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One of President Bush's first acts in office was to establish the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. He also established Centers for the Initiative in seven Federal agencies. The White House Office was tasked at its inception with leading a "determined attack on need" by strengthening and expanding the role of these groups in addressing the nation's social problems. The President envisions a "faith-friendly" public square where grassroots organizations can compete equally with other groups to provide government-funded services.

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JIM TOWEY

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

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

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

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

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

DAVID KUO

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

Mr. Kuo has previously served in various capacities in the policy and political world. He was Policy Director for Senator John Ashcroft and Deputy Policy Director for Empower America – the grassroots public policy organization founded by Bill Bennett, Jack Kemp and Jeane Kirkpatrick. He also founded and launched The American Compass – a nonprofit organization dedicated to finding and funding the most effective and efficient social service organizations in America. In the for-profit world, he was Senior Vice President of Communications for Value America.

In addition to his policy work, he is the author or co-author of several books including, most recently, *dot.bomb: My Days and Nights at an Internet Goliath*. He has also written speeches for many of America's leading political and corporate figures including then-Governor George W. Bush, then-Senator John Ashcroft, and AOL's Steve Case.

A native of New York, he is an honors graduate of Tufts University.

DENNIS GRACE

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

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

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

JEREMY WHITE

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

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

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

JENNIFER STECHER

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

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

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

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

CHARITY WALLACE

Charity Wallace, on detail from Public Affairs at the Department of Education, serves as a Deputy Associate Director for Outreach at the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Ms. Wallace previously served in the Office of Presidential Advance in the White House following her work on the Bush/Cheney campaign and the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

Since high school, Ms. Wallace has tutored and mentored at-risk youth. During college, she volunteered at Friends Outside as a big sister to a child of an incarcerated parent.

Ms. Wallace, a native of California, graduated with honors from Pepperdine University. She initially launched her career as a professional actress in musical theater in Los Angeles before joining the Bush campaign.

CATHARINE RYUN

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

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

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

KATIE LOOVIS

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

Before joining the White House, Ms. Loovis studied how nonprofit directors could increase staff job satisfaction. She was also an Account Coordinator at Lipman Hearne, a strategic communications firm for nonprofits. While there, Katie assisted in the coordination of media relations campaigns for organizations such as The John D. and Catharine T. MacArthur Foundation, The Brookings Institution, and The George Lucas Educational Foundation.

Ms. Loovis volunteered extensively with the Inter-Faith Council Community Shelter (IFC) in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, during her undergraduate studies. She established a homeless adult literacy and ESL program and then authored and presented, "Developing an Effective Literacy Program for the Chapel Hill Homeless."

A native of Baltimore, Ms. Loovis holds an MPA (2002) and BA (1999) from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she captained the University's Varsity Women's Lacrosse Team.

U.S. Department of Justice

Task Force for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

What is the mission of the Department of Justice?

Under the leadership of Attorney General John Ashcroft, the Department enforces the laws of the United States.

How does the Department accomplish its mission?

The Department works to prevent, investigate, and prosecute crime and terrorism. As part of these activities, the Department funds a number of programs to bring relief to those who need it most, including youth without direction, ex-offenders who are re-entering society, children of prisoners, and victims of crime.

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

Faith-based organizations have a significant role to play in the Department's programs, particularly in the areas of juvenile delinquency, prisoners and their families, victims of crime, domestic violence, and drug-related issues.

Most of the programs of interest to faith-based and community organizations are administered through the Office of Justice Programs. OJP coordinates activity among five bureaus and six program offices within OJP.

In addition to Office of Justice Program bureaus and program offices, partnership opportunities exist within the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which administers the nation's immigration laws, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons, which is responsible for the custody and care of approximately 162,000 Federal offenders.

PATRICK PURTILL

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

What is the mission of the Department of Agriculture?

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

How does the Department accomplish its mission?

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

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

The USDA works in many capacities to provide programs, grants and other services that help build stronger communities through rural economic development and investment, food and nutrition programs, as well as food aid. USDA is committed to improving its delivery mechanisms and working more closely with faith-based and community organizations eligible to participate in its programs. Faith-based and community organizations can play an integral role in assisting USDA to carrying out its mission, including promoting economic development in rural communities, conserving the environment, and educating communities about healthy eating habits.

JULIET McCARTHY

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

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

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



U.S. Department of Labor

Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

What is the mission of the Department of Labor?

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

How does the Department accomplish its mission?

The Department improves working conditions, advances opportunities for profitable employment, protects retirement and health care benefits, and helps employers find workers. The Department administers a variety of Federal labor laws, including those that guarantee workers' rights to safe and healthful working conditions, a minimum hourly wage and overtime pay, freedom from employment discrimination, and unemployment insurance.

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

By getting involved with the nation's "One-Stop" system, faith-based and community organizations can help connect people in their communities to their local employment networks and become part of these networks. Each State has established a number of "One-Stop Career Centers" in key areas. These One-Stop Career Centers put all employment and training services in one place, integrating programs such as unemployment insurance, State job services, public assistance, and training initiatives. One-Stop customers can find out about job vacancies, receive career counseling, and training in job search skills.

Local Workforce Investment Boards, which are appointed by mayors or other elected local officials, are responsible for ensuring a comprehensive, high quality One-Stop delivery service system in their workforce areas. These Boards, which include representatives from the business, education, and labor communities, and State workforce agencies distribute about eighty-five percent of Federal job training dollars. The Department is working to strengthen the connection between grassroots groups and the local Workforce Investment Boards.

The Department awarded \$17.5 million to 12 States and 29 organizations in July 2002. These funds are being used to provide technical assistance and improve the connection between grassroots faith-based and community organizations and the nation's One-Stop Career System.

BRENT ORRELL

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

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

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

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

How does the Department accomplish its mission?

The largest grant-making agency in the Federal government, the Department of Health and Human Services operates some 300 programs and provides around 60,000 grants per year. These programs cover a wide spectrum of activities, including medical and social science research, preventing outbreak of infectious disease, assuring food and drug safety, Medicare and Medicaid, financial assistance for low-income families, Head Start, substance abuse treatment and prevention, and services for older Americans. The Department's budget in fiscal year 2002 is \$460 billion.

Many HHS programs are household words, like Medicare and Medicaid. Other programs are less well-known, but reach America's citizens on an important personal level. For instance, HHS is involved when a child is vaccinated against disease, when a poor family receives income assistance or medical care, or when an absent parent contributes money that is owed for child support.

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

Faith-based and community organizations have a history of providing a variety of services funded under HHS programs. These organizations are eligible to apply for most grants open to nonprofit organizations. Most of the opportunities of interest to grassroots organizations are administered by the Administration for Children and Families, the Administration on Aging, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

HHS is also responsible for administering the Compassion Capital Fund programs, which are designed to assist faith-based and community organizations to do a better job of providing the social services. This year, under the Compassion Capital Fund demonstration program, around \$25 million will be made available to nearly two dozen intermediary organizations that will provide technical assistance and capacity-building support to faith-based and community organizations. Other Compassion Capital Funds will be used to establish a National Resource Center and to support research activities.

ROBERT POLITO

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

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

Under the leadership of Secretary Mel Martinez, HUD aims to increase homeownership, support community development, and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination.

How does the Department accomplish its mission?

HUD works to ensure decent and sanitary homes and living environments for all Americans. It strives to increase opportunities for homeownership, provides housing assistance for low-income Americans, helps the homeless, and provides affordable housing for the elderly, people with disabilities, and people living with AIDS. The Department also promotes economic development in thousands of communities across America, and it prevents housing discrimination through public education and enforcement of fair housing laws.

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

Faith-based and community organizations have a long history of partnership with HUD. They have been actively involved in constructing affordable housing for the elderly and disabled, providing shelter for the homeless, and promoting homeownership and community development. Faith-based and community organizations provide support and services to residents of public housing.

Many of the programs for which faith-based and community organizations are eligible are operated by the Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD). In addition, many faith-based and community organizations have sponsored the construction of Section 202 Housing for the Elderly, a program in HUD's Office of Housing. Faith-based and community organizations can also apply to programs run by HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing.

RYAN STREETER

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Education

Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

What is the mission of the Department of Education?

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

How does the Department accomplish its mission?

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

An important priority for the Department is the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, which President Bush signed into law in January 2002. This new law fundamentally changes the Federal government's role in elementary and secondary school education by requiring America's schools to be accountable for positive results in student achievement. The Act contains the President's four basic education reform principles: stronger accountability for results, increased flexibility and local control, expanded options for parents, and an emphasis on proven teaching methods.

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

Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply directly to the Department of Education for a number grants. Most of these grants are administered by the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

In addition, with the passage of the No Child Left Behind Act, the Department has placed a special emphasis on the important role that faith-based organizations and leaders play in America's communities. For instance, the new Act has provided substantial funding for "supplemental services," which are provided by outside organizations that tutor children in subjects in which they need extra help. Faith-based and community groups should review the Department's explanation of this program at www.nclb.gov to learn how to become a certified provider of these supplemental services.

JOHN PORTER

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

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

U.S. Agency for International Development

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What is the mission of the United States Agency for International Development?

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

How does the Agency accomplish its mission?

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

What role is there for faith-based and community organizations at the United States Agency for International Development?

USAID has a long history of working with faith-based and community organizations. Since its inception in 1961, USAID has done more work than any other federal agency with religious groups such as Catholic Relief Services, World Vision, Samaritan's Purse and others. Today, fully 25 percent of USAID's partners are faith-based organizations.

The new Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives at USAID will work to enhance this existing partnership between these organizations and the Federal government by cutting out some of the bureaucratic red tape that impedes the full participation of faith-based and community organizations in its programs.

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

MIKE MAGAN

Michael Magan joined the U.S. Agency for International Development as the Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in March, 2003. Most recently, he served as Associate Deputy Under Secretary in the Bureau of International Labor Affairs at the Department of Labor.

Prior to joining the Department of Labor, Mr. Magan was Vice President and Deputy Chief of Staff at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, where he served as a key member of the Executive Office staff at the world's largest business federation.

From 1999 to 2001, Mr. Magan was Managing Director for the Western Hemisphere at the United States Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C., responsible for trade policy and all programs for the region. He also served as Executive Vice President of the Association of American Chambers of Commerce in Latin America (AACCLA) and Executive Vice President of the U.S. Section of the Brazil-U.S. Business Council.

Before joining the Chamber, Mr. Magan served as Regional Program Director for Latin America at the International Republican Institute (IRI), an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of democracy around the globe. His previous experience also includes legislative positions with Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham and Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley.

Mr. Magan has served as an official observer for presidential elections in Azerbaijan, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, and Ukraine. Fluent in English and Spanish, Mr. Magan is a graduate of Hope College in Holland, Michigan, and also studied at the University of Lima in Peru.

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

President George W. Bush

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

President George W. Bush

