

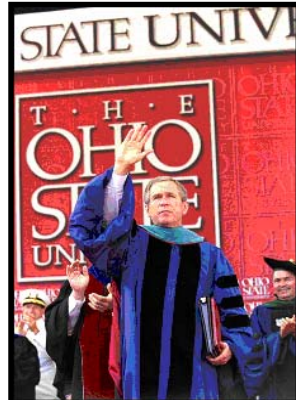


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President Bush Announces Historic Partnership of Service Organizations

On June 14, during his commencement address at The Ohio State University, President Bush announced an historic partnership being formed to create the largest network of volunteer opportunities available to Americans looking for a way to help others. The USA Freedom Corps Network will include Network for Good, America's Promise, Points of Light Foundation, The United Way, Volunteer Match, ServeNet, and more than 20,000 other service non-profit organizations.

By bringing together these resources, the network will be the most comprehensive clearinghouse of volunteer opportunities ever assembled. Through it, prospective volunteers will be able to find opportunities within their neighborhoods and communities, and in countries around the globe.



The President addresses graduates at Ohio State University. Click to [read](#) the text of his entire speech.

"America needs more than taxpayers, spectators, and occasional voters. America needs full-time citizens.... And through the gathering momentum of millions of acts of kindness and decency, we will change America one soul at a time -- and we will build a culture of service." -- President Bush

Citizen Corps

Encompassing public education, training, and volunteer opportunities, Citizen Corps gives every American the chance to do their part to be better prepared for and better protected from crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds. We encourage you to go to www.citizencorps.gov to see if a Citizen Corps Council is established yet in your community, and to see how your organization can assist the Council in creating a safer and stronger community.

Citizen Service Act Advances in the House

On June 12, members of the House Education and the Workforce Committee expressed their strong bipartisan support for the Citizen Service Act of 2002 and President Bush's community service agenda.

The Citizen Service Act would encourage more citizens to volunteer in their communities, enhance the accountability of federally-supported national and community service programs, and make federal funding more responsive to state and

local needs. The legislation is based upon the President's principles and reforms unveiled last April for the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

The legislation would reform and extend for five years the CNCS programs, which currently engage two million Americans each year in service to meet critical community needs.

Click to read the President's [principles and reforms](#) for the CNCS as well as the CNCS's summary of [H.R. 4854](#).

Business Strengthening America: Corporate Leaders Answer President's Call to Service

On June 13, a group of 18 corporate leaders representing a variety of industries announced at a meeting with President George W. Bush that they have come together to create *Business Strengthening America*.

The initiative is a self-directed, long-term effort to engage hundreds of America's business leaders in helping corporations, employees, and consumers answer the call to service that President Bush made during his State of the Union address.



President Bush meets with business leaders in the Roosevelt Room.

Click to read the President's [remarks](#) during his meeting with the business leaders. For a list of corporate leaders who participated and a description of their respective policies and programs for supporting volunteer service, [click here](#).