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Beth - I got this bio. at the CDC WWW Site: <http://www.cdc.gov/satcher.htm>

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Regards,

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David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Dr. David Satcher, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) since November 15, 1993, is a physician, a scholar and a public health leader of national stature.

As Director of CDC, Dr. Satcher, 56 years old, leads the agency of the Department of Health and Human Services responsible for promoting health and preventing disease, injury, and premature death. CDC's 11 Centers, Institutes, and Offices work closely with local, state, and other federal agencies to protect the public health.

During his tenure at CDC, Dr. Satcher has spearheaded initiatives that have increased childhood immunization rates to 78% in 1996 from 55% in 1992, upgraded the nation's capability to respond to emerging infectious diseases, and laid the groundwork for a new Early Warning System to detect and prevent food-borne illnesses.

Under Dr. Satcher's direction, the CDC has also placed a greater emphasis on prevention. For example, the CDC's comprehensive breast and cervical cancer screening program increased from 18 to 50 states and the agency highlighted the importance of physical activity and good health by encouraging Americans to become more physically active in the landmark Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health.

On July 23, 1997, at a White House ceremony celebrating the fact that vaccine-preventable childhood illnesses had fallen to the lowest level in American history, HHS Secretary Donna E. Shalala called Dr. Satcher one of the CDC's "immunizations heroes," noting that "his own battle with childhood whooping cough inspired him to become a distinguished scientist, physician and public health leader."

Dr. Satcher also serves as Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), administering the HHS agency created by the Superfund law to prevent or mitigate adverse human health effects and diminished quality of life resulting from exposure to hazardous substances in the environment.

Dr. Satcher was President of Meharry Medical College from 1982 until he was named Director of CDC. Before joining Meharry, he served as professor and

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Chairman of the Department of Community Medicine and Family Practice at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta.

Dr. Satcher is a former faculty member of the UCLA School of Medicine and the King/Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles. He developed and chaired King/Drew's Department of Family Medicine and, from 1977-1979, served as the interim dean of the Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School. He also directed the King/Drew Sickle Cell Center for six years.

He has received wide recognition during his career. In 1986, he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences for his leadership skills. Also that year, he was appointed to the Council of Graduate Medical Education, which reports to Congress and to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The Council, which Dr. Satcher chaired until his CDC appointment, presented three reports to Congress and the Secretary dealing with physician manpower and the financing of medical education.

In 1996, Dr. Satcher received the prestigious Dr. Nathan B. Davis Award in the category of Executive Branch Member Serving by Presidential Appointment for outstanding public service to advance the public health.

Other awards he has received include the Watts Grassroots Award for Community Service in 1979, the National Conference of Christians and Jews Human Relations Award in 1985, Ebony Magazine's American Black Achievement Award in Business and the Professions in 1994, and the Breslow Award for Excellence in Public Health in 1995.

Most recently, Dr. Satcher received the James D. Bruce Memorial Award for distinguished contributions in preventive medicine from the American College of Physicians, the John Stearns Award for Lifetime Achievement in Medicine from The New York Academy of Medicine, and the Surgeon General's Medallion for significant and noteworthy contributions to the health of the nation.

A native of Alabama, Dr. Satcher graduated from Morehouse college in Atlanta in 1963 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his M.D. and Ph.D. from Case Western University in 1970, with election to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

He and his wife, Nola, have four children and currently live in Atlanta.

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