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MEMORANDUM

Operation HOPE, Inc.

BI-WEEKLY UPDATE

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To: FRIENDS AND PARTNERS OF OPERATION HOPE, INC.

Date: July 18, 2000

Re: **BI-WEEKLY FACSIMILE AND E-MAIL UPDATE**

LEAD STORY: Operation HOPE, Inc.'s, Inner-City Cyber Café, is featured in an article of the July 10, 2000 edition of the Los Angeles Business Journal. The page 7 article focuses primarily on the different partnerships that were forged to ensure the Cafés success, but also dealt with the technological abyss within under-served communities that makes these ventures necessary.

Bravo to the entire OHI Family for helping make a difference in our Communities!

LEAD STORY: OHI Founder and CEO speaks at the FDIC in Washington D.C; On Thursday, July 13th, 2000, John Bryant was one of the speakers at the Interagency Community Affairs Conference for the FDIC, at the nations capital. The session, which was attended by approximately 80 dignitaries, focused on the challenges facing American cities in creating and maintaining affordable housing, ensuring inner-cities' access to technology and the roles necessary for regulators to make these visions a reality.

LEAD STORY: The Inner-City Cyber Café, Hosts the Los Angeles Urban Bankers: The Operation HOPE Cyber Cafe hosted the Los Angeles office of the Urban Bankers for their monthly meeting. Ms Karen Clark, President, was the moderator for the evening, and there was a turn out of almost sixty members. Operation HOPE, Inc., founder, Chairman and CEO, John Bryant, was the guest speaker for the evening discussing how the banking community can take command of the only untapped market in Los Angeles... 'The Under-served Inner-City'. Several students, who are on their way to college, received scholarships to assist them in their quest to attend and succeed in the college of their choice.

Thank you to Dulans Catering, for doing a wonderful job on the refreshments!

SPECIAL REPORT: To date, the Banking on Our Future (BOOF) program, has educated 45, 499 youth.

We would like to welcome our new chapters, as part of our National rollout, which began in 1999. These chapters are BOOF San Francisco, sponsored by First Republic Bank, BOOF-Oakland, sponsored by Bank of the West, BOOF Las Vegas, sponsored by First Republic Bank in partnership with Household Finance, BOOF-San Mateo sponsored by Bay View Bank.

Banking On Our Future (BOOF) is a youth economic literacy program of Operation HOPE, Inc. which seeks to educate youth ages 10-20, about the fundamentals of banking, checking & savings, and credit & investment.

Bravo to the BOOF team!

SPECIAL REPORT: As the Inner-City Cyber Café enters its' 3rd month, we're excited to announce the following schedule of events. Please make sure to update your calendars. For further information, please email the manager at Charles.Doff@OperationHOPE.Org

Tuesday July 18, 2000 – Internet Training

Explorer Scout Meeting

- Wednesday July 19, 2000 – Entrepreneurial Training

Children's Story Time

- Monday July 24, 2000 – Quicken Training
- Tuesday July 25, 2000 – Microsoft Publisher

Explorer Scouts

- Wednesday July 26, 2000 – Lecture Forum

Entrepreneurial Training

- Thursday July 27, 2000 – Poetry Reading
- Friday July 28, 2000 – Youth Leadership Series

SPECIAL REPORT: Operation HOPE, Inc., will host a reception honoring Mr. Tim Hanlon, on his recent appointment as head of Community Development for Wells Fargo Bank in California. The reception will be held in the first week of August, at the **City Club** on Bunker Hill, located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles. Mr. Tim Hanlon, is a 20-year veteran of Wells Fargo and has been a long time supporter of OHI. We wish him great success in this new role. Stay tuned for further information on this reception!

Bravo to you, for doing a great job all around!

SPECIAL REPORT: Operation HOPE, Inc. Founder, Chairman & CEO, John Bryant, Chairs a Forum at

the WHITE HOUSE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE JUNE 27TH-29TH, 2000, IN COLUMBUS, OHIO.

The Sixth Annual White House Community Empowerment Conference brought together senior representatives from all Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities to provide a forum for the communities to share valuable lessons and "best practices," and to participate in a series of high level work group sessions, along with Presidential Cabinet members, Federal officials, CEOs, mayors and others. Forum leaders included Secretary Rodney Slater, Secretary Daniel R. Glickman, Robert Johnson, Chief Executive Officer of BET, Inc. and Operation HOPE Chief Executive Officer, John Bryant. The conference focused on topics ranging from catalyzing private-sector investment to fostering safer, healthier neighborhoods, and included the participation of practitioners in each of the subject areas from both the public and private sectors. *Bravo to John Bryant and his OHI team!*

SPECIAL REPORT: Vice President Al Gore appoints ALVIN BROWN as his Senior advisor for Urban Policy and as Vice Chair of the White House Community Empowerment Board. Brown has been Executive Director of the White House Community Empowerment Board since February 1999, and previously served as a Senior Advisor to Housing and Urban Development Secretary, Andrew Cuomo. Brown has served in the Clinton-Gore Administration since 1993. *Congratulations, Alvin Brown, from your family at OHI!*

SPECIAL REPORT: Union Bank of California (UBOC) , has been named by Fortune Magazine, as the sixth best company for minority employment. Last year, they were number ONE in the ratings, and even though they have moved to the sixth position this year, they remain in the top 10. One of the distinctive strengths talked about was their community partnership and check cashing initiative. Says Mr. Richard Hartnack, Vice Chairman of UBOC, " We lost ground due to our significant downsizing last year, but are very proud to remain in the top 10". *Congratulations to Rick Hartnack and the entire UBOC team!*

SPECIAL REPORT: On Wednesday, June 28, 2000, The Operation HOPE Cyber Cafe kicked off its Lecture Forum in grand fashion. The OHI Cyber Cafe welcomed **Linda Coleman-Willis, owner of LC & Associates** and motivational speaker, as its first guest speaker in this lecture series. Each month the Cyber Cafe will host a lecture forum with an interesting speaker.

SPECIAL REPORT: On Thursday, June 29, 2000, The Cyber Cafe dimmed the lights for its first poetry night. The Cyber Café hosted four local poets who read selections of their own writings. The Cyber Café Manager, Charles Doff, started off the evening with a reading from an Ernest Hemingway book.

SPECIAL REPORT: On Friday, June 30, 2000, Technology and poetry were combined at the Cyber Café's first Youth Empowerment Series. Alice Nicholas, a featured poet at the Cyber Cafe, taught local youth about free-form poetry and showed them how to submit their works of poetry to **www.poetry.com**

A special thanks to Linda Coleman-Willis, Erika Lovett, Vincent Benjamin, Alice Nicholas and Biola Shofu for supporting Operation HOPE and The Cyber Café.

Cyber Cafe Upcoming Events: In July, the Cyber Cafe will continue to offer free computer classes twice a week. The next events for The Lecture Forum, Poetry Night and the Youth Empowerment Series are scheduled for the 26th, 27th & 28th of July. Rodney Drewery from Business.Com will be speaking on the 26th of July. On Wednesday, August 23, John Bryant, Founder, Chairman and CEO, of Operation HOPE, Inc. will be speaking on Access to Information and Technology in the 21st Century.

SPECIAL REPORT: Special thanks to Manatt, Phelps & Philips and Steve Ryan, Partner for serving Operation HOPE as a pro-bono lobbyist and policy related counsel in Washington, D.C. This firm represents a significant number of technology companies, some of which have partnered with OHI on its Inner-City Economic Summit. We need more companies and people like you in our corner. Thank You.

SPECIAL REPORT: Operation HOPE, Inc. completes the first part of an unprecedented Post Summit 5 State Media Tour featuring the Honorable Preston Martin, President of Martin and Associates and the former Vice Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank Board of Governors. On April 14th & 15th, 2000, Operation HOPE, Inc., convened the first Inner-city Economic Summit (ICES), which was attended by over 600 delegates and featured US Vice President, Al Gore. The summit touched on viability in our inner cities and finding ways to bridge the digital divide. After the summit, OHI decided to tour some cities in the US and have a dialogue with key stakeholders from those cities. This dialogue would include the government sector, private sector and community, to meet and develop strategic plans for implementation to improve inner cities communities across the US. The first stop was San Francisco, followed by Chicago, Washington DC and Los Angeles. The second part of the tour (schedule to be announced) will be a visit to Atlanta, Philadelphia and New York. For all Summit details visit our website for the summit @ WWW.INNER-CITYECONOMICSUMMIT.ORG

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