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## NAVASA will hold Community Roundtable meeting in Orange County

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**Washington D.C.**—The National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA) and its Los Angeles affiliate members will hold a Community Roundtable meeting in Orange County on February 17 to discuss the Federal Faith Based and Community Initiatives. NAVASA has invited leaders, activists, and members of Vietnamese faith-based and community-based organizations in Southern California to attend and participate in the Roundtable discussion. Dr. Nguyen Van Hanh, Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement will be the keynote speaker at the event.

The meeting will enable Vietnamese organizations to learn more about accessing the resources of the Faith Based & Community Initiatives to address the needs of the Vietnamese community. It will also provide an opportunity for leaders of the Vietnamese community to share their experiences working in the community and discuss unmet needs with the guest speaker and other participants.

NAVASA has long recognized the importance and the need to reach out to Vietnamese faith-based organizations (CBOs) and community-based organizations (FBOs) and help them apply for Federal funding for health and social services that they have been providing to their local community. On January 29, 2001, President Bush and his Administration created the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to assist and remove unnecessary barriers that may prevent CBOs and FBOs from continuing services to the community.

NAVASA sets up this Community Roundtable meeting for February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003 in Westminster a day before the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives hold one of its series of conference on this initiative in San Diego, California. NAVASA expects more than 50 leaders, activists, members, and friends of the Vietnamese community to attend. The meeting will take place at Seafood World Restaurant located on 15351 Brookhurst Avenue 101-106, Westminster, California. It is co-hosted by two of NAVASA's affiliate members, the Economic and Employment Development Center (EEDC) and the Nguyen Ba Hoc Cultural Center in Los Angeles.

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NAVASA is a national advocacy agency comprised of 34 Mutual Assistance Associations (MAAs). MAAs are organizations that have been built by refugees and provide social services for refugees. Since its incorporation in 1995 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, NAVASA has promoted economic self-sufficiency and active citizenship for Vietnamese-Americans through full participation in the political system. NAVASA is committed to assisting its affiliates address the linguistic, social, economic, and civic needs facing community members in their specific localities.