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REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SALVATION ARMY  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1974

*Billy Graham*

THE SALVATION ARMY OF BIRMINGHAM HAS LIVED UP TO ITS  
SLOGAN. YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR "HEART TO GOD AND HAND TO MAN."

WHEN WILLIAM BOOTH FOUNDED THE SALVATION ARMY IN ENGLAND  
ALMOST A CENTURY AGO, HE THOUGHT IN TERMS OF THE DISCIPLINE AND  
ORDER NECESSARY TO TRANSLATE PIOUS WORDS INTO DEEDS. HE PROVIDED  
FOR A STRUCTURE THAT WOULD INVOLVE THE HAND AS WELL AS THE HEART.



*John Buchanan - telephone*

*Frank Taylor*  
*Mayor Leebels*  
*Brigadier Hall*  
*" Smith*

*Exceedingly*

THE ACTIONS OF THE SALVATION ARMY ARE IMPRESSIVE. I HAVE  
SEEN THE ARMY'S SOLDIERS AND VOLUNTEERS RENDERING VITAL SERVICES  
AT THE SCENES OF TORNADOES, FIRES, HURRICANES, FLOODS, AND IN  
WORLD WAR II. OH HOW WELCOME THEY WERE ON THE ATOLLS IN THE PACIFIC  
OR IN WESTERN EUROPE. AND I KNOW OF THE DAILY WORK -- IN  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, HERE IN BIRMINGHAM, THROUGHOUT AMERICA,  
AND IN 80 OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

*We are all deeply grateful  
for this unselfish service in peace  
& war.*





YOU HAVE RENDERED GENEROUS SERVICE IN AREAS OF GREATEST  
NEED. YOU HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT REGARD TO SEX, RACE, CREED,  
COLOR, OR AGE. YOUR GROUP WORK, WELFARE ACTIVITIES, REHABILITATION  
PROGRAMS, COUNSELLING, INVOLVEMENT IN PRISONS AND HOSPITALS,  
ALCOHOLIC REHABILITATION, CARE OF HOMELESS TEENAGE GIRLS AND  
UNMARRIED MOTHERS, AND MISSING PERSONS BUREAU ARE LEGENDARY. AND  
WHAT WOULD CHRISTMAS BE WITHOUT THE CHEERY RINGING BELL OF THE  
SALVATION ARMY?





THE MUSICIANS OF THE SALVATION ARMY HAVE PLAYED CLEAR  
AND STRONG NOTES ON STREET CORNERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE  
ARMY HAS NOT SOUNDED WHAT THE BIBLE CALLS "AN UNCERTAIN TRUMPET."  
FOR WHO SHALL JOIN THE RANKS <sup>*of this great organization*</sup> AND SHOW CONFIDENCE IF THE LEADERSHIP  
SOUNDS "AN UNCERTAIN TRUMPET?"



THE CONCEPT OF SALVATION RELATES TO AWAKENING AND CHANGE.

I THINK THE TIME HAS COME FOR OUR ENTIRE NATION TO HEAR THE CLEAR

NOTES OF A VERY CERTAIN TRUMPET CALL -- A CALL TO REAFFIRM THE

VALUES THAT HAVE MADE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE GREATEST

COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, A NATION WITH MORE FREEDOM, MORE OPPORTUNITY,

MORE BLESSINGS AND YES, MORE CHALLENGES. BUT, THE CHALLENGES OF

THE PAST CONTRIBUTED TO OUR GREATNESS AND WILL IN THE FUTURE.



JUST AS THE SALVATION ARMY IS BASED ON THE VOLUNTARY SPIRIT,  
SO IS AMERICA PROUD OF THE VOLUNTARISM THAT HAS FOUND OUR PEOPLE  
READY TO GIVE NOT ONLY THEIR HEARTS BUT ALSO THEIR HANDS TO THE  
WORK OF INDIVIDUAL ENTERPRISE. *and a government of the people, by the people & for the people.*  
THIS HAS NURTURED THE SELF-RESPECT  
OF A FREE PEOPLE. IT HAS ALSO LED OUR PEOPLE TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES  
BEYOND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES -- WITH THEIR COMMUNITIES -- SUCH  
AS THE WONDERFUL WORK DONE HERE TO MAKE BIRMINGHAM A MODEL CITY.





THE AMERICAN SPIRIT HAS GONE FURTHER THAN THE CITIES AND LOCALITIES. IT HAS INVOLVED ITSELF WITH THE PROBLEMS OF THE STATE AND NATION. THAT SPIRIT HAS NURTURED THE PATRIOTISM THAT HAS MOTIVATED MILLIONS OF AMERICANS TO FOLLOW THE AMERICAN FLAG AND THE TRUMPET CALL, THE CERTAIN TRUMPET CALL OF FREEDOM, INTO STRUGGLES TO PERPETUATE THAT FREEDOM ON MANY DISTANT SHORES.

THE TIME HAS COME TO RETURN TO ELEMENTARY VALUES AND THE CLARITY OF THE TRUMPET'S CALL. I AM NOT SPEAKING OF TAKING UP ARMS AGAINST ANY FOREIGN FOE BUT OF AWAKENING TO A FIGHT AGAINST THE DESPAIR AND DEMORALIZATION THAT ARE THREATENING TO UNDERCUT THE FABRIC OF OUR SOCIETY.



I REFER TO A RETURN TO BELIEF IN OURSELVES AND IN OUR  
CAPACITIES. I REFER TO THE HUMAN ELEMENT THAT IS THE ESSENCE  
OF THE VOLUNTARY SPIRIT. I REFER TO RENEWED FAITH IN OUR INDIVIDUAL  
AND COLLECTIVE ABILITY TO REDEEM THE AMERICAN SPIRIT, THE AMERICAN  
FAMILY, THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY -- INCLUDING OUR SYSTEMS OF HEALTH,  
TRANSPORTATION, URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION. I REFER TO THE  
FACT THAT WE WILL COPE WITH INFLATION AND ENERGY SHORTAGES, AND  
GIVE OUR CITIZENS A NEW SENSE OF CONFIDENCE IN OUR PROBLEM-SOLVING  
CAPABILITY.



OBVIOUSLY, THE GOVERNMENT MUST AT A CERTAIN POINT DO FOR  
INDIVIDUALS WHAT THEY CANNOT DO FOR THEMSELVES AS INDIVIDUALS.  
BUT LET US BE VERY SURE WHERE THAT POINT IS. WITH NEW FEDERALISM  
AND GENERAL REVENUE SHARING, WE HAVE STARTED MOVING THE POWER AWAY  
FROM THE BUREAUCRATS ON THE POTOMAC BACK TO THE PEOPLE IN BIRMINGHAM  
AND OTHER LOCALITIES THROUGHOUT AMERICA. THAT IS WHERE THE POWER  
BELONGS -- WITH THE PEOPLE.



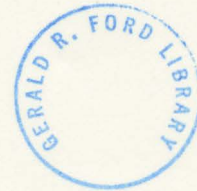


THERE HAS BEEN MUCH QUESTIONING OF INSTITUTIONS -- INCLUDING  
SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO GOVERN OURSELVES. THE  
INSTITUTIONS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN THE INDIVIDUALS WHO RUN THEM.  
WE NEED A NEW SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AMONG THE PEOPLE WHO RUN  
OUR GOVERNMENT -- AND OUR INSTITUTIONS. THE WORD "MORALITY"  
IS COMING BACK INTO FASHION. SO IS THE WORD "PATRIOTISM".  
AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE CAN ALSO FIND THE SENSE OF HUMILITY  
NECESSARY TO SEEK THE GUIDANCE OF GOD. WE HAVE YET TO PROGRAM  
COMPUTERS THAT WILL INSTILL A VOLUNTARY SENSE OF FAITH, A LOVE  
OF COUNTRY, AND A BELIEF IN AN AUTHORITY HIGHER THAN ANY MAN.



IF SALVATION IS AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUALS, IT MAY ALSO BE  
ACCESSIBLE TO NATIONS.

IF WE ARE TO FOLLOW THE CALL OF A CERTAIN TRUMPET, WE MUST  
BE SURE OF OUR PRINCIPLES AS A SOCIETY. WE MUST KNOW OUR PURPOSE  
AND DIRECTION.



THE UNITED STATES IS APPROACHING A MOMENT WHEN WE ~~ARE~~ NOT  
NEED TO ONLY ~~WE~~ ACKNOWLEDGE A NEED <sup>FOR</sup> ~~OR~~ AWAKENING AND ~~CHANGE~~ BUT TO TAKE THE  
*Institutionally speaking*  
APPROPRIATE ACTIONS. <sup>1</sup> THESE ACTIONS WILL NOT BE TAKEN BY ABDICATING  
THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM AND ABANDONING OUR SAFEGUARDS OF FREEDOM  
INHERENT IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHECKS AND BALANCES OF THE THREE  
BRANCHES OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE MUST NOT THROW OUT THE BABY  
WITH THE BATHWATER.





*omit* [ MUCH HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THE DANGER OF A VETO-PROOF CONGRESS  
THAT WILL SEEK EXPENSIVE, NEW AND FAR-OUT SOCIAL EXPERIMENTATION.

LET ME SAY THAT PERHAPS WE HAVE ALREADY GONE A LITTLE TOO  
FAR OUT. ~~MAYBE~~ WE NEED TO MOVE BACK INTO A MORE BALANCED POSTURE  
THAT RETAINS THE GAINS OF PROGRESS AND LESSENS OUR DEPENDENCY ON  
SOME ABSTRACT AND DISTANT BUREAUCRACY.

WE NEED TO PERMIT PEOPLE TO REGAIN CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN  
LIVES, OVER THE FATE OF THEIR OWN FAMILIES, AND OVER THE DESTINY  
OF THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES. THIS WILL NOT BE

ACHIEVED BY THE SCAPEGOATING OF THE PRESIDENT OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC  
*It will not be achieved by downgrading the Congress or the Courts.*  
OFFICIAL. <sup>↑</sup> IT WILL BE ACHIEVED BY INVOLVEMENT -- DIRECT INVOLVEMENT  
IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS BY EVERY CITIZEN.



ABOUT 200 YEARS AGO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PUT  
TOGETHER A DOCUMENT BASED ON *an institutional balance* BALANCE — A STRONG LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
HEADED BY THE CONGRESS, A STRONG EXECUTIVE BRANCH HEADED BY THE  
PRESIDENT, AND A STRONG JUDICIAL BRANCH MANNED BY THE SUPREME COURT.  
THESE CO-EQUAL AND CO-ORDINATE BRANCHES OF OUR GOVERNMENT PROTECT  
OUR PEOPLE AND OUR *non-governmental* INSTITUTIONS.  
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IF PUBLIC OFFICIALS DO NOT PERFORM, THEY SHOULD BE VOTED OUT OF OFFICE. BUT AN INTELLIGENT DECISION REQUIRES A VOLUNTARY SPIRIT IN WHICH INDIVIDUALS ASCERTAIN THE FACTS FOR THEMSELVES.

~~THE~~ OUR INSTITUTIONS CAN ONLY BE MADE TO WORK FOR THE COMMON GOOD -- BY OUR PEOPLE -- 211 MILLION STRONG AND DEDICATED.

THE SALVATION ARMY, AND ITS MANY DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN, *+ its programs.*  
DID NOT SPREAD ITS ENERGY <sup>1</sup> TO 81 FAR-FLUNG NATIONS BY SITTING IN AN OFFICE AND ISSUING STATEMENTS. THE SOLDIERS OF THE ARMY MOVED OUT AND INVOLVED THEMSELVES TO BRING ABOUT A TRANSFORMATION IN PEOPLE AND IN SITUATIONS. THEIR MISSION WAS ACTION, INVOLVEMENT.





WE CAN LEARN SOMETHING FROM THE ARMY'S EXAMPLE. IF AMERICA  
IS TO BE TRANSFORMED TO MOVE AHEAD AT HOME AND ABROAD -- AND I HAVE  
FAITH THAT IT IS -- WE MUST LISTEN FOR THAT CERTAIN TRUMPET. AND  
IF WE LISTEN WE WILL HEAR A CLEARLY FAMILIAR CALL. IT WILL BE A  
CALL TO THE OLD VIRTUES OF RESPECT FOR THE HUMAN INDIVIDUAL, OF  
REVERENCE FOR THE CREATOR OF US ALL, OF LOVE AND REDEMPTION OF THE  
FAMILY, OF A VOLUNTARY SPIRIT TO ATTACK AGGRESSIVELY THE GREAT  
PROBLEMS OF OUR TIMES. IT WILL ALSO SUMMON AN UNCONQUERABLE FAITH  
IN THE HEALTH AND GROWTH AND FUTURE OF OUR BELOVED COUNTRY, THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*It is a great Country* ✓  
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Oct - 1973



*Proud to be an American*  
" *of America*

**THE ADVISORY BOARD  
OF  
THE SALVATION ARMY—BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
ANNUAL CIVIC DINNER MEETING**

**Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center**

**7:00 PM — MAY 29, 1974**

**Frank M. Taylor, Presiding**

Call to Order.....FRANK M. TAYLOR  
Advisory Board Chairman  
Frank M. Taylor, Advertising

Invocation.....BRIGADIER LESLIE F. HALL  
Divisional Commander  
Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi

National Anthem.....SAMFORD UNIVERSITY CHOIR

**D I N N E R**

Selection—“*Patriotic Medley*”.....SAMFORD UNIVERSITY CHOIR  
Dr. Gene Black, Director

Welcome and Introductions.....FRANK M. TAYLOR  
(Head Table Guests—Advisory Board Members)

Advisory Board Chairman’s Report.....DONALD C. BRABSTON

Presentation of William Booth Award

Introduction of The Honorable Gerald R. Ford,  
Vice President of The United States.....HONORABLE JOHN H. BUCHANAN, JR.  
Congressman 6th District

**A D D R E S S**

**VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD**

Response.....COMMISSIONER WILLIAM E. CHAMBERLAIN  
Southern Territorial Commander

Benediction—“*The Lord’s Prayer*”.....SAMFORD UNIVERSITY CHOIR



**The Kenneth R. Daniel Stained Glass Window  
In The  
Mark Hodo Chapel  
The Salvation Army Birmingham Citadel Corps**

The circle . . . is Eternity. It also represents 'completeness' or 'perfection'. Man therefore becomes more complete or perfect when he puts into practice The Salvation Army slogan, 'Heart to God, Hand to Man'. Within the circle is seen the Cross, symbolizing the Love of God in our redemption - For God so Loved the World, while the intertwined 'S' signifies the Salvation assured for us by Christ's death on the Cross. Encircling both the 'S' and Cross is a Crown, signifying Victory over Death through Christ.

These three graces then 'spill' out of the 'Circle of Eternity' - the vertical shafts at the lower part of the center panel - and onto barren surfaces - the brownish area. Where they touch down on the barren earth, it turns green - bottom right, center panel. Green is the liturgical color that symbolizes growth, life, hope, fidelity and immortality.

Here in this relatively small piece of green glass is the climax of the whole of the action implied in the phrase, 'Heart to God, Hand to Man.' This climax is placed in the lowest possible position in the window area so as to denote that the action implied in 'Heart to God, Hand to Man' transpires on an earthly plane - down to earth, so to speak, where The Salvation Army is at work.





*Thanks to . . .*

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**To Dr. Gene Black, Director of The Samford University Choir.**

**To the many donors who contributed 70 per cent of the operating budget for  
the seven centers of service in Birmingham-Jefferson County and to the United  
Appeal for allocating the remaining 30 per cent of this budget.**

**THE SALVATION ARMY  
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May we suggest that you remember The Salvation Army in your will? This is one of the finest ways you can express your interest in and give support to our services. Your attorney will help with details. For further information write The Salvation Army, Post Office Box 11005, Birmingham, Alabama 35202.

**The Salvation Army**

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THE

# SALVATION ARMY

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



## ANNUAL REPORT



DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The Divisional Headquarters for Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi is located at 2211 Magnolia Avenue in Birmingham. 35 Corps with officer personnel and 93 Service Unit towns are directed from this office. Divisional Headquarters provides consultative services and semi-annual inspections and audits for these programs which include disaster services, evangelism, child care, transient housing and feeding, emergency and supplemental welfare, visiting shut-ins, prison and parole work, golden agers working through groups and as individuals in youth programs. Brigadier Leslie F. Hall is the Divisional Commander for the Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi Division.



MEN'S SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

The purpose of the Men's Social Service Center located at 1401 Huntsville Road is the rehabilitation of homeless men, many of whom have problems with alcoholism. The Center is supported solely by the donations of our friends of clothing, furniture and other repairable goods. The Center operates 5 thrift stores where those with limited means may purchase items needed and at the same time maintain their dignity.

Man needs God to live meaningfully. 482 chapel services were held and more than 100 gave their hearts to God. 1,141 persons benefited by personal counseling and group therapy. 23,683 lodgings were provided for the men and 72,988 wholesome meals were eaten. 196 leisure time activities were planned and 112 men received medical and dental care.

A new program of rehabilitation care and treatment for prisoners referred from the city court resulted in 1,641 man days of care saving many tax dollars and treatments to help the men cope with life in a more acceptable manner.

BIRMINGHAM - JEFFERSON COUNTY  
SALVATION ARMY PERSONNEL

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Brigadier L. M. Smith<br>City Commander             | Major William K. Matthews<br>Director, Home and Hospital        |
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| Captain Fred Thornhill<br>Commanding Citadel Corps  | Major Duane Greer<br>Director, Men's Social Service             |
| Lieutenant Robert Bagley<br>Commanding Ensley Corps | Miss Brooke Hopkins<br>Director, Girls' Lodge                   |

HOME AND HOSPITAL

The Salvation Army Home and Hospital located at 6001 Crestwood Boulevard last year cared for 221 girls and 155 babies. The spiritual life of the girls is most important. There were 790 religious services held with an attendance of 15,014. Art and craft classes had an attendance of 5,118. 1,289 education and recreation programs were attended by 8,677 girls. 110 of the girls were enrolled in high school last year. 69 Birmingham doctors served without pay in taking care of the health needs of the girls.

CITIZEN BOARD  
PARTICIPATION

Local business and civic leaders are necessary to the work of The Salvation Army. The parent advisory organization of The Salvation Army in Birmingham-Jefferson County is the Birmingham Advisory Board with a membership of 42 members and 5 life members. In addition, there is the Bessemer Advisory Board, the Home and Hospital Advisory Council and the Men's Social Service Advisory Council. These groups guide The Salvation Army in constantly studying present services and developing new programs to meet new needs.

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Families and individuals faced with the stress of the complex life of today need help to cope. Since 1865 The Salvation Army has expressed its heartfelt concern in many practical ways. Many of these families are overwhelmed by spiritual, economic and emotional problems and need effective and professional help. There are also strong healthy families who look upon The Salvation Army as an invaluable community resource. They enrich their lives by the opportunities The Salvation Army provides for growth in body and spirit through social activities, recreation, youth programs and spiritual emphasis.

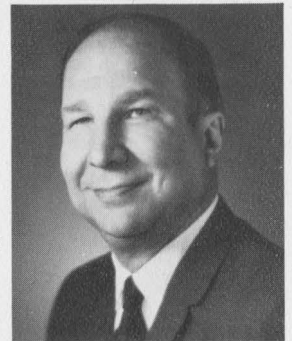
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Sincerely yours,

*Donald C. Brabston*

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1972-1973

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## THE CITY COMMAND

Birmingham Citadel Corps

At the City Command-Welfare Building at 2130 11th Avenue, North families come for emergency welfare services, counseling and temporary housing for men, women and children while their needs are being met.

Temporary lodging was provided to 4,046 men, women and children; 6,870 lodgings were provided and 19,449 meals were served.

In the emergency family welfare program 7,076 persons were assisted; 1,959 families received material assistance; 3,235 families received other services; 2,140 grocery orders were given; 5,490 clients were interviewed; 2,752 agency consultations resulted in 695 referrals to other agencies for services.



Ensley Corps



Bessemer Corps

## NEIGHBORHOOD CORPS

The Neighborhood Corps Community Centers in Bessemer, Ensley and on 8th Avenue, North in Birmingham are the basic units of Salvation Army service working with the youth of the neighborhood through groups including scouting, music and training in responsible citizenship in order to develop future leaders equipped to handle the stresses of today's world; also, programs for the aged of the community with concerned compassion giving purpose to each day; family counseling, visits to shut-ins and spiritual guidance are basic every day services to these neighborhoods. 25,928 persons were served through 1,102 activities. Young people were guided in 1,151 activities and 19,733 took part in these meetings.



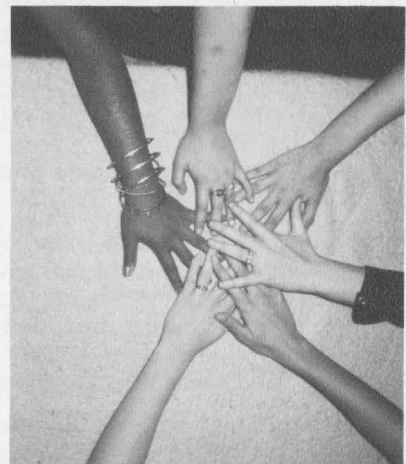
## LEAGUE OF MERCY

Made up of Salvationists and dedicated volunteers, brings comfort year round to those confined in hospitals, homes for the aged, children's homes, prisons and mental institutions. 621 volunteers distributed 21,469 gifts and 11,381 pieces of inspirational literature were distributed to 19,360 persons in these institutions where it is so important that Christian concern be expressed in a practical way. The question may be asked, "What if no one cared?"



## GIRLS' LODGE

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## CHRISTMAS CHEER PROGRAM

Christmas means sharing, sharing of the bounty of many with the needs of the poor. 8,395 persons enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner. 964 new pairs of shoes were given to school children through a shoe program sponsored by The Sun Newspaper. 23 parties were held for 1,977 persons. 57 institutions (hospitals, nursing homes, jails and other institutions) were visited by volunteers and 5,932 gifts were provided by the program.

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Just as the Salvation Army is based on the voluntary spirit, so is America proud of the voluntarism that has found our people ready to give not only their hearts but also their hands to the work of individual enterprise. This has nurtured the self-respect of a free people. It has also led our people to involve themselves beyond their immediate families -- with their communities -- such as the wonderful work done here to make Birmingham a model city.

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