

Dear Friends,

As we prepare for the holiday season, it is important that we take time to remember those in need. Some of our fellow Floridians need help more than ever before.

This week we brought Floridians one step closer to having affordable, quality health insurance with the launch of the *Cover Florida* Health Care Access Program. The program will bring health insurance to some of Florida's 3.8 million uninsured. In less than a month, *Cover Florida* will offer affordable insurance access for Florida's hard-working families and businesses.



This week I also joined Secretary of the Department of Children and Families George Sheldon, in announcing improvements to the *MyAccess* program. Floridians participating in public assistance programs can now easily check the status of services like food stamps, temporary cash assistance and Medicaid. As our economy suffers, services like these bring peace of mind to the people being affected most.



Last week I joined the Brazilian company, Embraer at the groundbreaking of their new aircraft final assembly plant at Melbourne International Airport. With a planned opening in 2010, the facility will move Florida forward as a leader in the American aviation industry, and help accelerate our economic development plan by providing new jobs for our highly skilled workforce.

Our administration continues to fight for you, the people of Florida, as we search for ways to improve our economy and bring relief to struggling families and individuals this holiday season.

Thank you and God bless.

Charlie Crist

Photo Captions

Top Right: Governor Crist (center) signs contracts with six insurance companies to begin selling *Cover Florida* benefit options in less than one month.

Bottom Left: Governor Charlie Crist addresses the crowd at the Embraer groundbreaking for the new aircraft assembly plant in Melbourne which will bring new jobs to the state of Florida.