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22 May 1990

Mr. David Demarest  
Assistant to the President  
for Communications  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dave:

Just a note to say thank you for the role I'm sure you played in President Bush agreeing to appear at the opening of The Children's Inn at NIH on June 21. The Inn is a prime example of the Private-Public partnerships that the President encourages which accomplish great things.

Merck and the NIH is having a celebration of sorts at the Inn on the evening of June 20. You will be receiving an invitation and I hope to see you there. In addition, if you need any background information about The Children's Inn, please contact Mr. Mark Raabe of Merck's Washington D.C. Office (1615 L Street, Suite 1320). Mark has been the champion of the project at Merck.

As for me, I'm commuting to and from Washington on Weekends until the school year is up. We'll be moving on the 26th of June and will surely miss Washington.

Dave, please call on me or Merck if we can ever be of service. And again, I hope to see you on the 20th or 21st.

Best regards,

*Mark*

/atm  
00030/23

# Congressional Acknowledgements

✓	Congressmen <sup>389</sup> Dingell	4071
✓	(Thomas) Downey	3335
✓	(Doug) Walgren	2135
✓	(Constance) Morello	225-5341
✓	Bill Lowery	225-3201
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	<del>Dy. Blumenthal</del>	
	<del>Seaton</del>	

Children's Inn Ribbon-Cutting  
Marilyn 8/24/85

Mark & Co.  
833-8205  
Mark Korbe  
donated \$35 in construction  
private-public partnerships

~~Ed. Sullivan~~

~~Antonio Norcia~~

families who have kids in hospital  
4-7 weeks in in  
kids can stay

With donated land

Brain Storm Dr. Phillip Rizzo  
Chief of Knee Institute  
Pediatrics  
\$100

do created w/ private money  
\$250,000 in donations  
Koy  
do

Congressional sponsors  
task this off the ground  
bi-partisan

Debbie Dineen  
775-5068

30 minutes w/ Mrs Bush

10:15 a.m. 6/01  
come in @ end of program  
speak for the facility w/ children

**NIH CHILDREN'S INN DEDICATION / BETHESDA, MARYLAND  
THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1990 / 10:20 A.M.**

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**- 2 -**

**AND A SPECIAL GREETING TO YOU CHILDREN, PARENTS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE COME DOWN FROM NIH THIS MORNING.**

**I HAVE BEEN SO IMPRESSED AS I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THE UNIQUE CONCEPT OF CHILDREN'S INN. IT IS AN EXTRAORDINARILY SENSITIVE IDEA -- TO PROVIDE THIS PLACE OF REFUGE AND RENEWAL SO THAT SICK CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES CAN LIVE TOGETHER DURING TREATMENT.**

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4/15/90

Children's Inn - Walk-thru  
A place of hope - A place of promise

350 in audience

Children's chorus will sing when President  
arrives.

10:15 arrival

10:30 ~~remarks~~  
30

Dr. Sullivan's remarks 5 minutes  
(Mrs Sullivan will attend)

inside - closed press

12-15 children to cut ribbon

backdrop is building

44 guests

Schwantes will be here.

\* Add: New children pls join me to cut  
the ribbon

Will meet Walker family inside

patients from heart cancer Aids.

Quilt - international <sup>of visiting post</sup> quilt stitched panel  
of fabric from their <sup>notice</sup> chairs,

## Children's

Breanne Schwantes

[brce ohn oh]

from San Milwaukee  
looks like Shirley T.  
brittle bone disease  
genetic

over 20 fractures  
have braces so she can walk  
natural athlete

swimmer

walk

family members of Natl.

should be crippled but not b/c

White family

mother lived @ NIH for 2 years  
for tumor

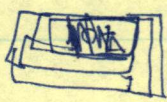
2/7/90

Children's Inn

Medication & maintenance by NIH  
Social worker, resident manager  
need \$.5 mill per yr. - private  
& staff

6/13/90

Children's Inn



Debbie & Glen Walker

(301) 855-0078 (h)

Dean

855-6626 (m-w)

concur patient in remission

in treatment for Dyr.

4 other kids in family

all have ulcers

18 yr old daughter became Mom

Henry & Theres Schwanitz

(414) 764-7421 (h)

Dr. Phil Fitzo 496-4252

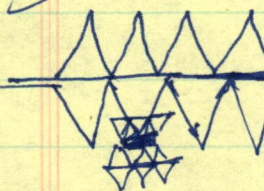
Dr. Naomi Gerber 496-4733

developed breast

Tom

496-4713 (w)

502-0628 (cellular)



Schwantes

3 brothers & sisters - mother

Brethman has 1 sister

patina together decided she could live

full life.

Take care of Elizabeth

Love of

Copernicus Revolution - discovered

earth circles around sun

family received award medical community

NH believes family will be educated  
(ostrogenist imperfecta)  
Respect that.

10 yrs. of this  
if something is too scary for him mother  
respects that.  
Work together & compromise  
Decided never to have guilt  
Both love her  
Has to be a bond beyond just normal  
marriage  
look into each others eyes & know  
whole story. Sometimes it hard.  
Can tell when too much pressure is on  
one

All is forgiven.  
Remarkably well adjusted  
She wants to move the town  
Real activist - environment

Penguin collection

She has picture of him in scrapbook  
Emir. in snow

Mrs Bush wrote letter about OI  
We love ya,  
Barbara

Elizabeth is special b/c she has a sister <sup>who if</sup>  
"It's o.k. Mom. We'll make it through <sup>can run</sup>  
this." <sup>and</sup>

Aunts & uncles make a big deal about  
Elizabeth.

You don't know how lucky you are. You have family around."

Had to quit school - getting PhD in biology  
54 lengths in swim club

Children's Inn

Br likes to be around other kids.  
Parents like to see other families.  
Can laugh about terrible things.  
Incredible tension reducers.

So much happier.

American Friends ABC



Dean 9 Ewing Sarcoma

Surgery to reduce spinal tumor  
& — months of chemo

absent mother from other 3 children  
for 2 years  
only 1 parent can stay w/ child @ NIH  
a max of a time in hospital

NIH tried to meet needs of families  
Unique

lack of whole family concept over 18 mo.  
Other kids have ulcers

Started support group in So. Maryland  
for potentially terminal disease  
Cancer support group

Wished it had been ~~so~~ available  
bc it's important to be w/ family  
When family is split it's hard  
Siblings can inter-mingle

Don't have enough good things to say about  
NIH - They're like extended family.

Surprising to learn what you live with.

Staffed

(HINCHLIFFE/BLESSEY)  
June 13, 1990 5:39 p.m.  
A:/NIH

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NIH CHILDREN'S INN DEDICATION  
Thursday, June 21, 1990

Thank you, <sup>Dr. Sullivan</sup> Debbie. And thanks to all of you who have worked so hard and welcomed me so warmly -- <sup>Debbie's brother</sup> Louis Sullivan and Dr. Philip Pizzo -- also <sup>Evah gel ose</sup> Chaplain Ken Batin, Dr. Roy Vagelo, Carmala Walgren, Chris Downey, Kathy Russell -- and everyone else. And a special greeting to you children, parents and friends who have come down from NIH this morning. God bless you all.

Dr. P. B. B.  
Debbie  
Evah gel ose  
Mot.

I have been so impressed as I have learned about the unique concept of Children's Inn. It is an extraordinarily sensitive idea -- to provide this place of refuge and renewal so that sick children and their families can live together during treatment.

I am moved to be here today -- to see how joyously your vision of caring has been realized. This is a story of how dreams can come true -- if you believe with all your heart and work with all your might. //

But yours is also an inspiring message of how bravery, sacrifice and hope can bring together individuals; political parties; professionals; volunteers; private businesses and the government itself. The Children's Inn, this extraordinary "home away from home" for those who need it most, is a remarkable lesson in unity of purpose and caring.

Debbie  
family  
Carmela  
res. dept  
MSD

one line about NIH

As splendid points of light in the hard, dark world of battling illness, you have given a rare and loving gift. You have shown your belief in the shining role which family support plays in the treatment of a sick child. //

*Debbie Dingell*  
*Chris*<sup>2</sup>  
Carmala and Debbie, and all of the Congressional spouses --

your vision and compassion touch all of us deeply. Dr. Pizzo --  
your professional commitment to this dream has lasted a decade;  
the remarkable legacy you have helped to create will last for  
generations. Dr. Vagelos -- you and Merck & Company have embodied  
in an exemplary way the ideal of corporate responsibility. And  
so many, many others -- your leadership and gifts, both spiritual  
and physical, have made this astonishing dream a reality.

And the lesson of the Inn will show us all that the most  
important part of life is a very simple one: taking time to hold  
a hand, share a laugh, wipe away a tear. //

*Terry Schwantes*  
*414 559 1800*  
Let me give you an example of the importance of the family  
bond in bringing new hope to a sick child. Today, 10-year-old  
Breanne Schwantes can swim up to 54 laps a day; plays hard with  
her sister and cousins; and is so concerned about the penguins in  
Antarctica she even wrote a letter to me about them.

But she could have spent these last ten years in a world  
bounded by her hospital room walls, like others with her illness.  
For Breanna has ostogenesis imperfecta -- brittle bone disease.  
But what is more important is that she also has her loving  
parents Terry and Theresa, and sister Elizabeth.

When Breanna's condition was diagnosed, Theresa gave up her  
PhD work, saying nothing else mattered except devoting herself to  
the health of her daughter and the health of her family.

She says: "We decided that our gift to Breanna would be that  
she have a life that was full and joyous. And that all of our

lives would be truly lived." And now, whether at home in Wisconsin or in the Schwantes' second home here at NIH, those who know Breanna say it is her family's depth of support that has given this child her life. ///

There is nothing that hurts more than a child afraid of the darkness whose cries go unheard. A lonely child whose tiny spirit is wrapped up in a brave fight too big for its years. And that is what your splendid cause so eloquently recognizes. //

As I thought about why I was so deeply touched by the sensitivity of your concept, I remembered Barbara's words to Wellesley College last week. To me, they sum up the spirit of this place -- that the family is the key to everything.

She told the graduates and the world, "you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will, however, regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child or a parent."

Barbara and I share the belief that the family is the bright center of love and life itself. Quite simply: family comes first.

I'm sure that as we fathers here look back on last Sunday, we feel gratitude for the love that surrounded us. As President, I realize that Fathers' Day, like Mothers' Day, is a time for the nation to pause and reflect that the family is the cornerstone of all that really matters in the world. That family centers us on what would otherwise be a solo navigation through life.

But, as a parent, my thoughts about family are more simple. They are sweet memories of quiet times of mutual understanding

*Wellesley*

-- of holding someone in shared sadness. Or of the simple pleasures of grandchildren bouncing on our bed before breakfast.

Those of you whose lives will be enriched at the Children's Inn have never taken the miracle of your families for granted. You have created a unique and beautiful bond, nurturing not only your sick child, but also yourselves.//

Barbara and I know. We have been there. //

Those of us who are -- or have been -- parents of these special, gravely ill children share something. We learn to carve out our daily lives with the tools of courage, faith and love. And the greatest of these is love. For it endures, it hopes, and, ultimately, it triumphs.

Dr. <sup>Vagelos Dr. Pizzo</sup> ~~Pizzo~~ and the Friends of the Children's Inn are people of rare goodness. They know that there are times when the family bond is of greater worth than even the finest medical treatment.

For greater love has no one, than to enrich the life of another.

Families of Children's Inn -- you live with a special grace. You who spend precious time with your intensely ill children have learned the true message of the prayer of St. Francis:

"Where there is despair, let me sow hope; where there is darkness -- light; and where there is sadness -- joy. //

You have had the extraordinary opportunity to bring joy and strength to each other. And this is the greatest strength of all.

God bless each of you, and God bless the fine people whose wisdom and passion and caring have made this day possible.

\* \* \* \* \*

Beth

THE WHITE HOUSE

MRS. BUSH'S PRESS OFFICE  
(Wellesley, MA)

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Embargoed for release  
until 10:30 a.m. E.D.T.  
Friday, June 1, 1990

TEXT OF REMARKS OF MRS. BUSH AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Severance Green  
Wellesley College  
Wellesley, Massachusetts

THANK YOU PRESIDENT KEOHANE, MRS. GORBACHEV, TRUSTEES,  
FACULTY, PARENTS, JULIE PORTER, CHRISTINE BICKNELL AND THE CLASS  
OF 1990. I AM THRILLED TO BE WITH YOU TODAY, AND VERY EXCITED,  
AS I KNOW YOU MUST ALL BE, THAT MRS. GORBACHEV COULD JOIN US.

MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS INVITED HERE TO TALK  
ABOUT OUR EXPERIENCES IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, I WAS  
STRUCK BY BOTH THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF YOUR CAMPUS ... AND THE  
SPIRIT OF THIS PLACE.

WELLESLEY, YOU SEE, IS NOT JUST A PLACE ... BUT AN IDEA ...  
AN EXPERIMENT IN EXCELLENCE IN WHICH DIVERSITY IS NOT JUST  
TOLERATED, BUT IS EMBRACED.

- more -

THE ESSENCE OF THIS SPIRIT WAS CAPTURED IN A MOVING SPEECH ABOUT TOLERANCE GIVEN LAST YEAR BY THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT OF ONE OF YOUR SISTER COLLEGES. SHE RELATED THE STORY BY ROBERT FULGHUM ABOUT A YOUNG PASTOR WHO, FINDING HIMSELF IN CHARGE OF SOME VERY ENERGETIC CHILDREN, HIT UPON A GAME CALLED "GIANTS, WIZARDS AND DWARFS." "YOU HAVE TO DECIDE NOW," THE PASTOR INSTRUCTED THE CHILDREN, "WHICH YOU ARE ... A GIANT, A WIZARD OR A DWARF?" AT THAT, A SMALL GIRL TUGGING ON HIS PANTS LEG, ASKED, "BUT WHERE DO THE MERMAIDS STAND?"

THE PASTOR TOLD HER THERE ARE NO MERMAIDS. "OH YES THERE ARE," SHE SAID. "I AM A MERMAID."

THIS LITTLE GIRL KNEW WHAT SHE WAS AND SHE WAS NOT ABOUT TO GIVE UP ON EITHER HER IDENTITY OR THE GAME. SHE INTENDED TO TAKE HER PLACE WHEREVER MERMAIDS FIT INTO THE SCHEME OF THINGS. WHERE DO THE MERMAIDS STAND ... ALL THOSE WHO ARE DIFFERENT, THOSE WHO DO NOT FIT THE BOXES AND THE PIGEONHOLES? "ANSWER THAT QUESTION," WROTE FULGHUM, "AND YOU CAN BUILD A SCHOOL, A NATION, OR A WHOLE WORLD ON IT."

AS THAT VERY WISE YOUNG WOMAN SAID ... "DIVERSITY ... LIKE ANYTHING WORTH HAVING ... REQUIRES EFFORT." EFFORT TO LEARN ABOUT AND RESPECT DIFFERENCE, TO BE COMPASSIONATE WITH ONE ANOTHER, TO CHERISH OUR OWN IDENTITY ... AND TO ACCEPT UNCONDITIONALLY THE SAME IN ALL OTHERS.

YOU SHOULD ALL BE VERY PROUD THAT THIS IS THE WELLESLEY SPIRIT. NOW I KNOW YOUR FIRST CHOICE FOR TODAY WAS ALICE WALKER, KNOWN FOR THE COLOR PURPLE. INSTEAD YOU GOT ME - KNOWN FOR ... THE COLOR OF MY HAIR! OF COURSE, ALICE WALKER'S BOOK HAS A SPECIAL RESONANCE HERE. AT WELLESLEY, EACH CLASS IS KNOWN BY A SPECIAL COLOR ... AND FOR FOUR YEARS THE CLASS OF '90 HAS WORN THE COLOR PURPLE. TODAY YOU MEET ON SEVERANCE GREEN TO SAY GOODBYE TO ALL THAT ... TO BEGIN A NEW AND VERY PERSONAL JOURNEY ... A SEARCH FOR YOUR OWN TRUE COLORS.

IN THE WORLD THAT AWAITS YOU BEYOND THE SHORES OF LAKE WABAN, NO ONE CAN SAY WHAT YOUR TRUE COLORS WILL BE. BUT THIS I KNOW: YOU HAVE A FIRST CLASS EDUCATION FROM A FIRST CLASS SCHOOL. AND SO YOU NEED NOT, PROBABLY CANNOT, LIVE A "PAINT-BY-NUMBERS" LIFE. DECISIONS ARE NOT IRREVOCABLE. CHOICES DO COME BACK. AS YOU SET OFF FROM WELLESLEY, I HOPE THAT MANY OF YOU WILL CONSIDER MAKING THREE VERY SPECIAL CHOICES.

THE FIRST IS TO BELIEVE IN SOMETHING LARGER THAN YOURSELF ... TO GET INVOLVED IN SOME OF THE BIG IDEAS OF YOUR TIME. I CHOSE LITERACY BECAUSE I HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT IF MORE PEOPLE COULD READ, WRITE AND COMPREHEND, WE WOULD BE THAT MUCH CLOSER TO SOLVING SO MANY OF THE PROBLEMS PLAGUING OUR SOCIETY.

EARLY ON I MADE ANOTHER CHOICE WHICH I HOPE YOU WILL MAKE AS WELL. WHETHER YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT EDUCATION, CAREER OR SERVICE, YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT LIFE ... AND LIFE MUST HAVE JOY. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FUN!

ONE OF THE REASONS I MADE THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION OF MY LIFE ... TO MARRY GEORGE BUSH ... IS BECAUSE HE MADE ME LAUGH. IT'S TRUE, SOMETIMES WE'VE LAUGHED THROUGH OUR TEARS ... BUT THAT SHARED LAUGHTER HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR STRONGEST BONDS. FIND THE JOY IN LIFE, BECAUSE AS FERRIS BUELLER SAID ON HIS DAY OFF ... "LIFE MOVES PRETTY FAST. YA DON'T STOP AND LOOK AROUND ONCE IN A WHILE, YA GONNA MISS IT!"

THE THIRD CHOICE THAT MUST NOT BE MISSED IS TO CHERISH YOUR HUMAN CONNECTIONS: YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. FOR SEVERAL YEARS, YOU'VE HAD IMPRESSED UPON YOU THE IMPORTANCE TO YOUR CAREER OF DEDICATION AND HARD WORK. THIS IS TRUE, BUT AS IMPORTANT AS YOUR OBLIGATIONS AS A DOCTOR, LAWYER OR BUSINESS LEADER WILL BE, YOU ARE A HUMAN BEING FIRST AND THOSE HUMAN CONNECTIONS -- WITH SPOUSES, WITH CHILDREN, WITH FRIENDS -- ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS YOU WILL EVER MAKE.

AT THE END OF YOUR LIFE, YOU WILL NEVER REGRET NOT HAVING PASSED ONE MORE TEST, NOT WINNING ONE MORE VERDICT OR NOT CLOSING ONE MORE DEAL. YOU WILL REGRET TIME NOT SPENT WITH A HUSBAND, A FRIEND, A CHILD OR A PARENT.

WE ARE IN A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD RIGHT NOW ... FASCINATING AND EXHILARATING TIMES ... LEARNING TO ADJUST TO THE CHANGES AND THE CHOICES WE ... MEN AND WOMEN ... ARE FACING. I REMEMBER WHAT A FRIEND SAID, ON HEARING HER HUSBAND LAMENT TO HIS BUDDIES THAT HE HAD TO BABYSIT. QUICKLY SETTING HIM STRAIGHT ... MY FRIEND TOLD HER HUSBAND THAT WHEN IT'S YOUR OWN KIDS ... IT'S NOT CALLED BABYSITTING!

MAYBE WE SHOULD ADJUST FASTER, MAYBE SLOWER. BUT WHATEVER THE ERA ... WHATEVER THE TIMES, ONE THING WILL NEVER CHANGE: FATHERS AND MOTHERS, IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN ... THEY MUST COME FIRST. YOUR SUCCESS AS A FAMILY ... OUR SUCCESS AS A SOCIETY ... DEPENDS NOT ON WHAT HAPPENS AT THE WHITE HOUSE, BUT ON WHAT HAPPENS INSIDE YOUR HOUSE.

FOR OVER 50 YEARS, IT WAS SAID THAT THE WINNER OF WELLESLEY'S ANNUAL HOOP RACE WOULD BE THE FIRST TO GET MARRIED. NOW THEY SAY THE WINNER WILL BE THE FIRST TO BECOME A C.E.O. BOTH OF THESE STEREOTYPES SHOW TOO LITTLE TOLERANCE FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO KNOW WHERE THE MERMAIDS STAND. SO I OFFER YOU TODAY A NEW LEGEND: THE WINNER OF THE HOOP RACE WILL BE THE FIRST TO REALIZE HER DREAM ... NOT SOCIETY'S DREAM ... HER OWN PERSONAL DREAM. AND WHO KNOWS? SOMEWHERE OUT IN THIS AUDIENCE MAY EVEN BE SOMEONE WHO WILL ONE DAY FOLLOW IN MY FOOTSTEPS, AND PRESIDE OVER THE WHITE HOUSE AS THE PRESIDENT'S SPOUSE. I WISH HIM WELL!

THE CONTROVERSY ENDS HERE. BUT OUR CONVERSATION IS ONLY BEGINNING. AND A WORTHWHILE CONVERSATION IT IS. SO AS YOU LEAVE WELLESLEY TODAY, TAKE WITH YOU DEEP THANKS FOR THE COURTESY AND HONOR YOU HAVE SHARED WITH MRS. GORBACHEV AND ME. THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU. AND MAY YOUR FUTURE BE WORTHY OF YOUR DREAMS.

To Steph  
Date 6-7-90 Time 1:25

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**

M. Debbie Dingle  
of \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 313 556-6517  
Area Code      Number      Extension

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6/18  
3:15pm

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Mrs. Schwantes is @ a Wash. #

301/402-3843

TO: Stephanie  
FROM: Sara

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

MAY 3, 1990

TO: JOE HAGIN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: BOBBIE KILBERG, <sup>BK</sup> DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

MOLLY OSBORNE, <sup>MO</sup> ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

REQUEST: That President attend Ribbon - Cutting Ceremony for The Children's Inn at The National Institutes of Health.

PURPOSE: To show support for an innovative, privately funded home for very sick children and their families at NIH.

BACKGROUND: Children from across the country come to the National Institutes of Health to receive research therapies not available in their hometown. The Children's Inn was created to assist patients and their families by providing a home away from home on the grounds of NIH while these patients are being treated for life-threatening illnesses. The Inn will provide an opportunity for the children and families to share their feelings with others who are going through the same experience and living at the Inn will ease the financial and psychological burden placed on families who ordinarily would have to stay in motels near NIH.

Under the leadership of Dr. Philip A. Pizzo, Chief of the National Cancer Institutes of Pediatrics Branch, The Children's Inn is a true example of private/public sector partnership. In 1988, a group of bi-partisan Congressional wives joined forces with members of the medical and business communities to form The Friends of the Children's Inn which has been very instrumental in securing corporate and individual donations. NIH donated the 2-acre Children's Inn building site and Merck & Co. has underwritten \$3.5 million in construction costs. Four major foundations, including The Philip Grand Fund of

the Washington Post, Johnson & Johnson, Warner-Lambert and Lederle Laboratories, have contributed to the project. Corporations and private companies have made in-kind donations and offered generous discounts on objects ranging from kitchen appliances to fire protection equipment. This building project has been underwritten entirely by non - government funds.

Sig Rogich is very enthusiastic about this proposal.

DATE AND  
TIME:

Thursday, June 21, 1990, 10:00 AM

DURATION:

30 minutes

LOCATION:

The National Institutes of Health

PARTICIPANTS:

The President  
Secretary Sullivan  
Dr. Antonia C. Novello, Surgeon General  
Dr. William Raub, Acting-Director of NIH  
Attendees at Ribbon - Cutting ceremony

SEQUENCE OF  
EVENTS:

- The President arrives at The Children's Inn, NIH and greets officials and patient families.
- The President makes remarks.
- The President cuts the ribbon.
- The President tours the facility.
- The President departs.

REMARKS

REQUIRED:

Brief remarks.

MEDIA

COVERAGE:

Open Press.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
National Institute of Health  
June 21, 1990

OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVANCE  
IN-TOWN EVENT CONTACT SHEET

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Thank you, <sup>Dr. Sullivan</sup> ~~Debbie~~. And thanks to all of you who have worked so hard and welcomed me so warmly -- <sup>Debbie Dingell</sup> ~~Louis Sullivan~~ and Dr. Philip Pizzo -- also <sup>Dr. Bomb</sup> ~~Chaplain Ken Batin~~, Dr. Roy Vagelo, Carmala Walgren, Chris Downey, Kathy Russell -- and everyone else. And a special greeting to you children, parents and friends who have come down from NIH this morning. God bless you all.

I have been so impressed as I have learned about the unique concept of Children's Inn. It is an extraordinarily sensitive idea -- to provide this place of refuge and renewal so that sick children and their families can live together during treatment.

I am moved to be here today -- to see how joyously your vision of caring has been realized. This is a story of how dreams can come true -- if you believe with all your heart and work with all your might. //

But yours is also an inspiring message of how bravery, sacrifice and hope can bring together individuals; political parties; professionals; volunteers; private businesses and the government itself. The Children's Inn, this extraordinary "home away from home" for those who need it most, is a remarkable lesson in unity of purpose and caring.

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→ As splendid points of light in the hard, dark world of battling illness, you have given a rare and loving gift. You have shown your belief in the shining role which family support plays in the treatment of a sick child. //

Carmala ~~and~~ <sup>Chris</sup> Debbie<sup>A</sup> and all of the Congressional spouses -- your vision and compassion touch all of us deeply. Dr. Pizzo -- your professional commitment to this dream has lasted a decade; the remarkable legacy you have helped to create will last for generations. Dr. Vagelo<sup>S</sup> -- you and Merck & Company have embodied in an exemplary way the ideal of corporate responsibility. And so many, many others -- your leadership and gifts, both spiritual and physical, have made this astonishing dream a reality.

And the lesson of the Inn will show us all that the most important part of life is a very simple one: taking time to hold a hand, share a laugh, wipe away a tear. //

Let me give you an example of the importance of the family bond in bringing new hope to a sick child. Today, 10-year-old Breanne Schwantes can swim up to 54 laps a day; plays hard with her sister and cousins; and is so concerned about the penguins in Antarctica she even wrote a letter to me about them.

But she could have spent these last ten years in a world bounded by her hospital room walls, like others with her illness. For Breanna has ostogenesis imperfecta -- brittle bone disease. But what is more important is that she also has her loving parents Terry and Theresa, and sister Elizabeth.

When Breanna's condition was diagnosed, Theresa gave up her PhD work, saying nothing else mattered except devoting herself to the health of her daughter and the health of her family.

She says: "We decided that our gift to Breanna would be that she have a life that was full and joyous. And that all of our

lives would be truly lived." And now, whether at home in Wisconsin or in the Schwantes' second home here at NIH, those who know Breanna say it is her family's depth of support that has given this child her life. ///

There is nothing that hurts more than a child afraid of the darkness whose cries go unheard. A lonely child whose tiny spirit is wrapped up in a brave fight too big for its years. And that is what your splendid cause so eloquently recognizes. //

As I thought about why I was so deeply touched by the sensitivity of your concept, I remembered Barbara's words to Wellesley College last week. To me, they sum up the spirit of this place -- that the family is the key to everything.

She told the graduates and the world, "you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will, however, regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child or a parent."

Barbara and I share the belief that the family is the bright center of love and life itself. Quite simply: family comes first.

I'm sure that as we fathers here look back on last Sunday, we feel gratitude for the love that surrounded us. As President, I realize that Fathers' Day, like Mothers' Day, is a time for the nation to pause and reflect that the family is the cornerstone of all that really matters in the world. That family centers us on what would otherwise be a solo navigation through life.

But, as a parent, my thoughts about family are more simple. They are sweet memories of quiet times of mutual understanding

-- of holding someone in shared sadness. Or of the simple pleasures of grandchildren bouncing on our bed before breakfast.

Those of you whose lives will be enriched at the Children's Inn have never taken the miracle of your families for granted. You have created a unique and beautiful bond, nurturing not only your sick child, but also yourselves.//

Barbara and I know. We have been there. //

Those of us who are -- or have been -- parents of these special, gravely ill children share something. We learn to carve out our daily lives with the tools of courage, faith and love. And the greatest of these is love. For it endures, it hopes, and, ultimately, it triumphs.

*Dr. Vogelbeas*  
 Dr. Pizzo and the Friends of the Children's Inn are people of rare goodness. They know that there are times when the family bond is of greater worth than even the finest medical treatment.

For greater love has no one, than to enrich the life of another.

Families of Children's Inn -- you live with a special grace. You who spend precious time with your intensely ill children have learned the true message of the prayer of St. Francis:

**"Where there is despair, let me sow hope; where there is darkness -- light; and where there is sadness -- joy. //**

You have had the extraordinary opportunity to bring joy and strength to each other. And this is the greatest strength of all.

God bless each of you, and God bless the fine people whose wisdom and passion and caring have made this day possible.

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