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- o I understand tonight's event will benefit the expansion of the home, and Barbara and I appreciate your support greatly. I know how thrilled she is to be the honorary Co-Chairman of this concert tonight.

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November 30, 1988

President-Elect George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. President-Elect and Mrs. Bush,

Congratulations! Pat and I are absolutely delighted that you will be our next President. Our prayers were with you throughout the campaign and you can be assured of our continued support. We think the world of you and Barbara.

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→ Nearly five years ago, you helped me launch a home for boys whose lives are "at risk" from substance abuse and school truancy. As you will see from a review of the enclosures, Youth for Tomorrow is now a successful life-changing home for boys who other people had given up on as lost causes.

→ We couldn't have come so far without your help as well as that of the many generous area businessmen. YFT is operating at full capacity (27 boys), employs a certified teaching faculty, professional counseling staff, has sent its first graduates to college, and enjoys the pleasure of an annually balanced budget.

Due to the needs in the Washington, D.C. area, we plan an expansion of our facilities and staff to accommodate more young boys who want our help. YFT's Trustees are committed to meet the growing demand for our residential program.

→ I am writing to ask you and Barbara to consider two invitations from Youth for Tomorrow. Please feel absolutely no pressure to accept. You have already done so much. But, if it would seem like something you would enjoy, we would consider it an honor and a privilege if:

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- (1) You and Barbara would join us at a Youth for Tomorrow Benefit Concert this Spring at the Kennedy Center.
 - (2) Barbara would serve as Honorary Chairman of Youth for Tomorrow.

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The Benefit Concert is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 17; Monday, May 1; or Sunday, May 21. These dates are on hold at the Kennedy Center until we hear from you.

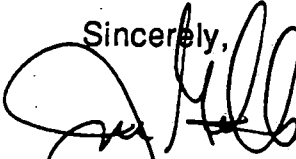
We have asked Donald Graham, Publisher of The Washington Post to be Chairman of the event. He joins me in encouraging your favorable response.

I hope Barbara will consider becoming Honorary Chairman of Youth for Tomorrow. We have the utmost respect for her commitment to fighting illiteracy and improving the educational achievements of our youth.

Furthermore, the love and respect you share with your family provides a perfect role model for our boys.

Thank you for taking the time in a pressing schedule to consider these invitations. They come out of our high regard for you and Barbara. Remember - no pressure! And again, let Pat and I extend our heartfelt congratulations, Mr. President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Gibbs", written over a circular stamp.

Joe Gibbs
Founder and Chairman



YOUTH FOR TOMORROW

New Life Center

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Youth For Tomorrow serves young boys who have trouble with drug and alcohol abuse. YFT provides a counseling and educational program in a Christian environment with graduates matriculating to college, the military, the work force or back to their natural parents.

As Head Coach of the Washington Redskins, Joe Gibbs worked with inner city youth during the NFL player's strike in 1982. He recognized that negative external influences on the lives of young boys pull some of them into a life-long cycle of hopelessness, delinquency and poverty.

He became convinced that young boys need guidance and direction that are not provided in some homes, cannot be provided in our schools, and are not adequately addressed by government programs.

PHASE I

Youth For Tomorrow has been organized and funded by local businessmen since opening its doors in 1986. Young boys are sent to the "home" upon referral from juvenile courts, social service agencies and private placements. Currently, 26 boys are enrolled as residents in the YFT program. Professional counselors and a teaching faculty provide personal direction, spiritual guidance and educational opportunity. Each boy studies under an "individualized" academic program, participates in a physical fitness routine, performs campus maintenance and housekeeping chores--including doing his own laundry--and participates in daily spiritual activities.

This fall three boys graduated from YFT and enrolled in college. Two other boys were able to return to their natural parents upon successful completion of the program.

PHASE II

From YFT's inception, the Trustees believed that boys throughout this entire region should be served. Boys from three states (Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland) and the District of Columbia are residents with an additional 25 boys on the "home's" waiting list.

YFT plans call for a program serving 60-100 boys per year on its 137 acre campus. This planned growth in its residential program requires \$10 million for program development, a capital expenditure campaign, and an increased level of general support to meet the increased costs of operation.

The Trustees need to construct two additional residences for the boys and their counselors, an education center for an expanded academic program, a physical fitness building and a family counseling center for the boys, their families, and residents of the Washington metropolitan area. This expansion will permit YFT to counsel and teach nearly 100 boys per year, develop a family counseling center and a community outreach program.

COMMENTS FROM COACH GIBBS Founder and Chairman

"Youth For Tomorrow has moved beyond "the dream" to become a viable, caring and dynamic "home" for young boys that most everybody had given up on as lost causes. As we can demonstrate, other people's lost causes are our special cases. Given a last chance, many boys display the courage to attain an educational achievement level they never expected and a spiritual commitment they never knew existed.

As important as the Redskins are to my career, these young boys at YFT are important in my life. YFT was founded on the precept that those we influence along the path of life will be the most important contribution we leave behind.

I hope you will join me in this project."