

Fellow senators, we are in a war against terrorism and those who hate us and those who hate Israel are very often one and the same. We, of course, are responsible for ensuring that government funds we distribute as foreign aid are serving our national security interests and those of our allies. But what I think these reports have brought to our attention is that there are other entities out there, foundations, and not just of the sort that are part of extremist communities whose clear purpose is to channel funds to the terrorists and against whom the Treasury Department is moving aggressively and indictments are being handed down but well known, respected foundations can undermine our policies and activities by making an end run and supporting those with whom we deeply disagree.

As a member of the Finance Committee, I am going to be asking Chairman GRASSLEY that the committee look into this more deeply and again review the controls we have in place for foundation activities and grant overseas.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO VA

Mr. GRAHAM of Florida. Mr. President, the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA, has some of the most dedicated volunteers in the country, and today I would like to shine a light on those at the Gainesville VA Medical Center, VAMC, in my home State of Florida.

The Malcolm Randall VAMC in Gainesville is a tertiary care facility that specializes in an array of services including cardiology, neurosurgery, and nursing home care. With its symbiotic relationship to the University of Florida, it is also an active teaching hospital. In 2002, the hospital had 388,471 outpatient visits, and it continues to draw hundreds of volunteers. The hospital currently has over 800 registered volunteers.

The Gainesville Sun profiled some of these selfless individuals and their commitment to service at the VAMC. Included among these volunteers was an 82-year-old widow named Dorothy "Dot" Caldwell. The article described how every Tuesday, Dot leaves her home at 3:30 in the morning to make the 1-hour drive to the medical center and then spends 10 hours there. She makes this 100-mile round trip every week so she can repay VA for the care if gave her husband William, a World War II veteran, her father, and two of her brothers. Dot has been volunteering at the Gainesville VAMC for 21 years.

Each of us owes a debt of gratitude to those who risked their lives defending our country, and I am thankful to all of this Nation's hardworking, compassionate volunteers for helping to repay that debt. I am especially proud that such shining examples of this kind of service hail from my own State, one

that is so highly populated with veterans.

I ask unanimous consent that the article from the Gainesville Sun highlighting the work of these volunteers, as well as the complete list of volunteers who work at the Gainesville VAMC be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Gainesville Sun, Sept. 25, 2003]

HOSPITAL ANGELS

(By Julie Garrett)

At a time when friends and loved ones are serving our country overseas and when cuts to veterans' benefits are taking place back home, one way we can support veterans is by taking care of those who need us here in the states.

Dorothy "Dot" Caldwell has given more than 20,500 hours of volunteer time to the Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville. That's the equivalent of a full-time job for more than 10 years.

Every Tuesday morning, she rises at 2:30 a.m. ("God wakes me up. I don't need an alarm clock.") so that she can be on the road by 3:30 a.m. to make the one-hour trip to Gainesville from her home in Old Town—a 100-mile round-trip drive. She'll volunteer 10 hours, then start home at about 2:30 p.m. She's 82.

"It's kind of special to see a vet smile at you when you come in and just pat him on the arm or hand him something," says Caldwell. "That look of gratitude on their faces. They light up. They look at us as family."

Caldwell started volunteering at the VA 21 years ago after her husband, William, a combat engineer during World War II, underwent heart surgery.

"I saw the volunteers running around and I said, 'When you get out of this hospital, we're gonna repay. We're gonna volunteer.' He said, 'Like hell I am.'"

But she prevailed, fueled by the fact that William, her father and two of her brothers were veterans who received medical care through the VA. "So I'm trying to pay back," she says.

Her own health is good. William died of cancer 10 years ago after the couple were married for 53 years.

"Volunteering is keeping me young. God is rewarding me," she says. "You see veterans here a lot younger than I am and they can't even feed themselves."

The Gainesville VA had 388,471 outpatient visits in fiscal year 2002, said John Pickens, public affairs officer for the North Florida South Georgia Veteran's Health System.

And last year, more than 800 volunteers gave more than 80,000 hours at the VA Medical Center in Gainesville, says Julie Baker, chief of voluntary services.

The youngest volunteers are 13, the eldest is 88, with a 50-50 split between male and female volunteers, Baker says.

The entire VA orientation takes about three hours and consists of watching a short video and meeting with Baker.

Volunteers perform clerical duties, staff the information desk, transport patients to appointments in departments around the hospital and make hospitality visits. In the pharmacy, they open and sort mail.

Groups from organizations such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars serve coffee and doughnuts in the outpatient clinics' reception areas.

"It's a great PR tool for us," says Baker. "This is a great way for a group to volunteer together."

During the holidays, the VA encourages people to sing Christmas carols to patients. You need to coordinate your visit through the Voluntary Services office, but Baker says it tends to be easier to set up a visit at the VA than at other hospitals.

Students planning careers in medicine can get their feet wet by volunteering at the VA. They observe in the emergency room, surgical unit and intensive care unit, take specimens to labs, answer phones and stock supplies.

Helena Chapman, a 22-year-old University of Florida graduate student in public health, began volunteering at the VA through the teen volunteer program as a 15-year-old Oak Hall student.

At first, she volunteered through the recreational therapy department, playing bingo with the veterans on Saturdays. From there, she proceeded to the ICU, where she helped with bedside stocking.

The nurses took her under their wing when they saw she was a serious, consistent and responsible volunteer. It wasn't long before she was drawn to medicine as a career choice.

On the lighter side, Chapman plays piano for the VA's nursing home patients—there's a nursing home onsite—and paints the nails of female veterans.

"I like to pamper them," she said. "Everyone has a story to tell. I love 'em."

Chapman was awarded the Disabled American Veterans' \$5,000 National Commander Youth Scholarship for 2002 for her volunteering and plans to become a physician focusing on geriatric medicine. Despite the demands of graduate school, she still volunteers at least three hours a week, sometimes up to 10.

Baker says the VA's teenage volunteer program is growing in popularity as schools require community service for graduation.

In the summer, young people ages 13 to 18 can volunteer two to three full days a week, or weekdays four hours a day. The VA starts accepting applications May 1. Slots fill quickly.

Once teens volunteer for the summer, they can return on school breaks and weekends to continue volunteering, if they choose.

And finally, if you've had bus driver fantasies all your life, you can drive a van through the Disabled American Veterans Driver Program. Drivers are needed to transport veterans to appointments in Jacksonville, Ocala and Inverness. You don't need a special driver's license to do this, but they do check driving records and require a physical.

"We need more drivers. There's always a turnover," says Baker.

Don Myhre, a 79-year-old retired UF professor, started volunteering at the VA 11 years ago.

He and his wife travel a lot to visit family, but when he's home in Gainesville he volunteers about four hours a day at the VA.

He spent three years in the U.S. Army as an X-ray technician during World War II. The GI Bill of Rights sent him to college. He worked as a soil chemist and retired from UF as a meritorious professor in 1991.

"I'm giving back something to the government. That was a good program," he says.

Myhre says he likes volunteering at the VA and being around all sorts of people.

"It's fun, and you get the benefit of lots of exercise. I probably walk about 3 miles a day here. I like to be doing something constructive."

HONORING THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN FRANK MCCLOSKEY

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of my fellow

Hoosier, Congressman Frank McCloskey, who lost his battle with cancer on Sunday, November 2. Congressman McCloskey dedicated his life to serving his country and our home State of Indiana, setting an example of personal conviction and political courage throughout his years as a public servant.

Francis Xavier McCloskey was born on June 12, 1939 in Philadelphia. He earned both his undergraduate and law degrees at Indiana University in Bloomington, where he would later serve as mayor for three terms, following 4 years in the Air Force and a brief career as a newspaper reporter. During his time as mayor, McCloskey transformed Bloomington politics with his new style of leadership. He initiated a transit service and the first direct passageway through the center of Bloomington, and oversaw the formation of city boards and commissions dedicated to the environment, women and human rights.

In 1982, McCloskey was elected to the U.S. Congress from Indiana's 8th district. In a district known across the Nation for its tumultuous and closely contested races, McCloskey held his seat to serve as Congressman for six terms. During his time in office, Frank McCloskey became one of the first public servants to travel overseas and witness first hand the atrocities taking place in Bosnia. A man of great compassion and conviction, Frank McCloskey focused his career on ending the ethnic cleansing taking place in Bosnia during the 1990s. His dedication to the cause continued even after he left public office, until cancer forced him to cancel his plans to return to Bosnia and continue democratic reforms there.

The sense of loss to all those who knew Congressman Frank McCloskey is tremendous. His work in Bloomington and later in Washington inspired a generation of Hoosiers to answer the call to public service. Many of Indian's current political leaders owe their start to the example set by McCloskey, and their continued works will serve as a lasting legacy to a man who dedicated his life to serving others. He is survived by his wife, Roberta Ann Barker, and their two children, Helen and Mark.

It is my honor to enter the name of Congressman Frank McCloskey into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING MRS. CAROL KANAREK

• Mr. GRAHAM of Florida. Mr. President, every November organizations throughout America recognize the spirit of community service with National Philanthropy Day.

This November, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate an outstanding Floridian, Mrs. Carol Kanarek of Vero Beach, who is receiving the 2003 National Philanthropy Day

Unsung Hero Award from the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

The Unsung Hero Award is given to an individual who has been an exceptional volunteer. Carol Kanarek certainly fits this description.

Carol Kanarek is a valued member of the Vero Beach community for her leadership, commitment, and extensive knowledge and experience. She is known as a coalition builder—someone who brings people and resources together to further the goals of the organizations for whom she volunteers. She has a true love of people, and a compassion for all causes.

For more than 20 years, Mrs. Kanarek has volunteered her time and energy to numerous organizations in her community including health care organizations, religious organizations, schools, and charities. For example, Mrs. Kanarek has worked with the Riverside Children's Theatre, the March of Dimes, the United Way, the Visiting Nurses Association Hospice House, St. Edwards School, and the Temple Beth Shalom. This list is by no means exhaustive.

No project is too big or too small for Mrs. Kanarek. From chairing the Rabbi Selection committee at Temple Beth Shalom to working the concession stand at a Riverside Children's Theatre event, she always makes time. When working on committees, Mr. Kanarek is known as a consensus builder, always considering the concerns of others when developing a solution. Her gracious manner and gentle persistence have made Mrs. Kanarek a valuable asset to the many organizations of which she is a member. Mrs. Kanarek's patience and tireless enthusiasm for community service distinguish her as a woman who places others before herself.

Mr. President, philanthropy is one of defining characteristics of American society. Service for the benefit of others and commitment to something greater than personal reward strengthen our communities and neighborhoods, bringing us together and improving our quality of life.

I commend Carol Kanarek for her commitment to community service, volunteerism, and philanthropy. I am pleased that outstanding Floridians like Mrs. Kanarek are setting an example for communities across our nation, and I want to thank her for her service.●

THE EXPLORING FREE ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

• Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, over the past few years the U.S. Senate has acted to stimulate the American economy. This spring we passed an economic stimulus package to provide meaningful tax relief for businesses and assistance for unemployed workers to soften the blow of difficult economic times. We have also worked to approve trade agreements

that ensure a free and fair trade market for U.S. businesses.

As we work on these measures to improve our economy today, it is equally important to ensure that America's economy remains strong for the next generation as well.

I recently joined with Chadron State College to establish the Exploring Free Enterprise program. This program will focus on teaching students in elementary, middle and high school the principles of market economics, entrepreneurship, personal financial success and business ethics.

Entrepreneurship is a particularly important skill in Nebraska. A revitalized rural economy requires individuals who are able to seize upon openings in the marketplace and expand employment opportunities.

Business ethics is another area of great importance. I am proud to be a part of a program that will teach our future leaders that being honest is even more important than making money.

In 2002 I was honored to receive the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Spirit of Enterprise award. The Exploring Free Enterprise program seeks to spread that spirit of enterprise to a new generation of young business leaders and entrepreneurs. It is their entrepreneurial spirit that will drive America's economic engine in a competitive world economy.

I would like to thank Chadron State College for the opportunity to participate in this program and especially Dr. Rick Koza, the director of the program, and Dr. Tom Krepel, president Chadron State College, for their leadership.

Together, our investment in education recognizes that while children may only be 20 percent of our population, that they are 100 percent of our future.●

ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT MONTE AHUJA

• Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to Mr. Monte Ahuja of Hunting Valley, OH as an Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipient.

The prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor award is presented annually to "remarkable Americans who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives," and "who have distinguished themselves as citizens of the United States, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage." Monte Ahuja was selected to receive this honor in 2001.

Mr. Ahuja is a distinguished American who immigrated to the United States from India in 1969. He received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in India and pursued his graduate education at Ohio State University where he received his masters degree in mechanical engineering. He moved to Cleveland, OH in 1972 and received his masters in business administration at Cleveland State University in 1975 while working full time.