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Today, as we remember the events of seven years ago, we pause and reflect on the heroism shown that day and the unity our nation felt. Today is especially meaningful for those involved in the Citizen Corps movement who work together to make our communities and our nation safer, stronger, and better prepared. We can transcend the tragedy of September 11, 2001 to inspire greater collaboration and greater resolve to engage everyone in American in personal and community resilience.

Thank you for your service.

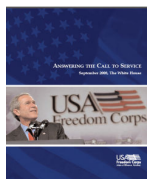
President Bush: Remarks on Volunteerism

On September 8th 2008, President Bush hosted a White House event highlighting the accomplishments of USA Freedom Corps, the volunteer initiative launched as part of a national Call to Service after the attacks of 9/11 to help more Americans connect with opportunities to serve their neighbors in need. The President honored the work of America's armies of compassion and reflected upon his first inaugural address, in which he "challenged all Americans to be citizens, not spectators... responsible citizens, building communities of service and a nation of character." The President renewed his challenge at the event, calling upon Americans to devote 4,000 hours – or two years, in service to our country over their lifetimes.



The President spoke on the White House South Lawn to a crowd of 1,800 people that included members of Congress, three cabinet secretaries, members of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation and the Corporation for National and Community Service board, state service commission directors, corporate social responsibility executives, and leaders and volunteers from Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, Citizen Corps, the Peace Corps, and Volunteers for Prosperity. President Bush expressed praise for Citizen Corps and Volunteers for Prosperity: "Both have been very effective programs. And I really believe Congress needs to make these good programs permanent." The President also highlighted the A Billion + Change campaign, a challenge to corporate America to deliver \$1 billion in pro bono volunteering support for non profits. The tally for the initiative recently topped \$400 million. The President's remarks can be found at:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2008/09/20080908-6.html>



Also on September 8th, USA Freedom Corps issued a report, "Answering the Call to Service". The report details the USA Freedom Corps initiative which has helped improve communities and change lives under the President's leadership. The report highlights the response from the millions of individuals who have answered the President's Call to Service and used their power and energy to affect communities across America.

Please visit http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov/media/pdf/09_0908_usafc_report.pdf for the full report.



Please remember Presidential Volunteer Service Awards are available free of charge to Citizen Corps Councils and Citizen Corps Program Partners (shipping charges will apply). To learn more, please go to <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/s/citizencorps>.



MyGoodDeed.org Renews Partnership with Citizen Corps



In a signing ceremony on September 9th, 2008 the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) formalized the partnership between the Citizen Corps Program and MyGoodDeed.org to promote volunteer service and encourage citizens to participate in disaster preparedness, response and recovery activities. The two organizations will also work together to promote 9/11 as a day of charitable service.

"The tragedies of September 11th affected every American," said FEMA's Director of Community Preparedness, Brock D. Bierman. "I am pleased FEMA and MyGoodDeed.org are joining efforts to promote volunteer community service to help make a difference in the world. I can't think of a better way to honor the many victims and survivors of 9/11 tragedy," he said.

The Statement of Affiliation was co-signed in Washington, D.C. by the Director of FEMA's National Preparedness Directorate's Community Preparedness Division, Brock D. Bierman, Co-Founder of MyGoodDeed.org, Jay Winuk, and MyGoodDeed.org Board Member, Fred Dombo.



Left to Right: Fred Dombo, Brock Bierman, and Jay Winuk



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The mission of MyGoodDeed.org is to transform 9/11 into an annually recognized national day of voluntary service, connecting people with common social interests through its social networking website to encourage community service on 9/11 and throughout the entire year. Created by families and friends shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, MyGoodDeed.org seeks to honor the thousands who were killed and injured and to pay tribute to the many people who aided in the rescue and recovery efforts.

ServiceNation Summit 2008

The 2008 ServiceNation Summit, which will be held in New York City September 11-12th, will bring together 600 leaders of all ages and from every sector of American life – from universities and foundations, to business and politics – to celebrate the power and potential of service, and lay out a bold policy blueprint for addressing challenges facing our society through expanded opportunities for volunteer and community national service.

ServiceNation is a campaign for a new America. An America where citizens unite and take responsibility for the nation's future. ServiceNation unites leaders from every sector of American society with hundreds of thousands of citizens in a national campaign to call on the next President and Congress to enact a new era of voluntary service and civic engagement in America, an era in which all Americans will work together to try and solve our greatest and most persistent societal challenges.

On the evening of September 11th, at 7:00PM EST Service Nation will hold a Presidential Forum, which will be opened by New York Governor David A. Patterson. Following the opening, Presidential Candidates John McCain and Barack Obama will present their plans for volunteerism and service in a forum moderated by TIME Managing Editor Richard Stengel and PBS Senior Correspondent Judy Woodruff. The program will be broadcast at 8:00PM EST on several national television networks and we encourage your communities to watch – please check your local listings. For more information, visit <http://www.bethechangeinc.org>.

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