



THE WHITE HOUSE

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I send greetings to those gathered to celebrate the first anniversary of the Faith-Based Offender Re-Entry Initiative, sponsored by the District of Columbia's Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA).

For the past year, this program has demonstrated the power of faith in transforming lives and giving hope to those in need. The faith community of Washington, D.C., has come together to complement the ongoing work of CSOSA by providing a critical support system to men and women transitioning from prison. By offering important services like job training, parenting classes, and housing assistance, you are helping ex-offenders overcome the challenges of returning to their communities.

I commend CSOSA, participating churches, mentors, and all those involved for your service and dedication. Your compassionate efforts have strengthened our city and serve as an inspiring example for all.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes for continued success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.