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**Volunteers of America President and CEO Charles W. Gould Named  
One of the  
50 Most Influential Philanthropic Leaders by *NonProfit Times***

**ALEXANDRIA, VA** – Volunteers of America President and CEO Charles W. Gould has been named by *NonProfit Times* to its 2008 “Power & Influence Top 50” – a respected and coveted listing of the most influential leaders at work in American philanthropy. This is the fourth consecutive year Gould has been named to the annual list.

In naming him to the list, *NonProfit Times* stated, “Gould is passionate about (Volunteers of America’s) mission but also recognizes that the organization cannot go it alone. He is first among equals in collaborating across the sector to actually get work done, like opening housing units in New Orleans and the Gulf region.”

On Thursday, Gould was honored alongside other top nonprofit leaders at a gala hosted by *NonProfit Times* at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

Gould was named national president and CEO of Volunteers of America in 1995. He oversees all operations of the organization, headquartered in Alexandria, Va., and its more than 15,000 employees and 140,000 volunteers. Before his selection as national president, Gould was president of Volunteers of America Health Services. Previously he was an attorney practicing in the Washington, D.C. offices of the venerable law firms of Arnold & Porter and Hogan & Hartson.

One of the oldest and most comprehensive human services providers in the United States, Volunteers of America helps more than 2 million people in approximately 400 communities nationwide. The organization – which is one of the nation’s largest nonprofit providers of affordable housing – is working to build new homes in New Orleans and the Gulf region that will allow displaced residents to rebuild their lives. Volunteers of America established the “Coming Back Home” initiative to create more than 1,000 units of affordable rental housing and has partnered with other nonprofits through Katrina Aid Today to touch the lives of nearly 200,000 people with much-needed care and services.

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