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SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 2003

6TH ANNUAL FAITH AND COMMUNITY BASED EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

FEDERAL AGENCIES, FAITH BASED AND GRASSROOTS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS HOLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO ADVANCE COOPERATION IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS

“**Service Through Partnership**” is the theme of this two-day conference to help faith-based and community grassroots organizations understand and navigate the complicated federal grants process. These groups, who often serve the needs of low-income people with little or no government support, have traditionally found government grant programs difficult, if not impossible to access. The conference will offer workshops on how to get started as a non-profit, housing development programs, economic development, homeless, and various federal faith and community based programs. It is designed to give faith-based and grassroots level non-profit organizations the information needed to give them an equal footing in applying for grants. Additionally, one-on-one counseling will be provided.

Sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Footprints Youth and Family Resource Center of Dallas, the conference is open to all interested community and faith-based non-profit groups from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. It will feature keynote speaker Alphonso Jackson, Deputy Secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and former CEO of the Dallas Housing Authority

- WHO:** Alphonso Jackson, Deputy Secretary, HUD
Dr. Ryan Streeter, Director, Center for Faith Based Initiatives, HUD
Representatives of the Internal Revenue Service, Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, the FDIC, HUD, and area Faith Based Organizations.
- WHAT:** 6th Annual Faith Based and Community Empowerment Conference
- WHEN:** Thursday, September 18, 2003 to Friday, September 19, 2003
- WHERE:** The Adam’s Mark Hotel
Dallas, Texas

For specific registration information, please call (214) 767-8309 or visit www.hud.gov (go to the Texas page). For media questions, contact Conference Chairman Joe Velazquez at (817) 807-4121.



Sixth Annual Regional Faith Based Community Empowerment Conference

Mark Your Calendar!!

This year's theme, "**Service Through partnership**", will be modeled throughout the conference as hundreds of community and faith based leaders are expected to attend from all over the southwest region including: **Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas.**

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Leading Non-Profit Organization:

Footprints Youth and Family Resource Center

In Collaboration with:

**The U.S. Department of Labor
The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
The Internal Revenue Service**

Private Partners:

**SouthTrust Bank
Fannie Mae**

Adams Mark Hotel • Dallas, Texas • September 18-19, 2003

Early Registration: **\$ 75.00** [must be postmarked by September 3, 2003]

On-Site Registration: **\$100.00**

Registration fee covers continental breakfast on Sept. 18 and 19, lunch on Sept. 18
Fannie Mae will provide a reception the night of the 18th.

Check or Money Order Payable To: **Faith Based Community Empowerment Conference**

Mail Registration Form To:

FYFRC

Attn.: Faith Based Conference

P.O. Box 2518, Desoto, Texas 75123

NO REFUNDS One Registration per Person

Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email [for confirmations]: _____

Hotel: **You Must Call the Adams Mark Hotel** and make your reservations-You MUST mention the HUD Faith Based Conference in order to receive the conference rate.

Rate: **\$ 79.00 for single or double room**

Telephone: **1-800-444-2326**

Parking: Adams Mark Hotel \$ 5.00 per day-mention Conference.

For more information, call (214) 767- 8309