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Governor and Todd: Attached is information about NGA/Governor's children.

From: Lim, Marcia [mailto:MLim@NGA.ORG]
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Hi Kari,

I hope this note finds you well! Nikki Guilford and Susan Dotchin mentioned that you were inquiring about the typical participation in the Govs' Youth Program during our Annual Meetings. I wanted to get back to you to provide some background information.

As you may know, our Annual Meetings often have a smaller turnout of Governors (as opposed to our Winter Meeting here in Washington, DC). This summer, we are expecting about 35 governors to attend. In recent years, the Youth Program has had about 15-20 participants. The kids range in age generally from ages 5-6 up to mid-teens. We have had older teens and even college-age gov's kids occasionally participate in selected activities (usually water-themed activities—such as water parks, day at the beach, Duck ride/tour of waterfront in Seattle, etc.).

I have attached a chart showing the potential pool of gov's youth who might participate in this year's program. Since we have 12 new gov's this year (including one who is not married and does not have any children/grandchildren), it is a little more difficult to predict how many youth will attend the annual meeting and participate in the Youth Program. Based on past history, however, gov's children (grandchildren) from Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming have participated in the program. From anecdotal reports, I have heard that kids from Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, and Oklahoma may also participate this year.

Additionally, if you are interested in learning more about states' policies and practices re: use of a state plane by the Governor and First Family, I will be happy to post a question on the Spouses' Staff listserv. The spouses' staff are very active listserv participants and may be able to provide useful information to you. Also, during our Spouses' Seminar this year in Oklahoma, the spouses themselves were discussing this issue!

Please let me know if you have other questions or if I may be of assistance. Take care, Marcia

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