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COTP Receives First Grant

Faith-Based & Community Organizations Win Capacity-Building Grants

-- *The Institute for Youth Development Issues Sub-Awards Under President's Compassion Capital Fund Program* --

Washington, DC – January 11, 2005 – Under a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services designed to help faith-based and community organizations build capacity and effectively apply for federal funding, the Institute for Youth Development (IYD) has issued 14 sub-awards in its seventh round of

grant making. **Chronicles Of Truth Productions, Inc.** of Cheverly, Maryland was one of the recipients. These grants have been awarded in response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) that was issued by IYD for organizations that need capacity building assistance to support at-risk youth. To date, IYD, the largest grantee under the President's Compassion Capital Fund Program (CCF), has made a total of 113 sub-awards that range between \$5,000 and \$50,000. The average award has been \$32,628. IYD will award similar funding amounts throughout the remainder of 2005. "President Bush has designed a program that allows for the full partici-

pation of faith-based and community groups while also allowing those groups to remain true to their beliefs, whether faith-based or not," said Shepherd Smith, IYD president. "These organizations are helping those with the greatest needs across this country by focusing on their local communities. The Compassion Capital Fund Program will help these organizations enhance their capacity by competing for federal grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements so they can become more effective at meeting community needs."

Special points of interest:

- COTP website being updated for on-line donations coming soon!
- National Register's Who's Who in Executives & Professionals has included Peggie A. Matthews, Founder, President/CEO of COTP, for appearance in the 2005-2006 Edition.
- COTP is in the process of developing youth programs. Your contributions will assist with these projects. More next month.
- Special thanks to all of you who are faithful financial contributors.
- Please check forthcoming Newsletter for special events and updates.

First Stage Play Great Success!

On February 11, 2005, Chronicles Of Truth Productions presented its first stage production: "Where Do We Go From Here?" to a sold out audience at the Publick Playhouse, Hyattsville, Maryland. This was an overwhelming accomplishment receiving community support and interest. It surpassed all of our expectations. William (Ted) Jones (associate Minister of First Rock Baptist Church) is the author of this exciting play depicting the story of marital

relationships, good intentions gone wrong, rejection, acceptance, forgiveness and of course, the redemptive power of Christ. The incredible cast of local talent filled the house with emotion: tears, laughter and excitement. The cast were: Ted Jones, Nicole Nixon, Daryl Johnson, Stacy Jackson, Brian Roberts, Ministers Lazarus and Audrey Thicklen; Tanika Waddell, Dajah Blackwell, Evelyn Blackwell, Monica Waddell and Dijon Kirkland. Peggie Matthews is the director and producer. Mr. Winston Chaney

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About Us

Chronicles Of Truth Productions, Inc. (COTP) was organized by its founder, Peggie A. Matthews, on April 19, 2003. We are a non-profit, tax exempt, 501(c)(3), faith/community-based theatrical production company. Our vision is to solicit and provide our services to individuals within high risk and culturally underserved communities who have artistic and other skills that might be underutilized. Our ultimate goal is to organize and operate the establishment of "Chronicles Of Truth Productions' Theatre and Training Center for the Arts" to include a 1500 seat auditorium theatre, a full dance studio, full recording studio, hair/markup studio, costume design studio, and construction/set design shop—all under one site, in one location.

In a typical stage production, there are tasks that demand the skills of volunteers, directors, actors, designers, technical staff, electricians, carpenters, administrators, comptrollers, choreographers, writers, composers, singers, dancers, hair/makeup artist, construction and set design, marketing consultants, lighting technicians, audio/sound engineers, just to name a few. Few programs unify such a diversity of gifts/ and talents toward a common purpose. COTP's vision is to accomplish this endeavor.

How You Can Help

The grant funds that we recently received are restricted monies allocated to specific needs delineated in the RFP that we submitted. Therefore we depend on contributions to help us with the day-to-day operational expenses. Your willingness to invest in our mission is very much needed - - so that we can invest into the lives of our youth and young adults by developing effective and life-changing programs and activities to help avoid their becoming at risk.

We solicit your support and thank you in advance for consideration of sending us your tax deductible contribution. Please make your donation payable to:

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and Ms. Kae Watson from Radio One/WYCB were the hosts for the evening. Deacon Peter Brodnax of First Rock Baptist Church (a retired architect,) was the master set builder. This was Deacon Brodnax's first time building a stage set. Mr. Chaney honored Deacon Brodnax by introducing him to the audience. We wish to thank each person who attended and supported us in our first production. We have received a great demand for an encore performance which will be held July 30, 2005.

Local Nonprofit Partners w/COTP

The East Capital Center for Change (ECCC) has partnered with COTP thanks to Mr. Curtis Watkins for his interest and support of our vision. Mr. Watkins is the President/Founder of ECCC located in Ward 8, Northeast, Washington D.C. ECCC is a faith-based, family-centered youth and adult development organization, which offers after-school, in-school, mentoring, and character development programs to youth ages 7-24 in several of Washington DC's most distressed neighborhoods. We are very blessed to be joining arms with such a dynamic organization working toward reaching similar goals. We will keep you updated on our joint-efforts.

Chevy Chase Bank Sponsor

Chevy Chase Bank was one of the largest sponsors donating \$1000 to COTP in association with our first stage play "Where Do We Go From Here?" held February 11, 2005. Special thanks to Mr. B. Francis Saul II, Chairman and CEO, for this generous contribution. We also thank Mrs. Alma Brown, Director of Community Affairs and Ms. Daphanie Crowder, Assistant Manager. Their confidence in a new and very young organization is very heartening—and we are so appreciative of this crucial support of our activities.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
THE HEARTFELT STAGE PLAY:
"WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? AT THE
PUBLICK PLAYHOUSE
JULY 30, 2005
TWO PERFORMANCES
2:00 & 8:00 PM

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