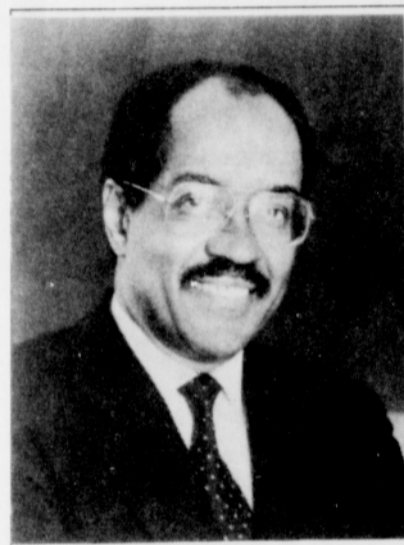


General Motors Announces \$400,000 Gift To Howard University



Officials from the General Motors Corp. recently came to Washington, D.C. to present Howard University a \$400,000 grant in support of educational opportunities at the institution. Presenting the check was Rodney A. Coleman (far left), executive director of GM's Urban and Municipal Affairs Staff. Dr. Franklyn G. Jenifer, Howard University president, (center left) accepted the check. Joining in the presentation were Betty Anderson, GM Director of Educational Relations, and Bert King, vice president for institutional advancement at Howard. GM's contribution will help establish a Ph.D. program in environmental engineering, as well as underwrite a GM-Thurgood Marshall Scholarship for needy students and provide for GM scholars in the schools of engineering and business at Howard. "Based on Howard University's tradition of academic excellence and the outstanding credentials of its faculty, GM is extremely pleased to make this grant," said Coleman.

William H. Gray, III



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William H. Gray, III became president and chief executive officer of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) on September 11, 1991. Mr. Gray said of his new position, "This new challenge allows me to continue my mission."

Mr. Gray's own background in education is extensive. He has been a faculty member and professor of his-

tory and religion at St. Peter's College, Jersey City State College, Montclair State College, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Temple University.

While serving in the U.S. Congress, Mr. Gray was a staunch supporter of education.

Mr. Gray was a leading advocate for historically black colleges through his support of set-aside programs at the Agency for International Development. He was also a co-sponsor of the Black College Act. And as the first African American to chair the House Budget committee, he was a leading advocate for strengthening America's educational systems.

Gray continues his tradition of outstanding leadership. At UNCF, great strides have been taken toward the \$250 million goal of the current capital campaign, CAMPAIGN 2000: An Investment in America's Future. Also under Mr. Gray's leadership, UNCF raised a record \$54.9 million and its cost-ratio dropped by a full percentage point to 19.9 percent during the fiscal year, which ended March

31, 1992.

High on Mr. Gray's agenda is making UNCF "more competitive and better prepared to increase the amount of funds that will be available for distribution to our member institutions." Under his guidance, UNCF management is instituting a major restructuring in order to improve its overall cost-efficiency. In addition, this new era of leadership will be marked by the establishment of a UNCF research institute. The institute will coordinate research on issues related to African-American education at every level, from preschool to graduate study.

As head of America's oldest and most successful black higher education assistance organization, Mr. Gray recognizes this is a critical time for historically black colleges. "African-American high school completion rates and college enrollment have reached all-time highs," he notes. "The critical challenge facing us is to prepare record numbers of African-Americans for successful careers in every imaginable field."

How To Make Your Home Accessible

BY STEVE CARTER, DIRECTOR SPECIAL SERVICES, CENTURY 21 NW REGION

It is estimated that 70 percent of all Americans will at some time in their lives be affected by physical disability. For these individuals, barriers such as stairs, narrow doorways, high countertops and small bathrooms can seriously compromise their ability to maintain an independent lifestyle. An accessible home is a barrier-free home that offers built-in features or slight structural modifications that make it possible to accommodate the elderly, adults and children with permanent disabilities and those with temporary disabilities caused by injuries or surgeries. There are many ways to make living space more accessible without excessive remodeling or expense. Here are a few to consider:

- Widen doorways or take out walls to create more spacious hallways. A door width should be between 32 and 36 inches, with a threshold no higher than one-half inch. Hallways should be at least 42 inches wide, preferably 48 to 60 inches. Individual needs for access vary greatly. Wheelchairs are used for different

reasons and come in many different sizes. While a 32-inch door width may be acceptable for one chair size, another user might require a 36-inch door width.

- Install low-pile carpeting with thin padding. This adjustment will not only prevent frustration it will be essential in the case of an emergency, such as a fire or earthquake, when the homeowner would need to move and exit the house very quickly.

- Install chair-height electrical controls and outlets throughout the home. Chair height is defined as the distance which a person using a wheelchair can reach. Using a front approach, chair height is approximately 48 inches; using a parallel approach, chair height is approximately 54 inches.

- Create a level entryway or install a ramp with an entry-level landing for easy door opening. Most people with disabilities live more independent, comfortable lives when they are able to come and go from their homes without assistance. A ground-level entrance is ideal for simplified entry and exit of a one or two step entrance clear of any major obstructions such as trees or planters should

accept a ramp with mild slope (one inch in height per 12 inches in length).

- Modify the kitchen area and the appliances to make them more "wheelchair friendly." Install a front-control or countertop range to simplify cooking. Install a side-by-side, dispenser-type refrigerator that will eliminate the need for a difficult-to-reach top freezer compartment. Lower countertops and modify counter and cupboard space to include pull-out cutting boards. A U or L shaped kitchen will accommodate a wheelchair better than a kitchen with an "island".

For more information about "barrier-free" living and accessible housing, call the National Easter Seal Society toll free 1-800-875-4663. Century 21 Real Estate Corporation, in conjunction with Easter Seals, has produced an "Easy Access For Easier Living" check list that answers additional questions for concerned home buyers or renters.

For more information contact Steve Carter, Director Special Services, Century 21 Northwest Region at (206) 248-2100, 18000 International Boulevard, Suite 1021, SeaTac, WA 98188.

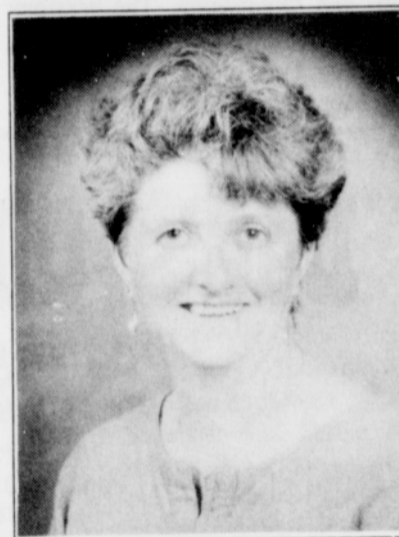
New Child Care Division Head Named

An administrator has been named to head the state's new Child Care Division, which was proposed by Governor Roberts and created in the state Employment Department by the 1993 Oregon Legislature. Janis Sabin Elliot, who previously held the position of state Child Care Coordinator, has been appointed as the division's first administrator.

The new Child Care Division brings together child care and day care programs previously located in several different state agencies into one coordinated effort.

"We are now able to realize the dream the Commission for child care has had since 1985," said Elliot. "They wanted a single body that could create a focus and vision for child care in Oregon. Now we have an opportunity to work with the rest of the childhood care and education community to create a system of safe, accessible, and appropriate child care for Oregon families."

The same legislation which cre-



Janis Sabin Elliot

ated the new Child Care Division placed the agency within the state's Employment Department, connecting child care even more strongly to the economic well being of Oregon's families and communities.

"Child care should not be a barrier to employment," said Pamela

Mattson, director of the Employment Department. "By consolidating Oregon's child care programs and placing them in the Employment Department, the state legislature and the Governor recognized the important relationship between access to childcare and development of a stable, qualified workforce. The new division is focused on the well being of children, and providing them with appropriate developmental experiences that will help them to lead productive lives."

In her role as administrator, Elliot's first priority will be to bring together four major child care programs—the Commission for Child Care, Child Care Resource and Referral program, Child Care licensing and the federal Child Care Development Block Grant—into one system.

Elliot had been the state's Child Care Coordinator since 1988, and prior to that she worked in treatment programs for Children's Services Division.

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