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**FORMER PRESIDENT CLINTON, CHELSEA CLINTON
PARTICIPATE IN AMERICA FORWARD EVENT IN PORTLAND TO
PROMOTE SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS TO
AMERICA’S PROBLEMS**

PORTLAND, OR—During a visit to Oregon on Sunday, Former President Bill Clinton and Chelsea Clinton joined dozens of students, teachers and community leaders at an “I Have A Dream” Foundation program in Portland for an event coordinated by *America Forward*, a national coalition of more than 60 entrepreneurial nonprofit organizations urging federal policy changes that offer results-oriented solutions to domestic problems.

The Clintons participated in a service project at Woodlawn Elementary School in Portland, where worked alongside volunteers to build a community garden and help paint a school mural from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.

“*America Forward* coalition organizations like ‘I Have A Dream’ have innovative, results-oriented solutions to many of the problems facing America’s families, schools, and communities,” said Kelly Ward, Director of *America Forward*. “It’s an honor to have President Clinton and Chelsea Clinton join one of our coalition organizations to showcase innovative approaches to service and see first-hand the great work underway in Portland.”

“The ‘I Have A Dream’ Foundation is pleased that President Clinton and Chelsea are helping us showcase the innovative work of organizations that are making a difference across the nation at a community level,” said Karen Hill, Executive Director of I Have A Dream of Oregon. “We are delighted that the Clintons joined us for this volunteer service event.”

The “I Have A Dream” Foundation invited all presidential candidates to visit its sites to learn more about the Foundation’s education reform and service efforts. Currently, “I Have A Dream” is serving 4,000 students in 29 cities and 18 states across the country.

In addition to the “I Have A Dream” Foundation, local *America Forward* coalition members involved in the volunteer group included Experience Corps, Hands On, and YouthBuild. These and other coalition members have participated in a national initiative during the presidential campaign to educate political candidates and other leaders about the potential for innovative community service programs to be scaled at a national level. To date, *America Forward*, a non-partisan coalition, has successfully engaged the Clinton, Obama, and McCain presidential campaigns.

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(EDITOR’S NOTE: All of the groups involved in this local volunteer project are non-partisan organizations. Their efforts in relation to this project do not represent an endorsement of any candidate for political office.)

About the “I Have A Dream” Foundation

The “I Have A Dream” Foundation is working to ensure that all children have the opportunity to pursue higher education. Local “I Have A Dream” chapters sponsor entire grade levels of underserved students in public elementary schools and public housing developments, and work with these students from an early age all the way to college. Upon high school graduation, each Dreamer receives guaranteed tuition assistance for higher education. Currently, more than 4,000 Dreamers are on the pathway to college in 16 states, Washington, D.C., and New Zealand, following some 10,000 Dreamers who came before them. To learn more, visit: www.ihaveadreamfoundation.org.

About *America Forward*

The *America Forward* coalition, organized by New Profit Inc., includes more than 60 results-oriented, entrepreneurial nonprofit organizations with programs operating in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Together, these organizations serve more than 10 million people per year and have a collective budget of more than \$300 million. Coalition members have innovative, results-driven solutions to some of the toughest domestic challenges facing our nation in education, public health, poverty and economic mobility, workforce development, crime prevention, and civic engagement. The coalition is working to educate all the presidential candidates about the impact social entrepreneurs are having on communities and promote a policy agenda that scales their impact. Additional information about *America Forward* can be found at www.AmericaForward.org or by calling 617-252-2153.