

Conference

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Co-hosted by the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the United States Departments of Justice, Labor, Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, and Education



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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

- The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. We strongly encourage you to register online at www.fbc.gov. If you register online, you DO NOT need to complete and return the enclosed registration form.
- If you are unable to pre-register online, please complete the enclosed form and fax it to 703-299-4589 or 703-706-0476 no later than Friday, February 28, 2003.
- If you are unable to attend the conference, please cancel your registration via email, to fbc@dtihq.com, or via fax, to the numbers listed above, so we may accommodate others interested in attending.
- A light lunch will be provided.
- See the registration form for information about discounted hotel rooms.
- The conference will offer several different tracks of workshops. When you pre-register, please indicate your preference for which workshop you would like to attend. Since workshops fill up, please mark a first and second choice.
- For more information, please call 202-456-6718, send an email to fbc@dtihq.com, or visit www.fbc.gov.


DEAR FRIENDS

Our country is blessed with a long tradition of assisting individuals, families and communities who have not fully shared in America's prosperity. Yet, despite a multitude of programs and renewed commitments by Federal and State governments to battle social distress, too many of our neighbors still suffer from poverty and despair.

While government has a responsibility to help its citizens, it does not have a monopoly on compassion. Faith-based and grassroots groups lift people's lives and heal our nation's ills one act of kindness at a time. To enhance the work of these groups, President Bush has made the Faith-Based and Community Initiative one of his Administration's priorities.

In the coming months, we will be hosting a series of regional conferences across the country that will provide you with more information about the President's Initiative. I very much hope you will be able to join us.

Kind regards,



Jim Towey
Director, White House Office of
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives



President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative . . .

The Federal government is working to make sure that faith-based and community organizations can compete on an equal footing for federal dollars, receive greater private support, and face fewer bureaucratic barriers.

For People Who Care About Their Communities . . .

For generations, faith-based and community groups have been doing work—often on shoestring budgets—that lifts people's lives in ways that are beyond government's ability. These people and organizations are at the heart of President Bush's Initiative.

Practical Guidance . . .

- Learn about Federal funding opportunities for your organization
- Participate in grant-writing workshops and write an actual grant proposal
- Gain insight into cutting-edge practices from other organizations
- Network with representatives from the White House, the United States Departments of Justice, Agriculture, Labor, Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, and Education, the Agency for International Development, and other Federal agencies.

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