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Star Parker Speaks to the Republican Club of Laguna Woods

CURE's Founder and President Star Parker was delighted to speak to hundreds of members of the Republican Club of Laguna Woods last Thursday, at the invitation of Club President Pat Micone. Star's speech bridged the divide for her mostly-white audience by advocating for genuine faith- and freedom-driven solutions to the problems that plague black America.

Star Parker is one of the nation's preeminent black conservative voices. After growing up welfare-dependent, Ms. Parker became a Christian, a religious conversion that changed her life. She became a small business leader and a noted activist for the black community. Now, she is a leading spokesperson on issues like poverty and racial equality, providing much of the intellectual scaffolding behind grassroots black conservatism.

Star's speech focused on the issues of poverty and economic inequality. She believes that welfare functions like a modern-day plantation; welfare leads its disproportionately-black recipients to ask themselves "what do I have to do to get off the plantation?" instead of "how do I take care of my family?".

She also referenced CURE's recent book release, *The State of Black America: Progress, Pitfalls, and the Promise of the Republic*, edited by Dr. William Allen. This collection of intellectually rigorous essays offers a holistic, color-conscious account of American history and the black community without accepting woke, leftist revisionism. His work was also welcomed by the event's hundreds of attendees.

Star hopes that events like this will inspire Republicans to come up with more creative, charity-based solutions to issues like poverty, healthcare disparities, and educational inequality. Along this line of charity, the event directed giving to Operation Interdependence, allowing more military care packages to be delivered to active military members and veterans at home.

[The Center for Urban Renewal & Education is a policy and research center that is dedicated to fighting poverty and restoring dignity through messages of faith, freedom, and personal responsibility. CURE seeks free-market solutions to provide education, employment, healthcare, and the opportunity for black families to grow and their communities to flourish.]

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