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## White House Releases “Quiet Revolution” Report

Released by the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (FBCI) on February 25, 2008, the *Quiet Revolution* report reviews the accomplishments of the first Presidential initiative launched by the Bush Administration. *Quiet Revolution* details the framework of the Initiative, including:

- Five Executive Orders expanding the FBCI reach across the Federal Government;
- Sixteen agency-level rule changes and a myriad of smaller scale policy reforms to level the playing field for faith-based and community organizations;
- More than a dozen presidential initiatives aimed at some of society’s most stubborn social problems;



President George W. Bush receives a copy of the *Quiet Revolution* report Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, from Jay Hein, Director of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, during a morning meeting in the Oval Office.

*White House photo by Joyce N. Boghosian*

- Provision of in-person training to build capacity for more than 100,000 social entrepreneurs;
- Measurement of the FBCI’s progress, and ongoing improvement of program components as necessary;
- Replication at the State- and local–government level.

As this report shows, the FBCI created a quiet revolution in how government engages community partners to address human need and how public and private interests work together for the common good.

*To read the entire report, please visit [www.fbc.gov](http://www.fbc.gov)*

## President Bush Calls for Extension of Charitable Choice Act in 2008 State of the Union Address

On January 28, 2008, President Bush called on Congress to help guarantee continued equal treatment for faith-based organizations seeking Federal funding by permanently extending Charitable Choice. Passed with bipartisan support, Charitable Choice legislative provisions prohibit discrimination either for or against faith-based service organizations competing for these Federal dollars and ensure faith-based organizations do not have to sacrifice their mission or character in order to participate. While President Bush has already extended these Charitable Choice principles across the Federal government through his Equal Treatment regulations, the President challenged Congress to guarantee that the principles will be permanently enshrined in law.

*“Over the past seven years, more of our fellow citizens have discovered that the pursuit of happiness leads to the path of service... Faith-based groups are bringing hope to pockets of despair, with newfound support from the Federal government.”*

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH,  
2008 STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS.

## President Bush Presents OFBCI Report to National Governors Association Meeting

President George W. Bush presents the Faith-Based and Community Initiatives’ *Quiet Revolution* report to the National Governors Association meeting at the White House on Monday Feb. 25, 2008.

*White House photo by Joyce Boghosian*



*“I’m a big believer that government ought to empower people who have got a great capacity to help change people’s lives....[T]here are thousands of loving people who are willing...to interface with brothers and sisters across the country that need help. [T]his report...describes the federal-state collaborative that’s taken place.”*

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH,  
FEBRUARY 25, 2008

# President Marks Faith-Based and Community Initiative Anniversary With Visit to Maryland Prisoner Reentry Program



President George W. Bush and Thomas Boyd, a graduate of the Jericho Program, share a laugh Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008, during the President's visit to the Baltimore faith-based program that helps men rebuild their lives and return to positive, productive roles. White House photo by Joyce N. Boghosian

On Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the President stated, "Last night in my State of the Union, I highlighted the important work being done by faith-based organizations. This morning I was pleased to visit one of these inspiring groups, the Episcopal Community Services of Maryland, right here in Baltimore. I cannot thank you enough for the chance to take a tour."



President George W. Bush stands next to graduate Adolphus Mosely, as he delivers remarks after his visit to the faith-based Jericho Program Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008, in Baltimore. White House photo by Joyce N. Boghosian

*"Every year, nearly 650,000 men and women are released from prison, and one of [Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao's] top priorities, along with the Department of Justice, is to help those readjust to our society. We don't want people going back to prison. We want to help them readjust in society. And it turns out that faith-based programs are very effective."*

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH, JANUARY 29, 2008



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## Second Chance Act Signing

On April 9, 2008, President George W. Bush signed H.R. 1593, the Second Chance Act of 2007, during a ceremony at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. The Second Chance Act (H.R. 1593) will help transform lives and build safer communities by helping prisoners who are returning to society break cycles of crime and start new lives. The legislation formally authorizes key elements of the successful Prisoner Reentry Initiative (PRI), announced by the President in 2004, to help prisoners effectively reintegrate into the community. See full fact sheet at [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov).

*"Our government has a responsibility to help prisoners to return as contributing members of their community. But this does not mean that the government has all the answers. Some of the most important work to help ex-convicts is done outside of Washington, D.C., in faith-based communities and community-based groups. It's done on streets and small town community centers. It's done in churches and synagogues and temples and mosques."*

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH, APRIL 9, 2008



## President and Mrs. Bush Laud Development Initiatives in Africa



In February 2008, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled through five African nations, with stops in Benin, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ghana, and Liberia. They reviewed firsthand the significant progress since the President's last visit in 2003 in efforts to accelerate economic development and fight global HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other treatable diseases, as a result of the United States' robust programs. The President met with the leaders of these five nations to discuss how the United States can continue to partner with African countries to support sustained democratic reform, respect for human rights, free trade, open investment regimes, and economic opportunity across the continent. Read about the President's trip at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/africa/trip2008/>.

*"A new generation of African leaders is stepping forward, and turning their continent around. International organizations, and faith-based groups, and the private sector are more engaged than ever. America's approach to Africa stems from both our ideals and our interests. We believe that every human life is precious. We believe that our brothers and sisters in Africa have dignity and value, because they bear the mark of our Creator. We believe our spirit is renewed when we help African children and families live and thrive."*

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH,  
FEBRUARY 14, 2008,  
SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ART,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

## February OFBCI Compassion in Action Roundtable Highlights Transformational Efforts of International Social Enterprise

The February *Compassion in Action Roundtable* highlighted innovative ways American social enterprise abroad is redefining the concept of philanthropy in African nations and other developing countries. Social entrepreneurs, including Chris Crane, chief executive officer of Opportunity International; author and pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church in California; and Ward Brehm, chairman of the U.S. African Development Foundation, joined Jay Hein to discuss effective models reflecting the President's vision for local solutions to human need. As international aid and development transitions from the direct delivery of government services to innovative public-private partnerships, indigenous faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) serve as vital players in this new landscape. Upcoming newsletters will highlight FBCI Conferences hosted by the White House for African FBCOs in both Rwanda and Zambia during Spring 2008.

# OFBCI Compassion in Action Roundtable Highlights

The January OFBCI Compassion in Action Roundtable, entitled “Faith-Based and Community Mentoring that Changes Lives,” featured keynote addresses by Wilson Goode, founder of the Amachi program, and Marguerite Kondracke, CEO of America’s Promise Alliance. The event highlighted innovative and effective policies and partnerships in mentoring and ways

President Bush’s Faith-Based and Community Initiative is working to transform lives through mentoring. President Bush proclaimed January 2008 as National Mentoring Month and called on all Americans to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

*“By sharing their knowledge and experiences, mentors serve as examples for young people and help teach them the skills they need to succeed in life. They also provide stability, instill important values, and build confidence in those they assist. Mentors are soldiers in the armies of compassion, and they encourage children to set goals and achieve their dreams.”*

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH,  
PROCLAMATION ON NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH, JANUARY 2008

The March OFBCI Compassion in Action Roundtable focused on hunger issues in the U.S. and abroad. Featuring U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Ed Schafer as the keynote speaker, the event explored effective models for Federal collaboration with faith-based and community organizations to provide children and low-income individuals with access to food,

a healthful diet, and nutrition education. The agenda included leaders from both domestic and international food assistance programs, including Angel Food Ministries, East Texas Food Bank, Catholic Charities USA, International Orthodox Christian Charities, Planet Aid and World Vision.

*“The USDA has a long history of work with faith-based and community groups to help those in need. These organizations play a vital role in fighting hunger because they know the clients, know neighborhoods, and know the needs.”*

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ED SCHAFFER, MARCH 13, 2008