

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Ms. Pearl B. Schaeffer  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Pearl:

Thank you so much for sharing the information about your organization.

Active citizens and strong organizations are the cornerstone of our democracy, and so I thank you and all those you work with for engaging in the important work of true citizenship. Our strength as a country and our ability to responsibly shape our future depends on informed and impassioned Americans.

We are at a critical moment in our Nation's history, and we need an all-hands-on-deck approach to solve the problems that we face. America needs your hands, your hearts, and your hard work now more than ever. History tells us that when we come together as a Nation with a sense of purpose and a spirit of service, no challenge is too great.

I appreciate that you took the time to write, and I want to thank you for all that you do in your community, for daring to innovate, for dreaming big, and for finding ways to create a better tomorrow. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

*Michelle Obama*