

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 24, 2006

Contact: Alyssa McClenning
202-456-7381

**PRESIDENT BUSH TO RECOGNIZE CHARLESTON MAN
FOR DEDICATION TO VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

President George W. Bush will present the President's Volunteer Service Award to Joe Dailey when he arrives at the airport in Charleston, West Virginia, on Wednesday, July 26, 2006. Dailey has been a volunteer for three years with the Charleston Police Department. To thank them for making a difference in the lives of others, President Bush honors a local volunteer, called a USA Freedom Corps greeter, when he travels throughout the United States. President Bush has met with more than 500 individuals around the country, like Dailey, since March 2002.

Dailey is a Neighborhood Assistance Officer with the Charleston Police Department's Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program. He participated in the department's 12-week Citizen Police Academy, and has contributed nearly 2,000 hours of service with VIPS. Dailey assists police department personnel with monitoring DUI checkpoints, neighborhood patrols, and traffic control following accidents or special events. He also developed a web page to assist volunteers with internal communication and scheduling information.

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 65.4 million Americans volunteered in 2005. 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.

###