

Dear Friend,

Welcome to The Jesse Helms Center's website. I hope that through your visit you will learn about the innovative educational programs offered by the Helms Center.

Through generous, private tax-deductible contributions, we are proud to have established a permanent institution to promote and teach the "Helms Principles" of free enterprise, representative democracy, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.

Over the past several years, the Helms Center lecture series has featured leaders such as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Justice Clarence Thomas, Steve Forbes, Dr. Henry Kissinger, Lady Margaret Thatcher, and the Dalai Lama, just to name a few.

Also, in just a few short years, our Free Enterprise Leadership Conference (FELC) has allowed over 4,500 high school students to attend a week-long conference to study our free enterprise system at no cost to them. Additionally, each year teachers attend our workshops on subjects including The Bill of Rights and The American Presidency.

On April 28, 2001, we dedicated our new 23,000 square foot headquarters, the A.J. Fletcher Building, which features the Charles A. Cannon Free Enterprise Hall of Fame, a replica of Senator Helms' Washington office, as well as exhibits on North Carolina industries and Senator Helms' historic visit to the United Nations.

This success would not have been possible without the generous support of so many people just like you. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution that will enable us to continue to grow and offer these programs at little or no cost.

Find a program you like and sponsor a student or teacher from your area or underwrite a program for your local school system. As you can see, there are numerous ways to get involved.

The next time you visit the Charlotte area, please stop by and see us. You might like what you see!

Sincerely,

John Dodd
President