

THE USA FREEDOM CORPS' 

Network of Service

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President Bush Recognizes Individuals for Volunteer Service

When President Bush arrived at Oakland County International Airport on October 14, he was greeted by Lenwood Compton, an AmeriCorps member who tutors children in grades 1 through 3. An active volunteer in his community, Compton has also adopted two young men as "little brothers" in a program that provides positive role models for African-American boys ages 10 through 16.

President Bush is recognizing individuals around the country who are answering his Call to Service, and recognized Compton as an example of the dedication to service he is hoping to instill in all Americans through his USA Freedom Corps initiative.

Compton, a full-time college student, is completing his second year as a member of AmeriCorps, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) which engages 50,000 Americans each year in volunteer service.

Last April, President Bush unveiled his principles to strengthen and reform CNCS programs. The President's proposal forms the basis of the Citizen



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Service Act, H.R. 4854, which includes provisions to provide new service opportunities for thousands of Americans, including 25,000 new AmeriCorps participants.

Work continues on the Citizen Service Act in the Congress. Negotiations continue in both the House and Senate to reach a compromise on legislation to allow thousands more thoughtful Americans like Lenwood Compton to serve their neighbors while answering the President's Call to Service.

For more information on the Citizen Service Act, [click here](#).

White House Staff Make a Difference in Washington, D.C.

Miss America 2003, Commerce Secretary Evans, Washington D.C. Mayor Williams, and others will join more than 100 members of President Bush's White House staff on October 26 to build a playground from the ground up as part of Make A Difference Day.

An estimated 3 million volunteers across the country will answer the

President's Call to Service as part of the 12th annual Make A Difference Day of service. [Click here](#) to learn more about this day of service.

The USA Freedom Corps office is organizing this playground build with KaBOOM!. For more information on this event or the USA Freedom Corps, go to www.usafreedomcorps.gov

USA Freedom Corps Volunteer Network Growing

Launched in July as the largest clearinghouse of volunteer service opportunities ever offered, the USA Freedom Corps Volunteer Network has now grown to include volunteer opportunities with more than 60,000 organizations around the world with the addition of Idealist.org as a partner in the USA Freedom Corps Volunteer Network. Idealist.org is a project of Action Without Borders, a nonprofit organization that works to connect people, organizations and resources to help build a world where all people can live free and dignified lives.

The USA Freedom Corps Volunteer Network can be found on the USA Freedom Corps web site, and enables individuals to search for volunteer opportunities online according to their interests and geographic location. [Click here](#) to search for opportunities.

Join the USA Freedom Corps Volunteer Network

We encourage your organization to become part of the USA Freedom Corps Volunteer Network to:

- Give your volunteer opportunities greater exposure;
- Recruit volunteers online as a complement to your current outreach efforts; and
- Gain access to millions of individuals responding to the President's Call to Service.

To join the USA Freedom Corps Volunteer Network at no cost to your organization, please [click here](#).

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