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REAGAN-BUSH '84

The President's Authorized Campaign Committee

BIOGRAPHY OF NANCY REAGAN

Nancy Reagan was born on July 6, 1923 in New York City and was raised in Chicago. She is the only daughter of the late Dr. Loyal Davis and Mrs. Edith Davis of Chicago and Phoenix. Her father, who died August 12, 1982, was Professor Emitterus at Northwestern University after serving as Professor of Surgery there for more than thirty years. She has a stepbrother, Dr. Richard Davis, who resides in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Reagan graduated from Girls' Latin School, Chicago, and from Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. She majored in drama at Smith.

In her early career, Nancy Davis worked as an actress in stage, film, and television productions. Her stage performances ranged from summer stock to road tours to Broadway. In 1949, she was signed to a seven-year contract by MGM but she married Ronald Reagan on March 4, 1952, and did not complete all seven years. She made eleven films in all, including three after her marriage. Her last film, in 1956, was "Hellcats of the Navy" in which she and her husband appeared together.

The Reagans have two children. Patti is pursuing an acting career in California. Son Ron is pursuing a career in writing and was formerly a member of the New York-based Joffrey Ballet. President Reagan also has two children from his first marriage, a daughter, Maureen, and an adopted son, Michael. The Reagans have two grandchildren, Cameron and Ashley Marie, offspring of Michael Reagan.

Shortly after her husband became Governor of California in 1967, Mrs. Reagan began visiting wounded Vietnam veterans and became active in projects concerning POW's and servicemen missing in action in Vietnam. During the war, she wrote a syndicated column, donating her salary to the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Action in Southeast Asia. Mrs. Reagan now serves as an Honorary Sponsor of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

While First Lady of California, she made regular visits to hospitals and homes for older citizens, and schools for physically and emotionally handicapped children.

During one of these hospital visits in 1967, she observed participants in the Foster Grandparent Program and became its champion. This unique program brings together senior citizens who need to be productive with handicapped children who need extra time, love and attention. Mrs. Reagan worked to make the program available to all communities across the country through affiliation with ACTION, the federal agency which now administers the Foster Grandparent Program. As First Lady, Mrs. Reagan has chosen the Foster Grandparent Program to be one of her two special projects and continues to work to expand the program on the national level and to promote private funding in local communities. She has co-authored a book with Jane Wilkie, *To Love A Child*, and a song by the same title was written - and dedicated to her - by Hal David and Joe Raposo. Frank Sinatra recorded the song and all the proceeds from the book and record sales are going to the Foster Grandparent Program.

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proportions, she has gone on television talk shows, written guest articles, and visited prevention and rehabilitation centers across the country, talking with young drug users and parent groups. She has appeared on NBC's "Diff'rent Strokes" in an episode about drug abuse and has narrated a PBS special called THE CHEMICAL PEOPLE to encourage communities to organize against drug abuse.

As First Lady, Mrs. Reagan is serving as Honorary Chairman of numerous organizations, including the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities; the Wolf Trap Foundation Board of Trustees; the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; the National Republican Women's Club; and is Honorary President of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

In 1981 and 1982 Annual Gallup Polls, the American public voted Mrs. Reagan one of the ten most admired women in the world. In those same years, she was named one of the ten most admired women in the world by readers of Good Housekeeping magazine and in 1983, Harper's Bazaar chose her as one of the ten most influential women in the U.S. She received numerous awards for her leadership role in the fight against drug abuse, including recognition from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Phoenix House, a drug treatment program. In 1983, she received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Pepperdine University for her commitment to public service.

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