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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 4, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR ED ROGERS

Deputy Assistant to the President and
Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff

FROM: GREGG PETERSMEYER
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Director, Office of National Service

SUBJECT: HURRICANE HUGO RELIEF

As you know, Charleston, South Carolina and its surrounding area was devastated by Hurricane Hugo, and many people have asked, how can we help?

1) PROVIDING NECESSARY GOODS AND RESOURCES

In order to alleviate the suffering of those most in need, several Federal agencies are collecting non-perishable food items, infant supplies, batteries, blankets, sheets, towels, etc. Collection box for such items has been placed outside of the OEOP cafeteria and will remain in place through 10-6-89.

2) PROVIDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE

It has come to our attention that a number of volunteers in the Washington area, including some White House staff members, are planning to travel to those areas most afflicted by hurricane Hugo. Accordingly, we are sharing this information with you to use as you see fit.

The South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Center: Volunteer Resources Division is coordinating volunteer activities throughout South Carolina. Volunteers are asked to check in with them 24 hours before arrival for directions and instructions. That number is 1-803-734-8014.

It is our understanding that the Red Cross and the United Way of the Washington metropolitan area are working on bus arrangements for the weekend of October 14th and 15th. Persons interested in car pooling this weekend or the bus trip the following weekend can call Ray Briscuso at 6266 or John Orrison at 2127.

**Hugo
Relief**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

Please Help

FOR THE HURRICANE HUGO RELIEF EFFORT

Hurricane Hugo left thousands of people in need. The local power companies expect long delays in restoring full electricity to the affected areas, and there is a critical shortage of nonperishable food.

Look through your cupboards and bring canned goods and other nonperishables to collection boxes in the lobby of your building.



**Federal Employees Hurricane Hugo Relief Effort
U.S. General Services Administration**

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 10-4-89

TO: Commissioned Officers

FROM: C. GREGG PETERSMEYER
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Service

- ☒ For Your Information
- ☐ For Your Action
- ☐ For Your Files
- ☐ As Requested
- ☐ For Your Comments and Suggestions
- ☐ Let's Discuss
- ☐ Please Return

COMMENTS:

I hope you will route this within your office. It was prepared by a group of White House staff members.



POINTS OF LIGHT

"From now on in America
any definition of a successful life
must include serving others"

- President George Bush

Volume 1 Number 1

White House Community Service Committee

September 1989

THE WHITE HOUSE COMMUNITY
SERVICE COMMITTEE is pleased to
present its premiere edition of:

WHITE HOUSE POINTS OF LIGHT

SERVING OTHERS:

WHITE HOUSE POINTS THE WAY

This is the first edition of "Points of Light", a monthly newsletter describing efforts by members of The White House community to improve the lives of others in our neighborhoods. The President has made engagement in the lives of those in need an American priority. He urges each of us, as individuals and as members of the many institutions of which we are a part, to make community service central to our life and work.

It is only fitting that this national movement should begin here, in the nation's house. By doing your own small part to combat illiteracy, hunger, homelessness, drug abuse or any other grave social problem in your community, you become one of the "points of light" of which the President has spoken so eloquently. And by your example, we can illuminate the entire nation, with every man, woman, child and "institution" in America resolving to bring light to areas of darkness.

★ Project of the Month ★

Each month we will be informing you of our ★ Project of the Month. ★

In addition, we will publish the names of your co-workers who have participated in these projects. It is our hope to start a periodic recognition program of our volunteers at the WHITE HOUSE. So . . . , if you currently volunteer or have any ideas about projects that you would like to see fellow workers participate in, please stop by our table on Wednesdays 11:00AM - 2:00PM (outside of the OEOb cafeteria), or send the information to Ray Briscuso in Room 100 at the OFFICE OF NATIONAL SERVICE.



WHITE HOUSE VOLUNTEERS HELP MAKE M.D.A. TELETHON SUCCESSFUL

White House Staff teamed up with Jerry Lewis and Channel Seven to help raise money for Muscular Dystrophy's Labor Day Telethon. While many Americans played at the beach or cooked out in their backyard, some 31 staffers spent their Labor Day at the Falls Church Marriott answering phones or mailing pledges for M.D.A. A White House volunteer was at the end of 26 of the 100 telephone lines. In fact, we anchored the telethon with a White House volunteer at line #1 and line #100. There was quite a difference between these two lines though as line #100 (Kathleen Hogan of Special Messages) took 5 calls in a 3½ hour shift while line #1 took over 100 calls. Jean Lamb of our Administrative Office (line #12) and Margaret Riddick (line #11), our payroll clerk took over 30 pledges the last hour alone. WH volunteers included:

Cindy Beesley (DOE)	Anne Mincy (WHO)
Ray Briscuso (WHO)	Laura Norwalk (WHI)
Kara Bue (WHO)	Lynn Lawson (WHO)
Sean Castle	A. O. Lefort (USSS)
Shara Castle (WHO)	Barbara Phillips (WHV)
Stacey Del Grosso (WHO)	May Raberg (WHV)
Margaret Riddick (WHO)	Jim Renne (WHI)
Mary Cleary (WHV)	Gwen Spencer (WHO)
Carole Morton (WHO)	Bruce Stebbins (WHO)
Kate Flaherty (RNC)	Susan Szulman (WHO)
George Grafeld (DOC)	Windy White (WHO)
Debra Green (WHCA)	Susan Williams (WHO)
Kathleen Hogan (WHO)	Nancy Yde (ACTION)
Jean Lamb (WHO)	Sarah Madden (DOE)
Lucretia Latta (DOE)	Teresa Harding (WHO)
Leslie Norwalk (WHO)	

Every one had a great time for a great cause. Next year we hope to have 100 White House Volunteers - one at each telephone line. Hope you'll join us.

★ Project For September ★ LITERACY

September is back to school month for area children. We are looking for any extra back-to-school materials that may be laying around your house. MATERIALS needed are books for preschool, elementary and Junior High School levels. Magazines, books with exercises to teach English, as well as crayons, markers, pencils and paste are needed. The procedure we plan to follow is a simple one. . . . Just bring your collectables to our table on Wednesdays from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM or drop them off anytime to Room 196 EOB.

Volunteer of the Month RANDALL L. BAUM

Chief Mess Management Specialist Randall L. Baum, U.S. Navy, of the White House Staff Mess is a volunteer at the National Hospital for Orthopedics and Rehabilitation of Arlington, Virginia.

Randy has been the subject of numerous letters of appreciation received in the White House concerning his enthusiasm and commitment to help on the nursing floor, as well as his bringing a spirit and willingness that lights up the day for staff and patients alike. Whether providing for the personal comfort of the patients, taking them to appointments throughout the hospital or assisting in the voluminous paperwork associated with hospitals, Randy has been there for any task.

Randy joined the United States Navy in September 1976 and has been working in the Dining Rooms of the White House Staff mess since July, 1986.

Please send suggestions for October's Volunteer of the Month to Dawn DeVoe in Room 182.

PRESIDENT SALUTES WHITE HOUSE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

On September 14, 1989
at the presentation of
the SES Presidential Rank Awards,
the President said:

... "our government works because it is made up of people who try to make their lives count — people who try to make a difference . . . And before leaving, I do want to mention something very close to my heart. And that's community service. And salute your efforts to give something back to society. For example. . . Back at the White House, our staff is encouraged to sign-up for at least one volunteer project each month, whether repairing low-income housing or answering phones for last week's telethon, you know, the muscular dystrophy telethon. And these kinds of initiatives are vital to our progress as a nation. . .

SUCCESS

To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest
critics and endure the betrayal of
false friends;
To appreciate beauty;
To find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, whether
by a healthy child, a garden patch, or
redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed
easier because you lived.
This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

PEOPLE NEED PEOPLE VOLUNTEER FAIR

Date: Monday, Oct. 16, 1989

Time: 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Capital Centre
(absolutely free)

LEARN

WHERE YOUR VOLUNTEER SKILLS ARE
BEST USED

Stop by and visit
more than 100 non-profit
public and private agencies sponsoring
information booths
and displays, to show you how
easily your time can make a difference
in someone's life.

Call (301) 779-9444
for more information

VOLUNTEER CLEARINGHOUSE



The Office of
National Service
wants to make it
as easy as possible
for all White House
staffers to engage
into meaningful community service.
Volunteer application forms are available
every Wednesday outside the OEOB
cafeteria at our volunteer table. These
forms can be picked up and filled out at
your leisure. Once completed and
returned, Volunteer Clearinghouses match
your interests, talents and skills with the
needs of over a thousand public and
private, non-profit community agencies
throughout the metropolitan area. You are
under no obligation and the form takes
only a few minutes to fill out. Stop by and
pick one up Wednesday or call your local
Volunteer Clearinghouse listed below.

VOLUNTEER CLEARINGHOUSES

Alexandria	836-2176
Arlington County	358-3222
Fairfax County	246-3460
Loudon County	777-0113
Montgomery County	217-9100
Prince George's County	779-9444
Prince Williams County	369-5292
District of Columbia	638-2664

STAFF BULLETIN BOARD

To submit articles,
contact Dawn DeVoe - 7560

GIVE YOUR TIME TUTORING

N.Y. Ave. Community Club

Every Thursday night of the academic
year, students of the District system get
together with their "tutor" for an hour of
concentrated effort on learning.

The N.Y. Ave. Presbyterian Church
sponsors a program of close to 100
students with as many tutors. Students and
tutors are paired together for the school
year to develop a bond of trust that is the
key to making this program work.

If you are interested in tutoring one
of these children simply come to the
church at 13th and G Streets NW at 6:45pm
on any Thursday or call Tim Lynch (2276)
for more information. This is a non-
denominational program. And its only
three blocks from the White House.

STAFF BULLETIN BOARD continued

PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE TAKES THE LEAD IN SERVICE

In Presidential Correspondence, Jan
Burmeister is spearheading a drive to
"adopt an apartment." Sponsored by
Community of Hope, this project provides
a safe, secure and private environment for
homeless families as they work
themselves back onto their feet. While in
the program families receive:

- Permanent housing assistance
- Training in parenting, budgeting
and family concerns such as
education and health
- Physical exams and medical care
for both the adults and children
- Job Training and employment
assistance
- Clothing and household needs to
get them started again

The Correspondence Unit has adopted
one of the apartments by providing linens,
towels, a used refrigerator and stove as
well as helping to cover the monthly
operating expenses. You can help too.
Simply call Jan at x2708 for more details.

"CARNIVALE DE CANADA"

The Movers and Shakers Against Multiple
Sclerosis, a young professionals auxiliary
of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society,
will be hosting "Carnivale de Canada" on
Saturday, November 18th, from 8:00 p.m. -
1:00 a.m. at the Canadian Embassy.

The Movers and Shakers are looking
for volunteers to help out before, during
and after this black tie event. There are
two options for volunteers: (1) if you
would like to work the entire evening,
your help is greatly appreciated and
would be very instrumental to the
success of the event or (2) if you would
like to help out for an hour or so and
then join the party, a reduced ticket price
of \$50 (½ off the requested donation of
\$75) would be available. Anyone
interested in volunteering should contact
Marcy Anderson x6630 or Kim Riley
x6697.

To give you a little background on
the Movers and Shakers, this group of
young professionals between the ages of
22-40 works throughout the year to raise
money for the fight against Multiple
Sclerosis, the crippling disease which
strikes young adults just as they enter the
prime of life. The group sponsors fun,
cost effective special events at unusual
locations throughout the area. These
events attract hundreds of young
professionals who have raised over
\$100,000 to support services critical to
local people with Multiple Sclerosis and
their families.

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CHARLESTON, S.C. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1989 PAGE 10-A

They also serve who ...

Mixed up among the useful information that radio phone-ins are providing the community are some mean observations.

A mayor should not be judged by how many times he appears on television or how often he gives interviews to the broadcast media. While it is important for a leader to get out among the people, the real work of coping with an emergency such as Hurricane Hugo cannot be done in the public eye.

The Lowcountry community appears to have been well served by its elected leaders.

It was their planning and their decisions that saved lives. They could do nothing to save property from the wrath of Hugo.

We have enough information to go on to reach the conclusion that *all* our mayors have been heroes. Neither their courage nor their competence can be measured by their visibility.

They also served, spending long nights away from their families as they directed operations, who did not appear on national television — or were not heard as frequently on local radio as the carping call-ins would wish.

Hugo, overblown?

The exaggeration that has marked the outside media's initial coverage of Hurricane Hugo's descent on Charleston was well meant. The reporter, whose name and newspaper we will mercifully withhold, who described the old city as having survived wars, fires earthquake and four hurricanes "but not the fifth" was expressing understandable shock at the damage wrought. So was the writer who claimed that, "what invading Northern armies, a powerful earthquake, and a succession of Atlantic storms failed to achieve, Hurricane Hugo accomplished in a matter of hours. It brought Charleston to its knees." So were the television announcers who said that Charleston will never be the same again.

It was shock that caused them — and Charleston residents who telephoned friends and relatives in other cities to tell them that, "This is worse than Lebanon," or "This is Vietnam" or "It's the Third World War" — to overstate, rather than understate the destruction caused by the hurricane in the old city.

Charleston, most certainly, has not been destroyed. The city has survived again. Within months, if not weeks, Charleston will be as beautiful as ever. And within years it will be even more beautiful. Hurricane Hugo will become another story of endurance for the tourist guides to tell and for those who lived through it to recall.

The concentration of media attention on Charleston did mean that the greater damage caused by Hugo to the north was not immediately known. Many people in hard-hit outlying areas must have felt neglected as they listened to reports that emphasized the effects of the hurricane on Charleston.

The exaggeration of the damage done to Charleston was not corrected because most of the outside reporters left before the city clean-up had taken effect. Anyone coming into the old city after the week-end following the storm would tend to under-estimate the damage. Charleston was clearly Charleston. Nothing of enormous value to the city had been lost and, indeed, it is not beyond the realms of possibility to hope that with time Charleston may be enhanced by burying more power lines underground, by removing eye sores and continuing the renovation of the uptown area.

It should not be long before Charleston is ready to receive visitors again. In both the short- and long-run, Hurricane Hugo may prove to be an additional draw. Charleston is a city that can never be brought to her knees.

While the effect of the hurricane on the old city has probably been overblown, Hugo's toll overall — and particularly on the sea islands, along the coast to the north and in outlying districts — has not been exaggerated. While celebrating the safe passage of Charleston through the storm our hearts go out to the many, many people who have suffered enormous losses. They must be helped to put their lives together again by those of us who have been more fortunate.

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10-A Saturday The News and Courier/The Evening Post, Charleston, S.C., September 30, 1989