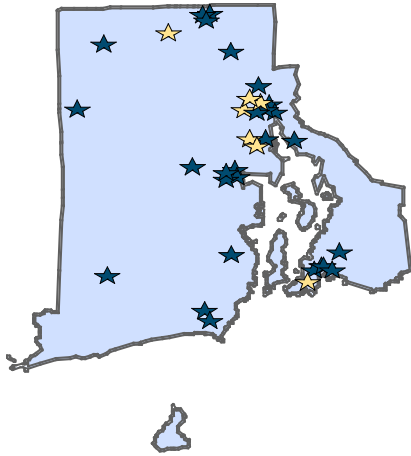
With a previous charge and probation on his record, employment was difficult to find, yet he was determined to find a job. Earl came to the TIDE Center at least four times a week to search for jobs and send his resume to potential employers via email and fax. While working with his TIDE case manager, Earl was sent on interviews and followed every lead he was given. He was able to obtain several part-time positions while still seeking employment with a company where he could earn his desired salary. Earl was not always successful, but through his relationships with the TIDE staff and the encouragement he received, he was empowered to persevere in his pursuits.

Earl is currently working at a local college in the food services department. He loves his co-workers and is grateful for the support from Turning the TIDE. Through his success, he has been instrumental in helping others find employment and has recommended several people to the program.

As a veteran, Earl is in a position to go back to school to pursue an electronics career. He is currently coming to the TIDE Center to research his educational opportunities. During the time he was incarcerated, Earl had become estranged from his family, but he is now in the process of rebuilding those relationships. Earl has applied the training and support he received from the TIDE center to turn his life around and has given back as a volunteer with the center. He is an inspiration to their program and offers encouragement to other participants.

Turning the TIDE is a faith-based organization that administers Project ECHO, an initiative of the City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board and its local One-Stop Career Center, which is funded in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor.

RHODE ISLAND



Federal Grant Awards to Rhode Island Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$57 million through 109 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$55,901,290 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$2,002,932 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Rhode Island are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$2 million to Rhode Island nonprofits.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$8.3 million over 3 years to Rhode Island nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$698,000 to nonprofits in 3 Rhode Island cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2007): \$219,000 to Rhode Island reentry services.

Rhode Island Highlights

- Three Department of Housing & Urban Development grant writing trainings were held in Providence between 2004 and 2006.
- Twelve Faith-Based and Community Initiative Meetings were held with the Small Business Administration.
- In 2006, 200,000 Rhode Island volunteers dedicated 22.7 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

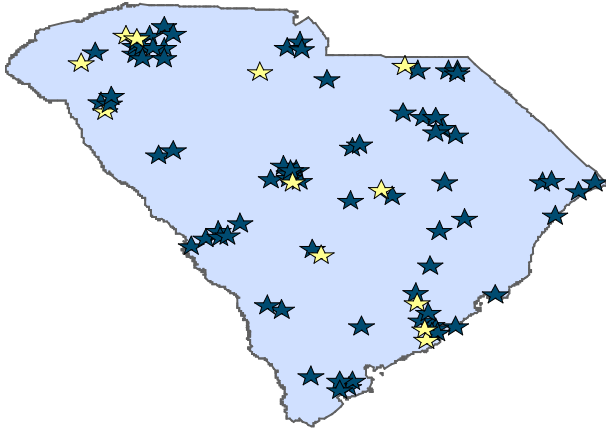
Honor of Hope Awardee

Each month 350 offenders are released from the Rhode Island prison system, and about 38 percent of those released return to live in Providence. Over 70 percent have a substance abuse history. Since drug relapse plays a primary role in the return to crime, 50 percent of these men and women released from prison will return to prison within 3 years.

The Blessing Way is a faith-based agency that receives funding through a grassroots grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. The agency serves ex-offenders returning to the Providence area from prison or drug treatment by providing case management for approximately 20 new cases per month. The Blessing Way's *Operation Get Started* targets those ex-offenders who want to work but do not possess the necessary skills or literacy. They are taught "soft skills", such as life- and job-skills training, and provided coaching, mentoring and job-retention support. The Blessing Way then works with business associations and companies to find them employment opportunities.

The Blessing Way program includes other services, such as intensive case management, weekly life-skills classes, transitional housing, emergency assistance and family outreach.

SOUTH CAROLINA



Federal Grant Awards to South Carolina Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$163 million through 165 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$155,318,744 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$7,993,101 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to South Carolina are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$1.3 million to nonprofits in 12 South Carolina cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$1.2 million to nonprofits in 3 South Carolina cities.

South Carolina Highlights

- The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives was established in March 2005.
- The Department of Justice and Sullivan's Island, SC were involved in HALOS (Helping and Lending Outreach Support), a public/private partnership that provides much needed resources and services to abused and neglected victims served by the Charleston County Department of Social Services.
- In 2006, 950,000 South Carolina volunteers dedicated 127.1 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

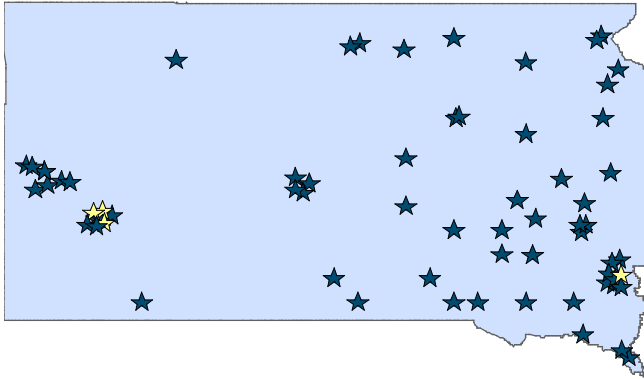
Honor of Hope Awardee

Maurice and Eleanor Defoor were surprised when the doctor informed Eleanor that it would be a good time to request hospice. Maurice recalls not knowing what to do next. Eleanor's disease was progressing, and she was becoming weaker amidst suffering intense pain. Eleanor was admitted to Hospice & Community Care with end stage heart failure in February 2007. Maurice recalls being surprised with how complete the hospice plan was. Within the first 24 hours, the hospice team made Eleanor more comfortable with pain medications, general supplies, emotional support and a special mattress that made sleeping through the night possible.

Eleanor was in hospice care for just over three months. During this time, she was able to remain at home with her family, pain free and resting comfortably. She and her family met with hospice team members, such as the social worker and chaplain, to reminisce, share life stories and have the more difficult conversations that come at the end of one's life. Eleanor was visited 4-5 times a week by a home health aide who bathed her, as well as a registered nurse who monitored her vitals and drew fluid from her lungs. A hospice physician made house calls and answered all of the family's many questions about the disease progression, and a volunteer provided additional care. In May 2007, Eleanor died with dignity—in her own home, surrounded by the ones she loved.

Hospice & Community Care is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality end-of-life care. The program is supported in part by Community Development Block Grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SOUTH DAKOTA



Federal Grant Awards to South Dakota Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$49 million through 97 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$43,020,838 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$6,677,116 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to South Dakota are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$1.3 million to nonprofits in 9 South Dakota cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$40,000 to South Dakota nonprofits.

South Dakota Highlights

- The Department of Housing & Urban Development held grant writing trainings in Aberdeen, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls between 2004 and 2005.
- The Small Business Administration held 11 capacity building workshops for faith-based and community organizations throughout the State.
- In 2006, 210,000 South Dakota volunteers dedicated 24.5 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

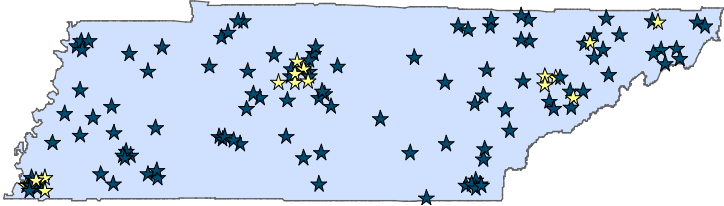
Honor of Hope Awardee

Scott Comp faced a range of issues when he first came to Volunteers of America Dakotas (VOA-Dakotas). He suffered physical mobility issues as a result of seizures and a stroke. However, with the support of VOA, Scott's outlook on life changed.

Wildflower Estates is a VOA-Dakotas new development supported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program. It is the second of four planned HUD Section 811 housing options. These housing developments allow Scott, and others like him, to receive the supportive services they need while still living independently.

Because of this housing option, Scott now enjoys the independence and self-sufficiency he has long desired through his new apartment in Wildflower Estates. In this new location, he has also developed a new sense of community with the other residents, providing him with much more than just supportive housing. He has even been able to return to some of his hobbies. In fact, the VOA staff developed adaptive fishing gear that allowed Scott to return to his favorite pastime: fishing. Through Wildflower Estates, Scott has regained self-sufficiency while enjoying his new community of friends and even a few cherished activities.

TENNESSEE



Federal Grant Awards to Tennessee Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$166 million through 283 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$149,396,865 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$17,047,455 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Tennessee are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2004-2007): \$1.6 million to 12 nonprofits in 8 Tennessee cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$14.5 million over 3 years to Tennessee nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$5.6 million to nonprofits in 4 Tennessee cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2007): \$265,000 to Tennessee reentry services.

Tennessee Highlights

- The Department of Housing & Urban Development held 14 grant writing trainings throughout the State between 2004 and 2006.
- In October 2003, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives held a Regional Conference in Memphis. It was followed by a U.S. Department of Labor capacity building conference.
- In 2006, 1.17 million Tennessee volunteers dedicated 172.4 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.



Honor of Hope Awardee

When Sharon Wesley experienced breathing problems in August 2005, she wasn't sure what was wrong. On her sister's recommendation, she visited Christ Community Health Services clinic for the first time.

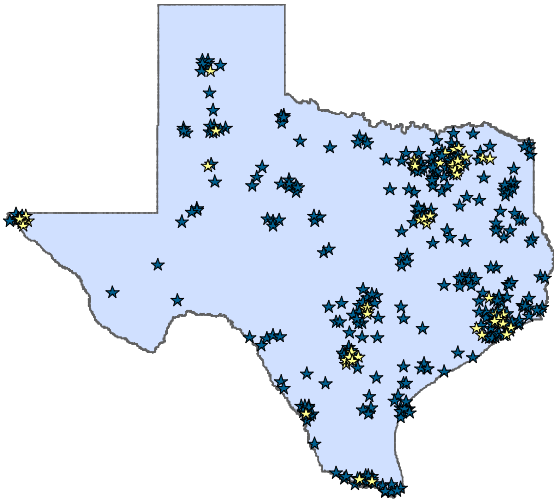
Christ Community sent her to the hospital to have fluid drained from her lungs, but within a few weeks, the fluid returned. Wesley again visited Christ Community and this time was admitted for nine days. A series of tests revealed she had ovarian cancer, with a large fibroid tumor leaking fluid onto her internal organs. Through the help of Christ Community, Sharon secured treatment at one of Memphis' best facilities, and her tumor was removed in January 2007.

Founded in 1995, Christ Community Health Services is a nonprofit, Christian-based organization, focused on fulfilling the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of the underprivileged, medically underserved population of Memphis, TN. Geographically selected communities are served through medical/dental clinics, mobile van services and six outreach programs. In 2003, Christ Community applied for and successfully received funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to become a Federally Qualified Health Center.

Now cancer-free, Wesley continues to go to Christ Community every three months. When asked about her experience, her satisfaction is evident. "Through God, and the patience and help from the doctors and employees at Christ Community, it's been a very enlightening and helpful experience for me. I wouldn't have known about the problem had I not gone there."

Wesley has recommended the clinic to others, citing its focus on faith as the unique component that sets Christ Community apart.

TEXAS



Federal Grant Awards to Texas Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$726 million through 679 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$644,089,081 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$82,108,764 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Texas are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$9 million to nonprofits in 22 Texas cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$13.5 million over 3 years to Texas nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$9 million to nonprofits in 14 Texas cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$5.6 million to nonprofits in 3 Texas cities.

Texas Highlights

- The OneStar Foundation was established by Executive Order in 2003 as a nonprofit entity to manage the Governor's Faith-Based and Community Initiative, the Governor's Mentoring Initiative and the Texas Commission on Volunteerism.
- OneStar received a CCF Demonstration Grant in 2005 to build the capacity of FBCOs in four urban counties and then expanded the effort, in partnership with the Texas Workforce Commission, to implement a capacity building project in three rural regions of the State. These two projects allowed OneStar to strengthen 37 diverse FBCOs with more than 1,000 staff and volunteers.
- In 2006, 4.58 million Texas volunteers dedicated 609.4 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

Pearley Hayslip and her three children were referred to Compassion Ministries of Waco after church members found them sleeping in the cab of their truck. The family became homeless when Pearley's husband was incarcerated. She became financially unstable after three months and did not know where to turn for help.

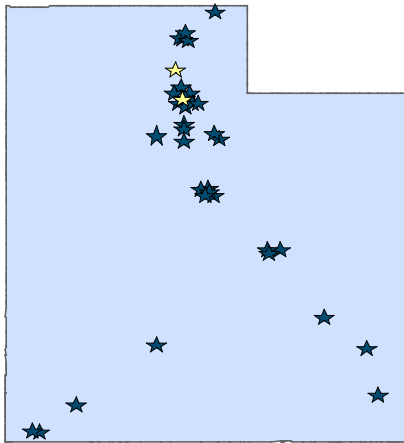
Pearley was disheartened when she arrived at Compassion. "I had almost given up," she said. "Compassion was my last resort. Once I arrived, I knew this was the answer to what I needed. I didn't know how to structure my life, but the discipline of the program helped me regain hope and confidence."

Compassion Ministries offers a transition housing program, supported in part by a Continuum of Care grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, with the goal of reintegrating homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and employment.

Compassion Ministries provided Pearley and her family with transitional housing for six months. During their stay at Compassion Ministries, case managers worked with Pearley and her children to develop and implement a plan. Assistance included child care, help getting social security cards, obtaining a driver's license for Pearley and getting birth certificates for all of her children. In addition, individual counseling was provided to the two older boys who were having a difficult time dealing with the loss of their father. Pearley also took advantage of individual counseling to gain confidence as a single parent and started attending parenting classes at a local advocacy center.

Pearley successfully graduated from Compassion's program after six months and obtained full time employment. After receiving weekly credit for her budgeting/employment co-partner sessions, she was finally able to move into permanent housing. Pearley and her family have relocated to Fort Worth where she recently signed on as a home health worker with a hospice.

UTAH



Federal Grant Awards to Utah Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$59 million 76 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$58,471,338 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$1,081,768 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Utah are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$176,000 to nonprofits in 3 Utah cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$100,000 to Utah nonprofits.

Utah Highlights

- The Utah Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives was established by Executive Order in 2006 within the Utah Department of Housing and Community Development. Utah's Commission on Volunteerism is located in the same State agency and the two entities work closely together.
- The Office has developed a comprehensive resource bulletin with a tailored capacity building presentation for Citizen Corps and a number of local police and fire departments to equip volunteers and to fund projects.
- In 2006, 790,000 Utah volunteers dedicated 145.8 million hours of service according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

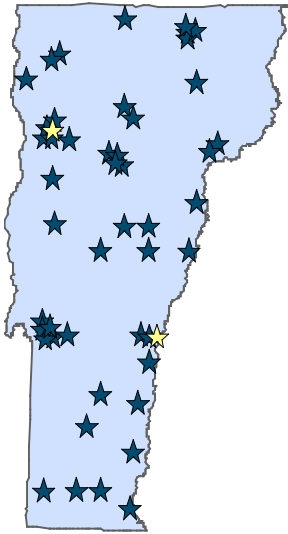
Honor of Hope Awardee

Alienated from family and living in the streets, John Hailes had been an alcoholic for over a decade when he moved into Sunrise Metro Apartments. When he moved into Sunrise, John had completed a detoxification program, remaining sober for 6 months. However, he maintained only sporadic, temporary employment and did not earn a salary sufficient for his basic needs.

As a result of the life services at Sunrise, John obtained full-time employment with benefits and also reached the one-year sobriety mark after living at Sunrise for just under 12 months. During Christmas with his family last year, John's sisters gave him an iPod, expressing their excitement at being able to trust him with a gift of significant value, because they finally knew that he would use and enjoy it, rather than selling it to buy alcohol. John's success story is just one example of the many individuals that have found a new start at Sunrise.

In 2005, government entities, nonprofits, and businesses partnered together to open Sunrise Metro Apartments, the first permanent/supportive housing project for the homeless in Utah. Located in Salt Lake City, Sunrise provides human services and case management, targeting root causes of homelessness including mental illness and substance abuse. Sunrise offers services for veterans as well as the disabled, and receives funding and resources through AmeriCorps, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 Housing program and Volunteers of America.

VERMONT



Federal Grant Awards to Vermont Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$34 million through 99 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$33,872,414 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$300,000 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Vermont are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$385,768 to nonprofits in 3 Vermont cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$99,000 to nonprofits in Vermont cities.

Vermont Highlights

- Between 2004 and 2006, the Department of Housing & Urban Development held three grant writing trainings in Burlington.
- The City of Burlington has a Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Liaison.
- In 2006, 180,000 Vermont volunteers dedicated 21.7 million hours of service according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

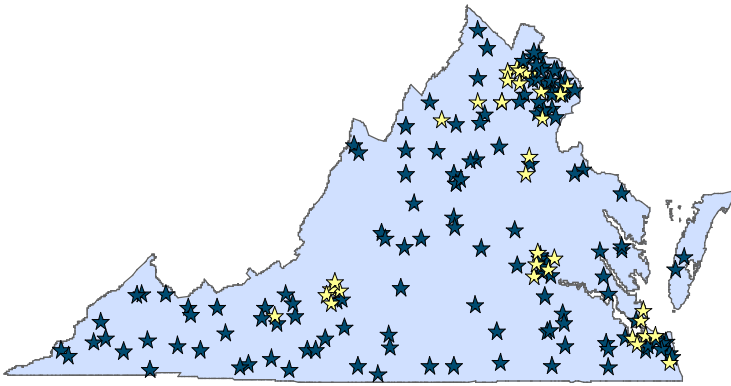
Honor of Hope Awardee

In 1997, Kathy Shand was a single parent of four children. Her marriage had ended after 1 year, and Kathy spent the next 15 years on State assistance while the children grew up. She tried to go to nursing school but had to drop out due to a lack of childcare.

One day, Kathy saw an article about the Good News Garage, a transportation service established in July 1996 with support from a Social Ministry Outreach Project of Lutheran Social Services of New England. The Good News Garage, a Federal sub-grantee that partners with the Faith-Based and Community Initiative, uses several programs to meet the needs of those who are unable to access employment because they lack reliable, affordable transportation. These include a car donation program and the Ready To Go program, a transitional transportation service that uses donated vans to drive individuals to and from work.

After Kathy read about the Good News Garage, she applied for a training interview. The Good News Garage contacted her to set up an appointment, and Kathy began her training program in July 1997. One year later, she was finally hired as a service writer and was so excited to receive her first paycheck. After 11 years, Kathy remains an employee of the Good News Garage, working as the office manager. Kathy is just one of the more than 3,000 families and individuals that once faced lack of transportation as a barrier to economic independence, but have had their lives transformed by the Good News Garage.

VIRGINIA



Federal Grant Awards to Virginia Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$235 million through 360 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$206,269,436 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$29,673,878 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Virginia are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$17.1 million to nonprofits in 20 Virginia cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$7.4 million to nonprofits in 10 Virginia cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2007): \$198,000 to Virginia reentry services.

Virginia Highlights

- The Virginia Faith-Based and Community Initiative began in 1999, after a task force established by the Virginia General Assembly enacted a resolution outlining the responsibility of the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) to facilitate collaboration and partnerships among public agencies and faith-based and community organizations. These responsibilities were established in law by the General Assembly and Governor in 2002.
- The Virginia FBCI program is actively engaged in the Strengthening Families Initiative, the Virginia Mentoring Initiative, and has been an active partner in the Virginia Prisoner Reentry Pilot Programs engaging FBCOs in family to family mentoring and workforce development activities to assist former prisoners and their families with successful reentry into the community.
- In 2006, 1.68 million Virginia volunteers dedicated 243 million hours of service according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

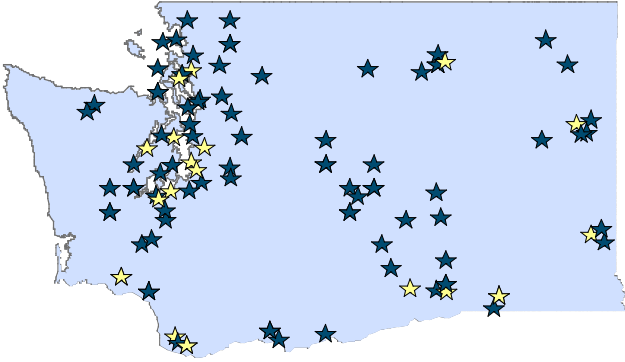
When the war started in Afghanistan, Ms. Zarghouna Noory immigrated to the United States with four small children and a fifth on the way. As her husband remained in Afghanistan, she found herself all alone in a new country. At the time, Ms. Noory suffered from back pain due to a spinal injury, preventing her from daily chores and proper care of her children. During this time of difficulty, Ms. Noory found resources and support through Express Care, a community nonprofit that provides information and a variety of services for those in need. For example, Ms. Noory was unable to cook, so Express Care arranged for hot meals to be prepared and delivered to her home.

Founded in 2003, Express Care provides information and assistance to those in need, offering a support network for women and children. The nonprofit is funded by the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board through a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

After Ms. Noory received treatment for her back problem, she began working night shifts at 7-Eleven so that she could care for her children during the day. During this time, she attended the Personal Care Assistant training provided by Express Care. Ms. Noory worked very hard learning to speak and write English, and after graduating, she began working for a home health agency near her home in Woodbridge.

Today, Ms. Noory continues to work for the health agency, and since she speaks Farsi, she is able to employ her bilingual skills in caring for patients facing situations similar to those she once faced as a new U.S. immigrant with a serious illness.

WASHINGTON



Federal Grant Awards to Washington Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$195 million through 358 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$177,706,749 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$18,223,794 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Washington are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$6.7 million to nonprofits in 16 Washington cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$13.9 million over 3 years to Washington nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$3.3 million to nonprofits in 3 Washington cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$1.8 million to Washington reentry services.

Washington Highlights

- The Governor's Office appointed a Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Liaison in February 2006.
- In January 2007, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives held a Regional Conference in Seattle.
- In 2006, 1.66 million Washington volunteers dedicated 265.8 million hours of service according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

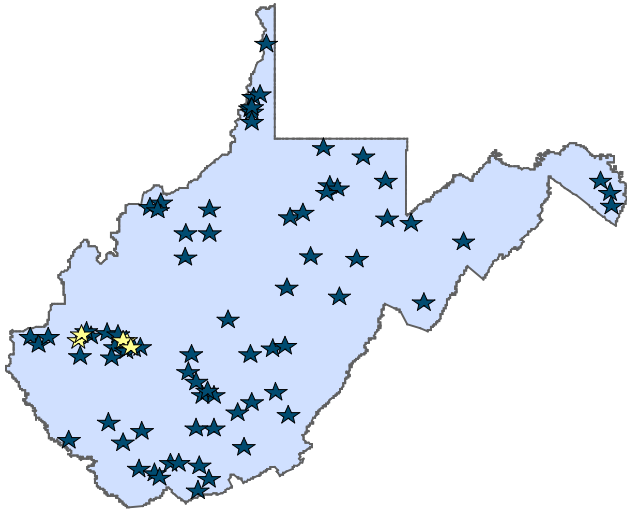
Honor of Hope Awardee

The reentry services offered by Corrections Connections especially ex-offender Melvin Haisley. Career planning allowed him to participate in work-readiness training and career counseling. The career-planning counseling provided the work-readiness skills he needed in order to return to the workforce.

After Melvin completed the core training, Corrections Connections assisted him with a job search, which led to employment. This project provides comprehensive transitional services that present employment opportunities, access to housing and mentorship to non-violent ex-offenders re-entering the community and workplace. The goal of Corrections Connections is to reduce the incidents of recidivism in King County and Seattle. This program is funded through the U.S. Department of Labor's Prisoner Reentry Initiative.

Employed as a cook, Melvin often works voluntary overtime because he enjoys his job and the people he works with. He recently left work release. As one of many clients that have struggled with substance abuse, Melvin now lives at Oxford House, which provides a supportive environment for tenants in recovery. He enjoys his current living arrangement and says his sobriety is improved by living there.

WEST VIRGINIA



Federal Grant Awards to West Virginia Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$80 million through 108 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$77,122,797 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$3,365,320 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to West Virginia are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$1.4 million to nonprofits in 8 West Virginia cities.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$347,000 to nonprofits in 2 West Virginia cities.

West Virginia Highlights

- Between 2004 and 2006, the Department of Housing & Urban Development held four grant writing trainings in Charleston.
- In 2002, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives held a roundtable discussion in Charleston. The event was hosted by the Church in the City.
- In 2006, 380,000 West Virginia volunteers dedicated 71.5 million hours of service according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

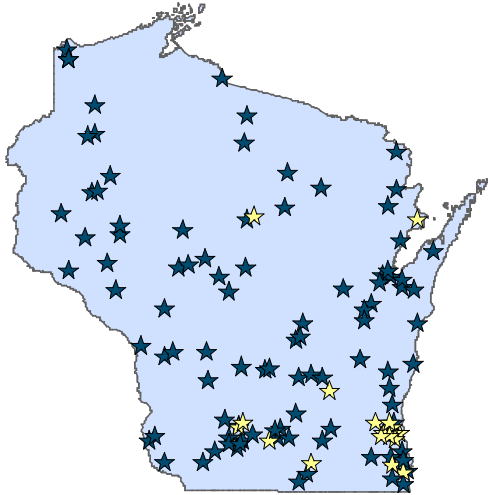
Joe Ice, a 35 year old who suffered a traumatic brain injury, was referred to Community Access in October 2006, by a local referral organization. He had received Social Security Disability Benefits (SSDI) for over ten years but desired to obtain a job. However, Joe had a history of walking off jobs and quitting after only a few days upon feeling overwhelmed or feeling he was treated unfairly. Joe viewed his problems as insurmountable and would not try to resolve them. Consequently, he was ineligible for rehire at many establishments in the community.

Community Access, Inc. (CAI), supported by grants from the U.S. Department of Labor, offers a project that is designed to help homeless adults and youth, recovering addicts, the disabled and others facing barriers to employment. CAI provides participants with training in career planning, job retention and advancement, advanced training/education assistance and financial literacy.

Community Access helped Joe re-enroll in GED classes. He met with a professional at the Center for Excellence in Disabilities to determine the impact of earned income and his SSDI and began therapy to address anxiety issues. Joe identified desired job areas and applied and interviewed for several jobs. After several starts and stops, Joe obtained a job of his choice in October 2007 and has remained employed to date.

Joe credits Community Access with “hanging in there” with him and giving him the needed confidence to continue to pursue his employment goals. He currently lives independently and continues to set new goals to improve his life.

WISCONSIN



Federal Grant Awards to Wisconsin Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$151 million through 310 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$143,425,740 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$8,108,774 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Wisconsin are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$4.4 million to nonprofits in 8 Wisconsin cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2007): \$14.5 million over 3 years to Wisconsin nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$6.1 million to nonprofits in 2 Wisconsin cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2005-2007): \$2.1 million to nonprofits in 2 Wisconsin cities.

Wisconsin Highlights

- In June 2006, Governor Jim Doyle established the Wisconsin Office of Community and Faith-Based Partnerships by Executive Order.
- The Office has an extensive website offering information on State and Federal resources, including links to each Federal FBCI Agency Center, as well as online training and grant opportunities.
- In 2006, 1.53 million Wisconsin volunteers dedicated 171 million hours of service according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

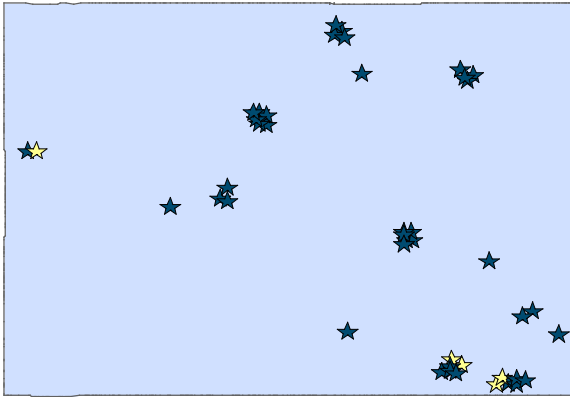
Honor of Hope Awardee

In October 2003, Good Hope Economic Development Corporation (GHEDC) became an approved Supplemental Educational Services (SES) provider in Wisconsin. GHEDC is affiliated with Christian Faith Fellowship Church in Milwaukee. Steven Robertson, pastor of Christian Faith Fellowship Church, was first inspired to become an approved SES provider after attending the White House Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in Chicago in March 2003.

Having been helped by faith-based and community organizations as a youth, Pastor Robertson wanted to engage his church to help inner-city children and teenagers develop their dreams. "After everything I'd been through growing up, it wasn't until I understood that I had a purpose and a destiny that life really began to change for me," says Pastor Robertson. "Young people really need to see and know that there is hope, and I believe that's what happens when they come here."

In the summer of 2003, seventeen year-old Ronald lacked hope. He had a difficult home life, and his father was in prison. After visiting Christian Faith Fellowship Church with a friend, Ronald enrolled in the SES program. Pastor Robertson worked directly with Ronald, encouraging him to pursue his dreams. After a few months in the SES program, Ronald's test scores and grades at school improved, even while his home life continued to worsen. He eventually left home, but with the support of Pastor Robertson, Ronald graduated from high school, enrolled in college and plans to graduate in 2009.

WYOMING



Federal Grant Awards to Wyoming Faith-Based And Community Organizations (2007):

- ★ Over \$20 million through 42 Federal grant awards
 - ★ \$20,016,011 to secular nonprofits
 - ★ \$889,425 to faith-based organizations

Included in Federal grants to Wyoming are awards to fund Presidential Initiatives:

- ★ Compassion Capital Fund (2002-2007): \$1.4 million to nonprofits in 3 Wyoming cities.
- ★ Access to Recovery (2004-2006): \$2.9 million over 3 years to Wyoming nonprofits.
- ★ Mentoring Children of Prisoners (2003-2007): \$1 million to nonprofits in 2 Wyoming cities.
- ★ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (2007): \$265,000 to Wyoming reentry services.

Wyoming Highlights

- The Governor's Office appointed a Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Liaison in March 2003.
- Wyoming participated in the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Grant Program to reduce domestic violence and increase services for victims in rural areas. This pilot program provided funding to Wyoming nonprofits who served as intermediaries between OVW and small community and faith-based programs nationwide.
- In 2006, 140,000 Wyoming volunteers dedicated 16.7 million hours of service, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service *Volunteering in America 2007* report.

Honor of Hope Awardee

Meichelle Cisneros is a single mother of eight whose husband has been incarcerated since 2003. Back in 2007, Meichelle's son Johnny fatally shot himself. At the hospital afterwards, Meichelle was met by Darlene Burdick, founder and executive director of God's Resources. In addition to paying for her son's funeral—an expense she could not afford—the group provided her with spiritual support, positive activities, food, financial support and transportation.

God's Resources has served male and female inmates for eight years and is designed to welcome and establish ex-prisoners back into society. By partnering with Access to Recovery through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, God's Resources is able to assist in restoring broken relationships within families.

Meichelle relates, "Our family was given spiritual support and guidance through one of the worst times in our life. In the days, weeks and months to follow, the support never ceased to amaze me."

Meichelle became a driver for God's Resources soon after her son passed away. This job allowed her to stay employed as well as share her son's story in a positive way.