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Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us for the eighth annual George H.W. Bush Points of Light Awards. We are delighted to celebrate with you and grateful to share a room with people who believe, as President Bush did, that each of us has the power to be a point of light and create positive change through service.

Volunteering changes everything. In this 250th year of our nation, that belief feels especially powerful.

Volunteering and service provides purpose to individuals and creates connection in and with communities. It helps people find common ground, creates a sense of belonging, and reminds us that our future is something we shape together.

Tonight, we honor David M. Rubenstein, Evan Spiegel, Wilmer Valderrama, Karen and Morrill Worcester, and Olivia Zhang. Their commitment to the varied causes they support inspire us all to take the moments in our life and be a spark that lights change. Their example invites all of us to imagine what more we can do.

This year marks a bold new chapter for Points of Light: the launch of the **U.S. National Volunteer Strategy**. It carries President Bush's vision forward for a new generation. Shaped by voices across the country, it offers a path to make volunteering more accessible and meaningful. It supports Points of Light's bold goal to double volunteering by 2035 so twice as many people and communities feel the benefits.

Thank you for being part of this celebration and your support of Points of Light. We hope tonight leaves you proud of those we honor, grateful for the connections we share, and inspired to be points of light in the lives of others.

With gratitude,

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DAVID M. RUBENSTEIN is an investor, philanthropist, interviewer, author, and historian. He is co-founder and co-chairman of The Carlyle Group, a global investment firm. Mr. Rubenstein is a recipient of The Presidential Medal of Freedom and an original signer of The Giving Pledge. A leader in the area of Patriotic Philanthropy, Mr. Rubenstein as made transformative gifts for the restoration of American landmarks and monuments, including the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture. He is a ***New York Times*** best-selling author and the host of "Peer-to-Peer Conversations and Wealth" on Bloomberg TV and "Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein" on PBS.

EVAN SPIEGEL

CO-FOUNDER & CEO, SNAP INC.



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EVAN SPIEGEL is the co-founder and CEO of Snap Inc. Snap is a technology company that empowers people to express themselves, live in the moment, learn about the world, and have fun together. In 2017, he formed the Spiegel Family Fund, which is committed to philanthropy in California and across the United States. The Spiegel Family Fund is dedicated to supporting human progresses through the arts, education, housing, and human rights. Spiegel and Snap co-founder Bobby Murphy also created the Snap Foundation, dedicated to developing pathways to the creative economy for underrepresented youth in Los Angeles.

WILMER VALDERRAMA

ACTOR, PRODUCER, ACTIVIST



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WILMER VALDERRAMA is an actor, producer, and activist, currently starring in the #1 TV drama "NCIS" on CBS, its 24th season airing this October 2026. On the big screen, he lent his voice to 2025's Disney animated film "Zootopia 2", Hollywood's highest grossing animated film in history. Valderrama has a production company, WV Entertainment (WVE), which has recently added WV Sound and WV Social House. Valderrama is active across several philanthropic causes, including Voto Latino and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Harness as co-founder, and the USO. Raised in Venezuela from 3-13, he currently resides in Los Angeles with his fiancée and two young children.

"We congratulate our client Wilmer Valderrama on receiving The George H.W. Bush Points of Light Award. His dedication to service and commitment to strengthening communities is an inspiration and testament to the power an individual can have in making a difference for many. We are proud to support his professional and philanthropic work."

- United Talent Agency

"Wilmer — Congratulations on this incredibly well-deserved honor! Thank you for always being a shining light, leading with heart, and inspiring those around you to make a difference. We're so proud of you!"

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KAREN WORCESTER has served as executive director of Wreaths Across America since the nonprofit was founded in 2007. With more than 45 years of experience supporting and stewarding the Worcester family's businesses, Worcester brings deep organizational leadership and a passion for service to her role. As a co-founder of Wreaths Across America, she is widely recognized as a tireless advocate for honoring our nation's veterans and engaging communities across the country in acts of remembrance.

MORRILL WORCESTER is the founder of Worcester Wreath Company and Wreaths Across America. In 1992, when Worcester Wreath Company found itself with a surplus of holiday wreaths, Worcester arranged to have them placed at Arlington National Cemetery during the holiday season. What began as a quiet act of remembrance eventually grew into a nationwide movement. In 2007, Wreaths Across America was formally established as a nonprofit organization with the mission to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom.

OLIVIA ZHANG

FOUNDER & CEO, CANCER KIDS FIRST



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OLIVIA ZHANG is the founder and CEO of Cancer Kids First. Launched when she was just 14, the organization empowers young people to support pediatric cancer patients by normalizing the hospital environment and providing a loving community. Sparked by the loss of her grandfather and elementary school teacher to cancer, Zhang channeled her grief into action—building what is now the largest youth-led force in pediatric cancer support, with over 43,000 volunteers across 80 countries. She leads all aspects of the organization from strategy and partnerships to impact tracking to support 15,000 patients in 22 countries.



MASTER OF CEREMONIES

MICHAEL SMERCONISH

SIRIUS XM RADIO AND
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Michael Smerconish is the host of a daily radio program heard nationwide on SiriusXM's POTUS channel 124 from 9 a.m. – Noon ET. He is also the host of CNN's "Smerconish," which airs Saturdays at 9 a.m. ET.

He was a longtime newspaper columnist for the ***Philadelphia Daily News*** and ***Sunday Philadelphia Inquirer***.

He is the author of eight books. He has donated all of the proceeds for five of them to charity. One was a novel, "TALK", for which the television rights were optioned by Warner Brothers. His latest non-fiction book is titled: "Clowns to the Left of Me, Jokers to the Right: American Life in Columns."

His one-man, live performance, "Things I Wish Knew Before I Started Talking" debuted on Hulu and is currently streaming on Amazon, Apple, and Google.

He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Lehigh University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School and resides in the Philadelphia suburbs where he and his wife have raised four children.

"We can find meaning and reward by serving some higher purpose than ourselves, a shining purpose, the illumination of a thousand points of light... We all have something to give."

— President George H.W. Bush





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Volunteering changes *everything*.

Volunteers and community leaders are essential to meeting critical needs, strengthening communities, and inspiring others to act. At Points of Light, we believe volunteering is one of the most practical ways people can shape the future, but meaningful service depends on strong organizations, partnerships, and systems that help people engage effectively.

Points of Light strengthens the conditions that make volunteering more effective, inclusive, and lasting. Your support makes that work possible. Your commitment honors those who lead through service. And your generosity helps more people turn their values into action.

Thank you for celebrating those who illuminate the path forward and for helping build a future where more people can make a difference.

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Points of Light is a nonpartisan, global nonprofit organization that inspires, equips, and mobilizes millions of people to create positive change through volunteering and civic engagement. Through work with nonprofits, companies, and social impact leaders, the organization galvanizes volunteers to meet critical needs in communities. As the world's largest organization dedicated to increasing volunteer service, Points of Light engages more than 3.8 million volunteers across 32 countries.

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