

nourishing for the heart and mind. The very act of serving taps into a wellspring of empathy and generosity that is both personally gratifying and energizing. Again and again, former volunteers described their experiences with words like these: adventure, growth, human connection, exciting, spiritual, learning, and enjoyable.

I saw this in action 3 years ago when I decided to give the students in each of my classes, mostly university seniors, the choice between a mid-semester exam or sixteen hours of community service. The students unanimously chose service—though most of them didn't know what was in store for them. They had a choice of about ten different activities organized by the Public Service Center at the University of California, Berkeley.

Here's what one student wrote about this experience: "Before I started volunteering, I had very different expectations about the [after-school] program. I thought it would be very sports-oriented with little academic emphasis. Luckily, my expectations proved false. The program for fourth and fifth-grader at the Thousand Oaks/Franklin Elementary School, has a set schedule for each grade. The students rotate between free play, sports, library study time, circle time, and arts and crafts.

It was in the library that I saw how truly behind these children are in mathematics, reading, and grammar. In addition, I never expected to see the immense poverty that these children experience or to be so emotionally affected by it. Last week, I learned that one of my favorite children is homeless. It seems so silly to be reprimanding him for not doing his homework and not putting out the effort at school. This seems so trivial compared to the real-life horrors that he must experience. Although I had my expectations, never did I anticipate the emotional attachment that I now share with these children. I find myself yearning to become a teacher, which was a career I never thought about before this program. I know that as these children grow, they will probably forget about me; but I know I will never forget them. I have truly changed and matured as a result of them.

A second student wrote:

Before I started tutoring I was really scared, because I didn't know what tutors did in junior high schools. I was afraid of not being able to explain things so that the kids could understand. I thought I might also lose patience quickly with kids who were slower in understanding and for whom I would have to repeatedly state the same thing. I was concerned that the kids would resent me or not respect me because I wasn't the teacher and was closer to their age. And finally, I thought they wouldn't like me; the first day I even had trouble introducing myself because of this initial uncertainty.

Contrary to these preliminary fears, however, tutoring at Willard has been a life-changing experience for me. I've found that I have more patience working with kids than I've ever had in any other area of my life. I work hard to come up with lots of examples when the kids I'm working with don't understand. We relate well to one another because I'm close to their age, yet they respect me because I go to Cal and they know that I'm there to help them. It's been the joy of my semester to work with these students, who I really appreciate.

These comments were typical of the experience of nearly all 80 students. Their testimony is consistent with the more formal academic research and evaluations, which tell us that service-learning clearly enriches and enhances the individual volunteer in multiple ways. And the same things happened to me during my own community service 35 years ago, when I taught in Harlem during the early years of the War on Poverty and VISTA.

My students now, and I back then, confronted the complexities of the everyday worlds of individuals and communities quite different from our own. We are forced to deal with difficult social and economic realities. It was an eye-opener to learn about the inequities and injustices of our society, to see firsthand the painful struggles of children who did not have the educational, social, or economic opportunities that we took for granted. This experience was humbling and it broke down my insularity, for which I'm truly grateful. Again, it was Dr. Margaret Mead who called this "heart-learning."

Community service also taught me an important lesson about our society: ethical values and healthy communities are not inherited. They are either recreated through action by each generation, or they are not. That is what makes AmeriCorps, VISTA, and other forms of community service unique and valuable. They help us to regenerate our best values and principles as individuals and as a society. From Plato to the present, civic virtue has been at the core of civilized behavior. My experience as a teacher and with service-learning has taught me that moral and ethical values cannot survive from one generation to the next if the only preservatives are texts or research studies. Real-life experience is the crucible for shaping values. Out of it develop an intuition and a living memory that are the seeds of a humane and just society.

The task of passing along to the young our best civic traditions is made more difficult by the steady shift of emphasis away from qualitative values civility, cooperation, and the public interest, to quantitative ones, competition, making it, and privatism, as well as the demoralizing pursuit of mindless consumerism and trivia force-fed us by the mass media. Just about every parent and teacher I know has, in one way or another, expressed the concern that they cannot compete with the marketing techniques of the mass media, particularly television. They are worried about the potential consequences of the growing acquisitiveness, the indulgence, and the self-centeredness of children. You hear this from conservatives, liberals, and moderates. Small wonder. The average eighteen-year-old in the United States has seen more than 380,000 television commercials. We haven't begun to comprehend the inherent brutality of this media saturation on our children's psyches.

Materialism and assumptions of entitlement breed boredom, cynicism, drug

abuse, and crime for kicks. Passivity, isolation, and depression come with television and on-line addiction. Ignorance, fear, and prejudice come from insularity and exclusivity. A national and local effort to promote community service by young people is the best antidote to these social ills. The goals are inclusive and nourishing; they seek to honor diversity, to protect the environment, and to enrich our Nation's educational, social, and economic policies so that they enhance human dignity. On a personal level, volunteering, the very act of caring and doing, makes a substantial difference in our individual lives because it nourishes the moral intelligence required for critical judgment and mature behavior.

Dr. Seuss reminded us in *The Lorax* that "unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot nothing is going to get better. It's not." September 11, 2001, as tragic and traumatic as it was, can serve as a transformative event for the American people. We responded to this crisis with introspection, generosity, and caring. Now is not the time to push the snooze button and return to civic fatuity and complacency. Just as we marshaled our forces and mobilized our capacities to confront a foreign enemy, we can take action and confront our domestic problems and conflicts on the home front. In the real world, we know that taking ordinary initiatives can make a difference. It is within our power to move beyond a disaster and to create new opportunities. What it comes down to is assuming personal responsibility. If we decide to become involved in voluntary efforts, we can restore idealism, realism, responsiveness, and vitality to our institutions and our communities.

At her memorial service, it was said of Eleanor Roosevelt, the most influential American woman of the twentieth century, "she would rather light a candle than curse the darkness." What was true for her then is true for us now. The choice to make a difference is ours.●

#### HONORING NEW YORK CITY'S COURT OFFICERS

● Mrs. CLINTON. Madam President, as we approached the 1-year anniversary of 9/11, I rise today to again honor all of the public safety officers whose courageous and heroic acts saved thousands of lives at the World Trade Center. In particular, I want to highlight a group of public safety officers who deserve to be honored for their heroism. The New York City court officers risked their lives and contributed immensely to the rescue and recovery operations at Ground Zero.

I especially would like to honor three court officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice—their lives. Their heroic deeds have earned them the nomination for the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor—a testament to true American heroes.

I would like to say a little bit on each officer.

Captain William "Harry" Thompson, of the Bronx, was widely respected and beloved by all 1,600 court officers in New York City as senior instructor at the New York State Court Officers Academy. A 27-year veteran, he was the father of two adult sons and was the sole supporter for his widowed mother. All who knew Captain Thompson considered him a "spit and polish" type of officer. Captain Thompson was proud of his profession and New York is so very lucky that he devoted his life to public service.

Senior Court Officer Thomas Jurgens was part of a family who believed in giving back to one's city and country. Senior Court Officer Jurgens was the son of a firefighter, and was a volunteer fireman from Lawrence, Long Island. He made all of us proud by serving his country in the Persian Gulf war as an Army combat paramedic. Senior Court Officer Jurgens was a 4-year veteran at the Manhattan Supreme Court, and he was married in June 2001.

Senior Court Officer Mitchel Wallace, of Mineloa, Long Island, worked at the Manhattan Supreme Court for 2 years. Before September 11, the New York State Court of Appeals Chief Judge Judith Kaye honored him for resuscitating a man who had collapsed from cardiac arrest aboard a Long Island railroad train. Senior Court Officer Wallace planned to marry Noreen McDonough in October, and he called her "Cinderella."

In addition to these brave heroes who were lost, 22 other court officers risked their lives to save others at the World Trade Center. These men and women have been honored for their bravery on September 11. They are: Deputy Chief Joseph Baccellieri, Jr., Officer Tyree Bacon, Sgt. Frances Barry, Captain John Civelia, Sgt. Gerard Davis, Officer William Faulkner, Officer Gerard Grant, Officer Edwin Kennedy, Officer Elayne Kittel, Officer William Kuhrt, Officer Theodore Leoutsakos, Officer Craig Lovich, Sgt. Patricia Maiorino, Major Reginald V. Mebane, Sgt. Al Moscola, Sgt. Kathryn Negron, Officer Joseph Ranauro, Sgt. Albert Romanelli, Sgt. Richard Rosenfeld, Officer Andrew Scagnelli, Officer Mahindra Seobarrat, and Sgt. Andrew Wender.

Hundreds of court officers volunteered to work on recovery efforts at Ground Zero. After working full shifts at the courthouse, these officers would then work a full shift at Ground Zero. They would return home, clean the dust and debris from their hands, and return to their jobs at the courthouse. Through valor, duty, and commitment, they did all that they could to assist in the rescue and recovery operations.

On behalf of the American people, I express my thanks and appreciation for these public safety officers whose dedication and patriotism strengthen the resolve of our Nation. These officers went above and beyond the call of duty, sacrificing their lives in order to save others, not because it was their

job, but because it was their sense of duty of pride. These officers represent the very best in America.●

#### IN MEMORIAM: WILLIAM A. SCHWARTZ, VICE CHAIRMAN AND VOLUNTEER CEO, NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER COALITION

● Mr. CLELAND. Madam President, William A. Schwartz died today from the disease that he fought so tirelessly to defeat, prostate cancer. Bill was a 35-year veteran executive of the media industry and a staunch leader in the fight against prostate cancer. His endless passion, devotion, drive, and caring for his family, friends, and community, along with his unwavering commitment to save lives from cancer, will always be remembered.

After being diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1994, Bill dedicated himself to fighting the disease by promoting awareness and launching lobbying efforts to increase research dollars. He served as vice chairman and volunteer CEO of the National Prostate Cancer coalition, board member of CaP CURE, and president of the Prostate Cancer Research Political Action Committee. His work also included cancer projects for the Department of Defense and the National Dialogue on Cancer. The results of his work will continue to benefit countless men and families for many years to come. Georgia was very fortunate to have Bill, his wife Marlene and their three children reside in Atlanta for the past 23 years.

Thank you for letting me take this time to remember our friend, Bill Schwartz and to offer our prayers for the loss of a great American. Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in America among men and nearly 40,000 American men lose their lives to this disease each year. I know the best tribute we can pay to Bill and his family is to continue his work and find the cure for prostate cancer.●

#### NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK

● Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, I want to draw the Senate's attention to National Assisted Living Week, which begins September 8 and continues through September 14. Since 1995, the National Center for Assisted Living has sponsored National Assisted Living Week to emphasize the importance of this service that nearly 1 million seniors rely on for long-term care.

Assisted living offers hope to seniors who can no longer live independently at home but do not need the level of care provided by nursing facilities. In assisted living facilities, seniors find dedicated caregivers to provide assistance in the activities of daily living in a setting that truly becomes a home. It is predicted that the demand for assisted living will continue to grow as more and more seniors and their families seek out home-like independent

living with the benefits of 24-hour supervision.

The theme of this year's National Assisted Living Week is "Honoring the Spirit of Our Nation," which is intended to honor the Nation's rekindled interest in our heritage and values. It is an appropriate theme because it celebrates the residents' lifetime of memories, devotions, and patriotism and the dedication and service of assisted living caregivers. The theme for National Assisted Living Week will highlight the variety of ways assisted living meets the different needs of seniors in our Nation.

I am proud that Oregon has led our Nation in the concept of assisted living. Assisted living has developed differently in each State and its importance in meeting the needs of seniors continues. I believe offering these choices for seniors is important in order to provide them with security, dignity, and independence. It is also important for us to continue to support options that allow seniors and their families a choice of settings in order to assure that they get the level of care they need and deserve.●

#### REMEMBERING A GREAT GEORGIAN AND A DEVOTED LEADER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST PROSTATE CANCER

● Mr. MILLER. Madam President, I rise today to remember a great Georgian, a 35-year veteran executive of the media industry and a staunch leader in the fight against prostate cancer. William A. Schwartz died today at the age of 63 from the disease that he fought so tirelessly to defeat.

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After being diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1994, Bill dedicated himself to fighting the disease by bringing national attention to it and by lobbying for crucial research dollars.

Bill served as vice chairman and volunteer CEO of the National Prostate Cancer Coalition and president of the Prostate Cancer Research Political Action Committee. His work also included cancer projects for the Department of Defense and the National Dialogue on Cancer. His work will continue to benefit countless men and families for many years to come.

Bill was the former president and COO of Cox Enterprises and held various executive positions with the company in New York, San Francisco, and Atlanta between 1973 and 1987. In the 1990s, he served as president and part owner of Cannell Communications and First Media Television and was chairman, CEO, and partner of Capital Cable.

A native of Detroit, Bill received a BS degree from Wayne State University in 1961 and did graduate work at Baruch College. After his military service in the Army Security Agency,