



## Help Neighborhood Watch Achieve Goal of 15,000 Volunteer Programs

October is National Crime Prevention Month, and one important way to get involved and help prevent crime is by launching a [Neighborhood Watch](#) program in your community.

Neighborhood Watch was established in 1988 to help reduce local crime. In the wake of September 11, 2001, Neighborhood Watch incorporated terrorism awareness and education into its existing crime prevention program and serves as a way to bring residents

together to focus on disaster preparedness and training.

In 2002, President Bush pledged to double the number of registered Neighborhood Watch programs from 7,500 to 15,000 to make communities safer and more secure. Today, there are more than 14,200 registered programs across the country, achieving 94% of the President's goal.

Visit [www.usaonwatch.org](http://www.usaonwatch.org) to learn more about Neighborhood Watch.

## Business Strengthening America Promotes Volunteer Opportunities to Help Prevent Domestic and Workplace Violence

[Business Strengthening America](#) (BSA), a self-directed peer-to-peer effort to engage thousands of America's business leaders in a campaign to encourage civic engagement and service, is helping to raise awareness regarding domestic violence. BSA and the [Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence](#) have announced a partnership, in conjunction with the Department of

Labor and the Department of Justice, to build awareness of the problems brought on by domestic and workplace violence, and to disseminate information on how businesses can encourage their employees and consumers to volunteer to reduce the incidences of workplace and domestic violence in their local communities.

On October 8 at the White House, President George W. Bush signed a [proclamation](#) declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In his [remarks](#), the President thanked Business Strengthening America and the Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence for "...working to raise awareness of the issues in the workplace, and as importantly, they're encouraging employees to become volunteers in the effort to help those who have been abused."

Visit [www.caepv.org](http://www.caepv.org) for resources to help reduce domestic and workplace violence. To join Business Strengthening America and help engage more businesses in volunteer service initiatives, visit [www.bsainetwork.org](http://www.bsainetwork.org)



After signing a proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Month, President George W. Bush shakes hands with Monique Blais, 7, the young artist who designed the Stop the Violence postage stamp. White House photo by Tina Hager.

### October Highlights

★ On October 25 more than 3 million Americans across the country will answer the President's Call to Service by participating in [Make A Difference Day](#), the nation's largest annual day of community service. In Washington, D.C., 400 volunteers will participate in an environmental clean-up project along the Anacostia River as part of [Take Pride in America](#), a key initiative of the USA Freedom Corps. In addition to the USA Freedom Corps, participating organizations include USA Weekend Magazine, Points of Light Foundation, the Disney Corporation, the D.C. Commission on National & Community Service, and the AmeriCorps\*National Civilian Community Corps.

★ You can nominate outstanding volunteers who are making a difference in communities across America for special recognition at [JoinTheTeam.com](http://JoinTheTeam.com). A \$10,000 donation will be made to each of the nonprofit organizations served by the award winners. And one volunteer will be selected as the national winner, and his/her organization will receive an additional \$25,000. Deadline is November 7, 2003.

★ The [Youth Service Compact](#), an alliance of organizations dedicated to engaging youth in community service, convened 50 young leaders from across the country on October 19-20 in Washington, D.C. The summit provided a forum for young leaders to develop a common vision and strategy for engaging more young people in volunteer service and active citizenship. The vision of the Youth Service Compact, originally convened in 1999, is being revitalized due in part to President Bush's Call to Service and the focus on engaging young people in service. For more information, visit <http://youthservicecompact.org>.