

# On the Local Level

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter have launched grass-roots initiatives in needy neighborhoods through The Atlanta Project.

For example:

- A national pilot program that makes applying for social services faster and more cost effective
- A computerized registry to ensure that children stay healthy through timely, proper immunizations, and a "passport" for parents to record vital health and safety information about their children.
- Educating the public about mental illnesses and reducing the stigma associated with these diseases.

## Recent projects in the United States also include

- Launching the Atlanta Project (TAP), a grass-roots effort to address the social problems associated with urban poverty by focusing on children and families.
- The program, The America Project, shares TAP's experience with cities and towns nationwide.
- Establishing a network of faith groups in major U.S. cities to promote preventive health care in their communities.
- Developing a national strategy to eliminate the epidemic of children killed by guns-the leading cause of death among children and youth under age 24.

