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Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

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Dear Newsletter Recipients,

On January 16, 2008, while President Bush was on a successful trip to the Middle East, the United States was proud to celebrate *Religious Freedom Day*. On *Religious Freedom Day* we celebrate the 1786 passage of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, which was written by Thomas Jefferson. In the statute Jefferson argues that it is wrong and dangerous for government to force the governed to practice any religion, therefore government cannot obligate anyone to attend any “religious worship, place, or ministry whatsoever.” Finally, he declared that any act to repeal these rights was an infringement upon one’s “natural rights.” This statute was one of only three accomplishments that Jefferson had listed on his epitaph along with founding the University of Virginia and the writing of the United States Declaration of Independence.

It is this freedom of religion that our office seeks to uphold and allows our Government to work with the numerous faith-based organizations around the world endeavoring to provide social services to the suffering and needy. Further, as the President’s proclamation states, “we recognize the importance of religious freedom and the vital role it plays in spreading liberty and ensuring human dignity.”

[Please click](#) here to read this year’s entire Presidential proclamation.

Warmest regards,

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The World Economic Forum’s Annual Meeting is Set for January 23-27 in Davos, Switzerland

For over three decades, the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting has provided an unrivalled platform for leaders from all walks of life to shape the global agenda at the start of each year. At the core is its multi-stakeholder model that leverages the collective wisdom of leaders from business, government, the media, academia, the arts and civil society by building a global platform for collaboration and action to address priorities on the global agenda. Looking to the future, it becomes readily apparent that complexity, competing interests and scarce resources remain the greatest obstacles to progress on the global agenda in the absence of greater leadership and global stewardship. It is in this challenging context that the World Economic Forum will highlight **The Power of Collaborative Innovation** as the principal theme for the Annual Meeting 2008 in Davos.

Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice will address participants at the opening of this year’s meeting and USAID

Administrator and Director of U.S. Foreign Aid, Henrietta Fore will also participate. The Annual Meeting 2008 program will be based on the following five conceptual pillars:

- **Business** - Competing While Collaborating
- **Economics and Finance** - Addressing Economic Insecurity
- **Geopolitics** - Aligning Interests across Divides
- **Science and Technology** - Exploring Nature's New Frontiers
- **Values and Society** - Understanding Future Shifts

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PEPFAR Announces New Partners Initiative Round Two Recipients

The New Partners Initiative (NPI) announced by President George W. Bush in 2005 on World AIDS Day, is part of a broader effort within the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (Emergency Plan/PEPFAR) to work with new partners, including community and faith-based organizations, enhancing their technical and organizational capacity and ensuring the quality and sustainability of HIV/AIDS programs by building community ownership.

New Grants Announced: 14 New Partners will receive funding in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS

The U.S. Government is proud to announce the second round of planned grant awards under the NPI, establishing new partnerships with 14 grants to the following recipients:

- American Refugee Committee International (ARC) – Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA
- Baptist AIDS Response Agency (BARA) – Nairobi, Kenya
- CAMFED USA Foundation – San Francisco, California, USA
- Children's Emergency Relief International (CERI) – Kingwood, Texas, USA
- Comprehensive HIV AIDS Management Programme (CHAMP) – Lusaka, Zambia
- Handicap International Rwanda – Surrey, United Kingdom
- Integrated Community Based Initiatives (ICOB) – Bushenyi District, Uganda
- Matibabu Foundation Kenya – Ugenya, Kenya
- St. Boniface Haiti Foundation – Randolph, Massachusetts, USA
- Sophumelela Clinic Incorporated (SCI) – Eastern Cape, South Africa
- Tearfund – Teddington, United Kingdom
- THETA – Kampala, Uganda
- Woord en Daad – Gorinchem, Netherlands
- World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP) – New York, New York, USA

These new partners will join prior NPI grantees announced on World AIDS Day, December 1, 2006, in providing care for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, as well as preventing new infections. Several of the organizations will work through networks of local and faith-based organizations, thereby strengthening their capacity as well.

[Click here](#) to access the official announcement

The Association of Fundraising Professionals is Set to Host the 45th International Conference on Fundraising

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) seeks to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education, and certification programs. AFP fosters the development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession. AFP's 45th International Conference on Fundraising seeks to provide inspiration and practical knowledge for fundraising newcomers and experts. The conference offers educational sessions, diversity workshops, roundtable

discussions, speakers, and an exposition. Educational tracks include donor and foundation relations, public policy, working with volunteers, technology in fundraising, capital and endowment campaigns, management and leadership, and many other topics. Advance registration closes on February 20, 2008. The conference will be held March 30 to April 2, 2008, in San Diego, California, USA.

[Click here](#) for more information

BREAKTHROUGH: The Women, Faith and Development Summit to End Global Poverty

Co-chaired by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and other world leaders, BREAKTHROUGH will serve as a forum for international leaders from faith communities, governments, donors and NGOs to convene and announce new commitments to engender global poverty alleviation efforts. The Summit will also serve as a launching platform for the Women, Faith and Development Alliance's multi-year advocacy and action campaign for increasing investments in women's and girls' empowerment worldwide. This landmark event provides a unique opportunity for the women, faith and development communities to put their collective weight behind common cause.

Scheduled in conjunction with the [Washington National Cathedral's Centennial Year](#), BREAKTHROUGH: The Women, Faith and Development Summit to End Global Poverty will achieve the broadest possible reach for the kick off of the WFDA advocacy and communications platform with a wide range of activities and processes designed to be transformational, informational and inspirational. Envisioned as a three-day event, the Summit will feature world faith, development, political, and corporate leaders, as well as draw individuals and representatives from local, national and international organizations.

BREAKTHROUGH: The Women, Faith and Development Summit to End Global Poverty Planning Team is under the leadership of the Cathedral's Center for Global Justice and Reconciliation together with the WFDA co-conveners and interested participant organizations, including various global coalitions who focus on poverty reduction and gender equality.

To read more [click here](#)

USAID and the Department of Agriculture has Announced the 2008 International Food Aid Conference

The next International Food Aid Conference will be held by USDA and USAID April 14-16, 2008 at the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. We will keep you posted with additional information as it becomes available.

About USAID's Food for Peace:

Nearly 800 million people in the world are food insecure. Many live in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Chronic poverty, the persistent lack of economic opportunity either to produce adequate amounts of food or to exchange labor for income needed to purchase food in adequate amounts, is the chief cause of food insecurity.

USAID, through funding provided by Public Law 480, Title II, makes commodity donations to Cooperating Sponsors (Private Voluntary Organizations, Cooperatives, and International Organization Agencies) to address the needs of food security in both 5-year development projects and emergency food assistance programs.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Food for Peace

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agriculture Service

Successful Public-Private Sector Partnerships in Eastern Europe Connect U.S. Church Members to Vulnerable Women

Working directly with businesses, government, and faith-based organizations, Catholic Relief Services has over the last two years developed innovative job-creation projects throughout the Republic of Moldova that:

- Reduce rural poverty;
- Build the resiliency of young rural women to trafficking and other forms of gender-based oppression;
- Help employers make positive changes in their communities while learning to do business in new ways to meet their human resource needs.

Unique to these initiatives is the faith-based connection between individual churchgoers in the U.S. and Moldovan women who are vulnerable to being sold into the sex trade.

The Republic of Moldova, a small country sandwiched between Romania and the Ukraine, is the poorest country in Europe with an extremely high incidence of human trafficking, especially in rural areas. Girls who have little education and no employment opportunities may be lured by advertisements for high-paying work abroad, only to become trafficking victims. The country's high level of corruption and troubled economy make it hard to change this situation. Despite these tough conditions, public-private partnerships facilitated by Catholic Relief Services have been remarkably successful, bringing local businesses and community stakeholders together with funding from the U.S. government, other public and private sector international donors, and individual Catholics in America to collectively address the compelling issues of human trafficking, poverty and massive out-migration facing Moldova.

In a brief two years, Catholic Relief Services has launched 11 rural job creation projects and nearly 100 community action programs, training over 4000 young Moldovan women and providing guaranteed employment to many others. Catholic Relief Services has worked directly with these young women (most between the ages 18 and 30) in over 100 towns and villages throughout Moldova, as well as with a growing number of businesses to create marketable skills training, personal development and job opportunities. Young girls have gone on to work in varied occupations in the banking, retail marketing and garment manufacturing industries. One partner employer, Fourchette-M Company, noted, *"We are very glad to be part of this partnership because it allows us to meet our needs for qualified personnel, while providing a way to address the issues of the community we serve."*

In Moldova, these public-private partnerships have created employment and empowerment programs that are more durable than those dependent on purely external funding. Because of Catholic Relief Services' faith-based commitment to stewardship of resources and its approach to working with community partners, the initiatives have leveraged the highest possible private sector and community contribution, which has averaged three dollars contributed for every one dollar of donor funding. Importantly, Catholic Relief Services' outreach to the U.S. Catholic Community also provides a bridge for individuals in the United States wishing to help vulnerable and disadvantaged people overseas – connecting the grassroots to the grassroots.

This public-private sector and faith-based approach has provided options and hope to women who might otherwise have few choices.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international humanitarian agency of the U. S. Catholic Community. The agency provides assistance to people in 98 countries around the world, on the basis of need, not race, creed or nationality. For more information, please visit www.crs.org

USAID Funding Opportunity Announcements

[Unite States Agency for International Development Grant Notices -](#)

Nigeria USAID-Abuja has posted a cooperative agreement for U.S. and non-U.S. Organizations (especially Nigerian Organizations) non-profit and for-profit Organizations. Respondents should propose program activities that will build partnerships between civil society, state and local governments, and the private sector to improve service delivery and local governance capacity in selected Nigerian States. As of January 16, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is January 31, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Ethiopia USAID-Addis Ababa has posted a cooperative agreement. To qualify, applicants must have demonstrated technical skills, experience, and the necessary management competence to plan and efficiently execute a Family Planning/Maternal, Newborn and Child Health assistance program. The new Family Planning/Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (FP/MNCH) Program will directly contribute to the USAID Investing in People Objective and the goal of Improved Family Health through Increased use of high impact family planning, maternal, newborn and child health practices, products and services. As of January 16, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 8, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Philippines USAID-Manila has posted a cooperative agreement for U.S. or Non-U.S. non-profit and for-profit entities. They are seeking programs that: a) promote the inclusion of people with disabilities (PWDs) in development promotion; b) find solutions that break down existing as well as potential barriers, and; c) ensure inclusion of PWDs in USAID activities and programs. Concept papers of no more than ten (10) pages in length may be submitted from January 8, 2008 to February 8, 2008, though USAID reserves the right to close this APS before then if it chooses to do so. Funding requests should range from \$20,000 to \$300,000 for programs with periods of implementation of 12 to 24 months. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Tanzania USAID-Dar es Salaam has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits having 501(C)(3) status, private institutions of higher education, and for profit organizations other than small businesses. This RFA is seeking plans for counseling and testing services in Tanzania, particularly through, but not limited to, the mobilization of the nongovernmental sector, and linking to care, treatment and prevention services. As of January 16, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 11, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement. The purpose of this Leader with Associates Award cooperative agreement is to provide technical leadership, long-term support activities, and make progress towards advancing the following elements of the rule of law and human rights. Activities may aim to reform legal frameworks and/or strengthen actors and institutions within and beyond the justice sector, including but not limited to the judiciary, prosecutors, legal defense, investigators, civilian police, traditional authorities, civil society, and citizens. As of January 16, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 11, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement seeking quality community-oriented health projects to significantly improve the health status of children under five and women of reproductive age in developing countries with a focus on innovation in delivery strategies for new, underused and high impact MCH interventions. For more in-depth information on this RFA please contact the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of January 16, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 29, 2008.

Dominican Republic USAID-Santo Domingo has posted an APS announcing USAID's intention to awarding multiple grants. Eligible applicants are Dominican NGOs operating legally under Dominican law, foreign organizations operating under the relevant Dominican laws and that have the required clearance to operate in the Dominican Republic from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The RFA is seeking project proposals to administer aid for the Out of School and At Risk Children and Youth program. Applicants must specify the length of time and requested funding level in the submitted concept paper. As of January 16, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is April 30, 2008. For more information

as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

The US Agency for International Development Food for Peace grant announcement has been posted on Grants.gov. Eligible applicants include U.S. non-profit organizations and Public International Organization (PIO). Applications may request a maximum of 75 metric tons (MT) of commodities (currently valued at approximately \$173,000) and up to \$100,000 of funding. It is not mandatory, however, that these exact levels be requested or in this proportion. (Note: Funding is available for costs directly associated with the movement, management and monitoring of IFRP commodities. Funding will not be considered for the following costs: vehicle purchase, project materials, tools and office equipment.) To read more about USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) and to obtain a link to fiscal year 2008 IFRP Guidelines and Procedures, [click here](#). To access the announcement on Grants.gov and for contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of January 16, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 2, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement to solicit partners to implement activities in support of creative and timely responses to encourage the abandonment of traditional practices that promote and condone gender-based violence. USAID is specifically interested in those traditional harmful practices that have received limited attention from the development community. The geographic focus under consideration is USAID's geographic definitions of Africa and Asia & the Near East (ANE). To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of January 16, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 12, 2008.

Kazakhstan USAID-Almaty has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement designed to support activities that promote the protection of human rights. USAID/CAR encourages submissions that creatively address the human rights development priorities and issues in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of January 16, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 13, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted grant announcement seeking partners to meet the critical basic needs of internally displaced people and returnee populations (both old and new caseload) in Kabul Province. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of January 16, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 21, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted a cooperative agreement for registered U.S. and non-U.S. NGOs, non-profit, and for profit organizations willing to forego profit. The purpose of the Annual Program Statement is to solicit applications for funding. The United States Government, through USAID/Washington and in close collaboration with USAID/Cotonou, USAID/Nairobi, USAID/Pretoria, and USAID/Lusaka, is seeking full applications from prospective partners to implement activities in support of creative and timely responses to the USAID-related components of the Presidential Women's Justice and Empowerment Initiative (WJEI). To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of January 16, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is July 23, 2008.

Ethiopia USAID-Addis Ababa has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement to solicit applications for funding from prospective new partners to support implementation of the United States Government's President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (hereafter referred to as Emergency Plan or also referred to as PEPFAR) in Ethiopia. The United States Government, through USAID/Ethiopia, is seeking, from prospective partners, concept papers to be followed by full applications (if concept papers are selected) to implement activities in support of the Prevention for at Risk Populations in High Prevalence Urban Areas in Ethiopia. The U.S. Government Mission in Ethiopia anticipates awarding a limited number of grants or cooperative agreements (hereafter called Agreements) for a period of no less than one year and no more than three years. Meanwhile, depending on successful implementation, needs and availability of funds, the period of performance could be extended by one or two additional years. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of

January 16, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is July 31, 2008.

Department of State Grant Notices -

The Department of State has posted a grant for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status and private institutions of higher education with the intention of awarding multiple grants. They are seeking proposals for projects designed to enhance and improve the infrastructure of youth sports programs in select countries in Africa, East Asia, the Near East and North Africa, South Asia and the Western Hemisphere. The focus of all programs must be on reaching out to youth ages 8-18. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of January 17, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is January 25, 2008.

The Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs has posted a grant for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status and private institutions of higher education. They are seeking proposals to conduct a three- to four-week program in the United States focusing on leadership and civic education. The 21 participants will be secondary school students and teachers from Bosnia and Herzegovina. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of January 17, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is January 31, 2008.

The Department of State has posted a grant for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status. Organizations must first submit an SOI before they are asked to submit a proposal. They are seeking interest in projects that promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law for countries in Africa (Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Mauritania, Sudan), East Asia Pacific (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines), South Asia (Regional South Asia, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan), Europe (Azerbaijan, Russia/North Caucasus) and Central Asia (Regional Central Asia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan). To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of January 17, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 5, 2008.

The Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs has posted two grants for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status and private institutions of higher education. They are seeking proposals to administer the Global Connections and Exchange program in (1) Afghanistan and/or (2) the Palestinian Territories, West Bank only. The Bureau will award one grant for each program. The grantee organizations and/or their partners will select overseas schools and provide them with access to the Internet and related training to develop collaborative partnerships with U.S. schools. Thematic online projects will enhance mutual understanding as they encourage learning, research and free expression among participating schools. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of January 17, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 8, 2008.

The Department of State has posted a grant with the intentional of awarding several grants to different organizations. Eligibility is unrestricted. They are requesting anti-trafficking in persons proposals for protection, prevention, and prosecution projects. These projects can be regional or global in nature, or be focused in one specific country. Applicants can request up to \$500,000 to support programming for 12-36 months. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of January 17, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 12, 2008.

Department of State Mission to Turkey has posted a grant for a youth innovation and entrepreneurship program. NGOs must register under Turkey's "Law on Associations." The lead organization must have been registered for a minimum of 1 year and demonstrate institutional capacity by documenting the successful completion of related projects. The NGO will help stimulate innovations and mutual relations by partnering Anatolian High Schools in Turkey with High Schools in the United States. The program may include components such as distribution of educational materials, a series of trainings, web-based education, information fairs, media events, and a student exchange to nurture the innovation and entrepreneurship skills of students. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of January 17, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 29, 2008.

The Department of State has posted a grant, with the intentional of awarding several grants to different organizations, for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status and private institutions of higher education. They are requesting anti-trafficking in persons proposals for capacity-building programs with locally-based organizations abroad. Programs must include mentoring and partnerships concerning such topics as: developing models for providing comprehensive and effective services for adult and child victims; training initiatives with a focus on identifying and understanding the complex needs of victims; building working relationships with law enforcement responders and other community stakeholders; and, strengthening advocacy skills and public awareness-raising efforts. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of January 17, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 3, 2008.

The Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs has posted two grants for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status and private institutions of higher education. They are seeking proposals to administer this semester-long program for Chilean pre-service teachers. Post-secondary educational institutions may apply independently or in a consortium with other post-secondary institutions. The program will include academic coursework and practicum/student teaching for Chilean EFL student teachers in their penultimate year of undergraduate study. The program will take place during the fall semester of 2008. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of January 17, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 13, 2008.

PRM Thailand has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status and international organizations. They are accepting applications from non-governmental organizations and international organizations for assistance to refugee populations in Thailand. This program will have three deadlines: Dec. 16 for proposals for health care/other assistance in Ban Mae Nai Soi and Ban Mae Surin camps (Mae Hong Son sites 1&2); Feb. 1 for proposals for food assistance; and Apr. 1 for health care services/water/sanitation/other assistance in Umpiem Mai, Nu Po, and Ban Don Yang camps. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

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