

Presidents Giving Back

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President's Day is a fantastic time to honor all American presidents, but above all, George Washington and Abe Lincoln. Some states hold big events and you can visit a bunch of historic sites and the Presidents' homes. But it is important to understand that many other presidents do much more than just the job of being president. In lots of cases, they help people all over the globe. For decades, Presidents Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush have given their time and donated funds.

When he was president, Carter worked for world peace. Now that he is retired, he is still a big fan of ending conflicts and saving lives. Back in 1982, he began the non-profit Carter Center with his wife. They strive to end human distress. President Carter wants to help the homeless and cure sickness all over the planet. He even helps make homes for Habitat for Humanity. For his kindness, President Carter received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002.

President Bill Clinton is lending a helping hand as well. He set up the William J. Clinton Foundation in the hopes of ridding the world of illness, getting kids to eat better, and protecting the environment. Because of this, American schools have better lunches, African farmers have stronger crops, and lots of sick people are getting lifesaving HIV/AIDS drugs.

President George W. Bush set-up the Bush Institute in 2009 to help end all kinds of problems. President Bush wants to improve America's public schools and promote freedom for all. He and his wife also donate their time and cash to The Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.

Our presidents are inspiring and they help a lot of people. So on President's Day, take a moment to honor not just the great presidents of our past, but also those who live among us now.

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