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Mentoring Children of Prisoners

“I am hopeful that somebody who watches this ... program, realizes that they can make a difference in a child’s life; that it doesn’t take much.

Oh, it takes some time, it takes a little bit of extra love, but by helping a child, you can really help the country. You help yourself by loving, but you help America — one heart, one soul at a time.”

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH,
DECEMBER 2, 2008 ON THE MENTORING
CHILDREN OF PRISONERS PROGRAM



President Bush participates in a roundtable discussion at Youth Focus, Inc., in Greensboro, NC. White House photo by Chris Greenberg

On December 2, 2008, President Bush participated in a roundtable discussion at a local nonprofit, Youth Focus, Inc., in Greensboro, North Carolina. The President talked with the young people and their mentors about the impact of their mentoring relationships, supported through the President’s Mentoring Children of Prisoners (MCP) program. President Bush established MCP

in 2003 to work with hundreds of faith-based and community organizations to recruit, train, match and support mentors, who provide guidance and support to children whose parents are incarcerated. MCP exceeded its goals by matching 110,000 children with mentors—a number that continues to grow weekly.

2008 World AIDS Day



President George W. Bush, joined by Mrs. Laura Bush, is presented with the International Medal of PEACE by Pastor Rick Warren. White House photo by Eric Draper

On December 1, 2008, President Bush was presented the International Medal of PEACE by Pastor Rick Warren at

the Saddleback Civil Forum on Global Health in Washington, D.C. The award honored the unprecedented impact of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in addressing HIV/AIDS worldwide. Faith-based and other community organizations have been central partners in this success.

When President Bush launched this initiative in 2003, approximately 50,000 people in all of sub-Saharan Africa were receiving anti-retroviral treatment. Ahead of schedule, the United States has fulfilled the President’s commitment to support treatment for two million people. As of September 30, 2008, PEPFAR supported life-saving antiretroviral treatment for more than 2 million people in sub-Saharan Africa. In addition, more than 10 million people affected by HIV/AIDS globally have received compassionate care, including more than 4 million orphans and vulnerable children. Nearly 240,000 babies have been born HIV-free due to the support of the American people for programs to prevent mothers from passing the virus on to their children.

Dallas FBCI Conference



Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Steve Preston gives remarks at the Dallas White House Conference on October 3, 2008. From 2005-2007, chronic homelessness was cut nearly 30 percent in the U.S., thanks in large part to effective Federally-funded partnerships with faith-based and community organizations.

On October 3, the OFBCI partnered with the State of Texas' OneStar Foundation to host the Initiative's 40th and final regional conference in Dallas. Secretary of Health and Human Services Mike Leavitt and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Steve Preston joined more than 900 faith-based and other community organization leaders. This *Partnership Summit to Advance Innovation and Community Impact* highlighted opportunities for nonprofit partnerships with Federal, state and local initiatives to address critical human needs, from addiction and prisoner reentry to HIV/AIDS and homeless.

Harvard Political Review Examines the Faith-Based and Community Initiative

The Fall 2008 Harvard Political Review explored the legacy of President George W. Bush and a number of the President's central priorities, including the Faith-Based and Community Initiative. The review of the Initiative by Peyton R. Miller reports that "the Faith-Based and Community Initiative has fundamentally changed the government's strategy for improving the lives of the downtrodden." Noting the achievements of both faith-based and other community nonprofits, the article concludes with the prediction, "[D]ue to the achievements of faith-based charities that have received federal aid, the partnership between government and religious organizations will continue to strengthen."

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS ROUNDTABLE

On October 22, the OFBCI hosted a Compassion in Action Roundtable on Community Health issues, focusing on innovative policies, programs and partnerships that engage faith-based and community solutions to promote healthy choices and deliver quality healthcare in underserved communities. The event spotlighted frontline faith-based and other community organizations driving creative solutions to these complex issues. Often in partnership with innovative private sector and government initiatives, these entrepreneurial nonprofits are providing quality healthcare and preventive services at the community level to the underserved. Expanded investment in community and faith-based health centers nationwide has enabled the creation or expansion of 1,297 clinics nationwide, which in 2008 served 4.7 million individuals beyond the number they served in 2001.

NEXT GENERATION OF SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS ROUNDTABLE

On December 5, the OFBCI convened its final event in a two-year series with the "Next Generation of Social Entrepreneurship" Compassion in Action Roundtable. Hosted by Acting Director Jedd Medefind, the event spotlighted the philanthropic work of enterprising young Americans to serve needs within their neighborhoods and around the world.

CAPACITY BUILDING FORUM

On December 9, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI) hosted a Models and Strategies Day, featuring presentations, research and discussions to help charitable foundations enhance the reach and impact of their investments in nonprofit organizations. They also hosted a capacity building forum, examining effective models like the Compassion Capital Fund and intermediary partnerships to help nonprofits expand their social service delivery capabilities within the communities they serve.