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GRASSROOTS VOLUNTEERS TURN WORDS INTO ACTION

Obama Supporters To Clean Up Chew Playground

Philadelphia, March 8, 2008... Obama Works presents the *2nd Obama Philly Sweep* this Saturday, March 8th. Starting at 12 noon, volunteers will clean up the Chew Playground at 19th St. & Washington Ave. in South Philadelphia. They will also have a voter registration table set up for local residents who wish to register to vote in the primary.

Obama Works is a grassroots volunteer organization taking shape in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The group hopes to harness the immense energy created by Senator Obama's presidential bid by organizing public service events that bring volunteers together to improve their neighborhoods. According to Amirah Naim, one of the founders of Obama Works, the organization is "working to transcend our differences and transform our country."

Last Saturday, March 1st, at the first *Obama Philly Sweep*, volunteers from Philadelphia and New Jersey joined in to clean up trash in the streets of the Graduate Hospital and Point Breeze neighborhoods. They also registered voters along the way. The sweepers rallied at Wharton Park, where Dan Wofford and Todd Bernstein addressed the volunteers with words of encouragement and support. Wofford, the son of former Senator Harris Wofford, has spent a lifetime in public service positions. Bernstein is the founder and director of the annual Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King Day of Service.

Obama Works founders at Yale also organized a group of volunteers on March 1st to clean up streets in Connecticut at the first *Obama New Haven Sweep*.

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For more information and *Sweep* photos: www.whyobamaworks.com