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New York Goes Hollywood

South Carolina – January 15, 2003 – Over 150 New Yorkers have chosen Hollywood, South Carolina as the town they would like to connect with and have written over 600 letters to the citizens there in support of Howard Dean.

"We wrote to the people of Hollywood because our group wanted to reach out to one community and tell them why Howard Dean will make a difference in our lives and in theirs. We learned about the town and felt like we had a connection with the people we were writing." Said Dave Lowe an organizer of this event for the group NYC4Dean.

The idea to adopt one town was the brainchild of Jonathan Halvorson of NYC4Dean. The group had previously adopted the Iowa town of Indianola. "We wanted to reach out as individuals because New Yorkers and South Carolinians aren't so different. We have faith that many of our concerns and hopes are the same, and that once people in South Carolina learn about Dean from someone who was inspired to pick up a pen and write to a perfect stranger, they'll see that Dean is the best chance to renew the health and strength of this nation." said Mr. Halvorson.

Lumi Alliton, one of the many letter writers said, "I think that it is very important for people to know the truth about Dr. Dean and his Campaign. I have met him in New York and been to several rallies where he's spoken. He is an inspiration and wants average citizens to be involved with government again. It is easy for politicians to say this, but I believe Dr. Dean meant it, and I think that others are more likely to believe it also, if they hear it from another average citizen."

Jennifer Gaddy, one of the founders of the letter writing campaign at <u>SCVolunteersForDean.com</u> said, "These letters are a wonderful way to have people connect and share their hopes for America and their belief in Howard Dean. We are so grateful that the program we have created is being used to spread the word in such creative and far-reaching ways. Thank you letter writers for reaching out and sharing yourselves with the people of South Carolina."

<u>SCVolunteersForDean.com</u> works to support and help organize volunteers throughout South Carolina and America in support of Howard Dean. In addition to the letter writing campaign, volunteers can phone South Carolina voters, offer housing, sign up for jobs, and find Dean events and activities happening throughout South Carolina.

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