

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Dear Friends:

I was delighted to learn of your outstanding efforts in behalf of your community. Your generosity and willingness to serve others merit the highest recognition and praise.

Since taking office as President, I have urged all Americans to make community service central to their lives and work. Judging by your active engagement in helping others, it is clear that you understand this obligation.

We must not allow ourselves to be measured by the sum of our possessions or the size of our bank accounts. The true measure of any individual is found in the way he or she treats others -- and the person who regards others with love, respect, and charity holds a priceless treasure in his heart. With that in mind, I have often noted that, from now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others. Your endeavors provide a shining example of this standard.

Barbara joins me in congratulating you and in sending you our warm best wishes for the future. You are a bright "point of light" for your fellow Americans, and you have our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

