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President Bush to Recognize New Orleans Woman for Dedication to Volunteer Service

President George W. Bush will present the President's Volunteer Service Award to Allison Stouse when he arrives in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Tuesday, August, 28, 2007. Stouse is a volunteer with the Louisiana Children's Museum and the Faubourg St. Roch Project. To thank them for making a difference in the lives of others, President Bush honors a local volunteer when he travels throughout the United States. He has met with more than 600 volunteers, like Stouse, since March 2002.



Stouse is a volunteer and board member with the Louisiana Children's Museum. In 2006 she organized a holiday distribution project for donated toys and books to benefit underserved New Orleans children. One thousand items were gift wrapped and larger items such as furniture, toys, books and games were packaged for every Head Start center in New Orleans. In addition, Allison is the volunteer director of operations for the Faubourg St. Roch Project, a non-profit she founded with other activists and architects, whose mission is the holistic and sustainable revitalization of nine blocks of the St. Roch neighborhood. The rebuilding project will include affordable low-income housing and commercial space.

In his January 2002 State of the Union Address, President Bush called on all Americans to make a difference in their communities through volunteer service. He created USA Freedom Corps, an Office of the White House, to strengthen and expand volunteer service. Americans are responding to the President's Call to Service. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 61 million Americans volunteered in 2006. Go to www.volunteer.gov or call 1-877-USA-CORPS to find an existing volunteer service opportunity in your area or to find more information about service programs, including national service programs such as the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Citizen Corps. USA Freedom Corps is also highlighting youth volunteer service. Visit www.volunteerkids.gov for games and ideas designed to show how America's youth are making a difference.

The President's Volunteer Service Award was created at the President's direction by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The Award is available to youth ages 14 and under who have completed 50 or more hours of volunteer service; to individuals 15 and older who have completed 100 or more hours; and to families or groups who have completed 200 or more hours. For more information about the Award, please visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov.

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