Kelly Perdew to Visit Gulf Region On Katrina Anniversary

Washington, DC—Kelly Perdew, Managing Director, Angel-Led Venture Partners and second season winner of the Apprentice on NBC, will take part in a tour of the Gulf States devastated by Hurricane Katrina on the anniversary of the disaster. The trip, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, includes members of the Corporation's Board of Directors, along with members of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Perdew was appointed to the Council by President George W. Bush in June of this year.

"This trip gives us an opportunity to honor and recognize the tremendous response efforts of our nation's volunteers," said Perdew. "People have given of themselves to address the needs of their fellow citizens in the Gulf but we know there is still much work to be done."

Because of the ongoing need for volunteers in the region, the Corporation has launched a campaign, "Serve to Remember. Remember to Serve." The campaign is focusing on enlisting volunteers, both those who travel to the Gulf area, and those who raise funds and donate goods toward the recovery. During the past year, more than 500,000 Americans have traveled to the Gulf to volunteer, while about 10 million have responded by participating in events in their own communities.

While with the Trump Organization last year, Perdew served as Executive Vice President of Trump Ice, and oversaw Donald Trump's donation of 250,000 bottles of water to the region through the Red Cross.

Next week, Perdew and members of the Council will visit:

New Orleans, Aug. 28:

6:30 p.m. Re-opening of Mother-in-Law Lounge a jazz landmark restored with the help of more than 250 Hands on Network volunteers; corner of North Claiborne and Columbus Streets.

Louisiana, Aug. 29:

8 a.m. Camp Hope Operations Center, St. Bernard Parish Camp Hope Operations Center is managed by AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps (AmeriCorps*NCCC)
10 a.m. Interfaith Katrina Anniversary Event, Desire Street Ministries President's Council member and former NFL Star Danny Wuerfful serves as Executive Director of this organization.
11:30 a.m. Trinity Christian Community—Visit house being mucked out by AmeriCorps members, who are all local New Orleans residents. 1:15 p.m. Tulane University—Meet with Tulane student and faculty volunteers and discuss their efforts to expand the capacity of community non-profits involved in the recovery effort.

Mississippi, Aug. 29

4:30 p.m. Visit Hands on Network/KABOOM!/AmeriCorps*NCCC Playground Build Beck Park, Biloxi

Mississippi, Aug. 30

- 7:45 a.m. Pass Christian Volunteer Village—Briefing on the role of St. Louis Safety Corps AmeriCorps members in helping to restore the community.
- 10 a.m. Habitat for Humanity Home Build, Bay St. Louis, MS
- Noon Tour of Waveland with Mayor Tommy Longo, who will speak on the destruction of the town and the recovery process.

The 25 member President's Council on Service and Civic Participation was given a charge by President Bush to promote an ethic of service and to recognize the millions of Americans who are giving back to their communities through generous acts of service. To date, more than 16,500 organizations are part of the Council's network and together they have honored nearly 500,000 of America's volunteers with the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, together with the USA Freedom Corps, the Council brings together leaders from the worlds of business, entertainment, sports, education, government, nonprofits, and the media to promote their efforts. To learn more about the Council, its members, and the President's Volunteer Service Award Program please visit <u>http://www.volunteer.gov</u>.

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