

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Friend:

In 1825, a traveler in this country, Alexis de Tocqueville, recorded the following observation in his journal:

I have often seen Americans make really great sacrifices for the common good, and I have noticed a hundred cases in which, when help was needed, they hardly ever failed to give each other trusty support.

Throughout the length and breadth of our great nation, this same spirit still prevails; there is no worthy cause that fails to draw a strong response from the community.

We have received overwhelming response to our appeal to encourage and to foster voluntarism. The Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives, which I established last year, along with ACTION, the national volunteer agency, has taken a leadership role in the enhancement of volunteer initiatives.

On December 9 and 10, the White House and ACTION will sponsor the fourth National Workshop on Voluntarism. This workshop is expressly designed to provide information that volunteer leaders and corporation officials need to use America's volunteer resources effectively.

I am extending to you my personal invitation to become a part of this national undertaking and to participate in the fourth National Workshop on Voluntarism which will be held at the Marriott in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Thursday and Friday, December 9 and 10.

Your support and participation are vital to maintaining and expanding those volunteer resources so necessary to our country.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan