



Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Office of

H. James (Jim) Towey, III

Position: Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Date Ranges: 2002-2006

Extent and Forms of Material: 10 linear inches

Abstract: This series consists of materials relating to the various initiatives under OFBCI including Mentoring Children of Prisoners, the Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative, Charitable Choice and CARE (Charity, Aid, Recovery, and Empowerment).

Repository: George W. Bush Presidential Library, National Archives and Records Administration, Dallas, TX gwbush.library@nara.gov (214) 346-1557

Access: Access to Bush Presidential Records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 22) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552 as amended) and therefore records may be restricted in whole or part in accordance with legal exemptions.

Copyright: Documents in this collection that were prepared by officials of the United States government as part of their official duties are in the public domain. Researchers are advised to consult the copyright law of the United States (Title 17, USC) which governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material.

Custodial History: Official records of George W. Bush's presidency are housed at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processing note: Processed by Neelie Holm, archivist, December 2013.

Preferred Citation: Type of document; names of sender and recipient, or title of document; date; folder title or White House Office of Records Management Subject Code and case number; box number; Collection Title and series/subseries, George W. Bush Presidential Library.

Biographical History: H. James (Jim) Towey, III earned a bachelor's degree from Florida State University in 1978 and proceeded to earn a Juris Doctor from Florida State University College of Law in 1981. In 1985, Mr. Towey befriended Mother Theresa of Calcutta and served as her legal counsel for 12 years. He also spent time volunteering in Mother Theresa's missions.

Inspired by Mother Theresa, Mr. Towey founded Aging with Dignity, a non-profit organization with a "mission to affirm and safeguard the human dignity of individuals as they age and to

promote better care for those near the end of life.” He created Five Wishes, a popular living will, as well.

Later Mr. Towey served as legislative director and legal counsel to Republican Senator Mark Hatfield, Chairman of the United States Senate Appropriations Committee. Then Mr. Towey served in the cabinet of Florida Governor Lawton Chiles. He has earned six honorary doctorates, an award from Pope John Paul II, as well as many other honors.

James Towey served as the director of OFBCI from 2002 to 2006, where he worked to remove the barriers that discriminated against community and faith-based programs and made it difficult for them to compete for federal grants. He also worked to rally the armies of compassion.

After serving in the White House, Mr. Towey became the second president of Ave Maria University in Florida.

Sources:

<http://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/government/towey.html>

<http://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/news/releases/2002/02/20020201-4.html>

<http://www.agingwithdignity.org/founder.php>

<https://www.avemaria.edu/AboutAveMaria/PresidentsPage.aspx>

Scope and Content Note: Materials related to the mission of OFBCI maintained by Director of OFBCI, Jim Towey, during the George W. Bush administration. Subject Files consist of budget proposals, publications, research, reports, draft legislation, memos between White House advisors, emails, news-clippings, and comments regarding OFBCI initiatives. Major topics covered in the Subject Files include CARE (Charity, Aid, Recovery, and Empowerment), Charitable Choice, the Compassion Capital Fund, vouchers, Mentoring Children of Prisoners, the Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative, and faith-based organizations accomplishments.

Trip Files include Mr. Towey’s trip planning documentation, such as, invitations, correspondence, itineraries, receipts, and tickets for 2002.

The General Files consist of correspondence between Mr. Towey and faith-based organizations, publications, and various information received about faith-based organizations.

System of Arrangement: The series is arranged into three sub-series. The first sub-series, Subject Files, is arranged alphabetically by subject. The second sub-series, Trip Files, is arranged by date. The third sub-series, General Files, is arranged by subject code.

Container List:

Box 1

Towey, H. James (Jim) - Subject Files

1 2001 Press Clips

- 2 04/11/2002 [Event to Highlight CARE (Charity Aid, Recovery, and Empowerment) Act]
- 3 07/01/2002 - 07/02/2002 [Milwaukee, Wisconsin Faith-Based Event]
- 4 12/12/2002 Key Support Documents [1]
- 5 12/12/2002 Key Support Documents [2]
- 6 2003 Drug Treatment - Voucher Plan
- 7 2003 Faith-Based Accomplishments
- 8 2003 Faith-Based Litigation
- 9 07/02/2003 Reports [Accomplishments Memo]
- 10 09/22/2003 [1]
- 11 09/22/2003 [2]
- 12 09/22/2003 [3]

Box 2

Towey, H. James (Jim) - Subject Files

- 1 09/22/2003 [4]
- 2 02/18/2005
- 3 ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder)
- 4 Agriculture
- 5 AIDS
- 6 Anecdotal Evidence of Problems between FBO and Government
- 7 Background Materials on 12/12/2002 [1]
- 8 Background Materials on 12/12/2002 [2]
- 9 Budget 2005 [1]
- 10 Budget 2005 [2]
- 11 Budget 2006 [1]
- 12 Budget 2006 [2]