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But nowhere were his accomplishments more extraordinary than in the arts. His unparalleled devotion to the arts gave birth to the National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities and earned him the lifelong gratitude of artists and art lovers everywhere. Tonight's honorees have lived and worked in that tradition of artistic excellence. I want to congratulate Gunther Schuller [GUN-ther SHOO-ler], Bunny Harvey, Eugene Lee and David Macaulay.

The recipient of the Pell Award for Lifetime Achievement thrilled us with her music for three decades. But then, at the pinnacle of her singing career, when many others were setting their sights on finding a comfortable place to retire, Beverly Sills chose another calling -- this time behind the scenes. There, she has devoted her time and talents to increase the appeal of opera in this country. She has also committed more than a lifetime of energy working on behalf of disabled children. Thank you, Beverly.

T.S. Elliot once said, "culture may be described simply as that which makes life worth living." Each of you tonight has helped make our spirits soar. Senator Pell, our honorees, and, of course, everyone connected with the Trinity Repertory Company. You've enriched our lives in countless ways. Thank you and good night.

FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
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APRIL 7, 1999

Good morning. I am so pleased to join this second plenary session of the Women's Leadership Conference of the Americas. I only wish I could be there in person, to participate in this important discussion about how to advance the status of women in our hemisphere.

Over the past few years, I have had the privilege of traveling throughout the Americas, and I've seen first hand the progress that women -- like yourselves -- are making as leaders in their communities. I have met women who have lost family members to violence and war -- but are now at the forefront of the struggles to protect human rights. I have met women who have had little access to health care or education -- but are now creating a better future for their children. And I've met women throughout the Americas who are entering public life for the first time -- and giving voice to others too often left behind.

Yet as much progress as we've made -- we all know how many obstacles remain. Too many women here in this country and throughout the Americas are unable to realize their dreams, or contribute fully to the economic and political life in their communities. That's why the work of the Women's Leadership Conference of the Americas is so important.

By strengthening communication among women in different countries, you are helping women from all walks of life to share ideas and learn from one another. By bridging the gap between ordinary citizens and their governments -- WLCA is helping to give women at the grass roots level a place at the table. And by offering concrete recommendations for how we expand the tools of opportunity for women -- and end the violence against them -- you are ensuring that more women can live up to their God-given potentials.

All of you here today have demonstrated what can be accomplished when people from diverse backgrounds and political views work together to advance the lives -- and aspirations -- of women across the Americas. Thank you for all that you have done -- and will continue to do -- to reach that common goal. I hope you have a wonderful conference.

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Re: Invitation to First Lady to Attend American Bar Association's
Ninth National Conference on Children and the Law, April 8-10

Dear Ms. Rabner:

I am writing to see if Mrs. Clinton would be available and interested in joining us, and make brief remarks, during some part of the ABA's bi-annual national conference on "children and the law" which is being held in the District, **April 8-10**, at the Wyndham City Center Hotel (formerly Sheraton City Centre), at 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW. If that is not possible, a videotaped "welcome" would be most appreciated.

Our first choice for her participation would be at a program that CourtTV and the ABA are doing for later live broadcast, on the development of a new National Agenda for Legal Action on behalf of children, which will be issued by the ABA in 2000. That program, moderated by Arthur Miller of Harvard Law School, is on **April 9th** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (and confirmed speakers already include Asst. Attorney General Eric Holder and Legal Services Corporation President John McKay).

Another opportunity would be our conference opening session/reception, **April 8th** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. A further alternative would be her appearance in connection with our keynote presentation by the U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher, **April 9th** from 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Finally, on Saturday, **April 10th**, there would be an opportunity during our opening plenary session, from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. (where people from the Yale Child Study Center will be presenting) or at our closing conference luncheon on **April 10th** from noon to 1:30 p.m. (where Dr. Carol Williams, head of the U.S. Children's Bureau will be speaking).

I hope that Mrs. Clinton's schedule can possibly permit her, even briefly, to participate in our conference. Thank you for your attention and interest. If you have any questions, please call me at 202/662-1740.

Sincerely,


Howard Davidson
Director

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*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it's the only thing that ever does."
- Margaret Mead*

January 15, 1999

Dear Hillary,

No, this is not a belated Christmas letter though I am sure a Christmas letter would be easier to write. This is instead a letter from the heart which Enzo and I have been wanting to write for many years and have not had the courage to do.

It has always been our nature to do things by ourselves and not ask others for help. As you may or may not know, our son Michael has an inherited disease called Fragile X. When Michael was born we thought we had a perfectly healthy baby boy. It was not long before we realized he was not developing at a normal rate. He did not sit, walk, talk or show a curiosity in things as other children did. By age 2 we knew something was seriously wrong.

For years we took Michael to speech, physical and occupational therapy trying to help him to develop normally. During these years we never knew why he was developmentally delayed. Finally, in 1986 when he was 10 years old, one of his doctors suggested we have him tested for a newly discovered genetic disease called Fragile X. If you can believe it, we were actually relieved to finally be able to put a name to the problem.

As it turns out, 1 in 2000 males and 1 in 4000 females are affected by this disease. It is the most common inherited cause of mental retardation. In addition to retardation this disease manifests itself in autistic-like behaviors, poor eye contact, resistance to being touched or held, poor attention span, anxiety and some physical characteristics as well. To avoid being too technical, suffice it to say there is a fragile site on the X chromosome where a protein producing gene has shut down. This missing protein is necessary for nerve transmission and it is the cause of Michael's neurological problems.

From Fragile X's discovery in 1982 until 1994 organizations have worked primarily to educate the public about Fragile X and to encourage early intervention with different therapies. In 1994 three parents of children with Fragile X decided to form the FRAXA Research Foundation to concentrate on furthering scientific research to find a cure and/or treatment for this disease. Today the FRAXA Research Foundation has 25 chapters, it has funded a half a million dollars of research in 1998 and it will fund more than \$500,000 in 1999.

This past December 3rd and 4th I had the pleasure to attend a symposium co-sponsored by FRAXA and N.I.H. with 28 top researchers from around the world. The purpose of the meeting was to identify exactly what needs to be done to find a cure for Fragile X. Ideas and

research findings were exchanged and the additional needed research was defined. The optimism shared by these scientists is what has inspired us to write this letter. We can only hope that the cure will be found in time to help our Michael, and if not, we are certain that it will be there for all the Michaels who will follow.

So, why are we telling you all of this now? Well...Enzo and I are on the dinner committee for the upcoming Second Annual Mary Higgins Clark Gala to benefit the FRAXA Research Foundation. It will be held on Monday, April 19, 1999 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, D.C. Roger Mudd will be our emcee and radio talk host Diane Rehm will co-chair the event with Board of Director Vice President and parent, Mary Beth Busby. Jim and Sylvia Symington will provide the entertainment.

We would like to invite you and the president to be our guests at this gala. It would be our distinct honor to be your hosts for this important event. We greatly admire your commitment to and advocacy for children's issues and as Fragile X affects millions of children throughout the world, we hope this dinner will be of interest to you.

We thank you for reading this letter and we hope you will consider attending the gala. If you know of someone else that would benefit from the enclosed FRAXA information or would like to attend the gala, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Warmest regards,

Kitty and Enzo

Kitty and Enzo de Chiara

Enclosed please find FRAXA publications.

What is FRAXA?

In 1994, three parents of children with fragile X syndrome founded FRAXA because fragile X research is drastically underfunded. Their mission: to further scientific research to find effective treatment for this disorder.

FRAXA Research Foundation, Inc. is now a national nonprofit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization composed of parents and medical professionals. We are a 100% volunteer organization.

- FRAXA directly funds promising research projects aimed at treatment. Applications for FRAXA postdoctoral fellowships are now accepted.
- FRAXA promotes awareness of fragile X. We publish a quarterly newsletter and informational booklets. We hold fundraising events and organize parent advocacy groups around the country.

You Can Help!

Your tax-deductible donation in any amount ^{almost} WILL make a difference! As a 100% volunteer organization, we have minimal overhead expenses. As a parent-run organization, we are determined to improve the lives of the hundreds of thousands of children across the country who live with fragile X. We will keep you informed of our progress through FRAXA's quarterly newsletter. We welcome volunteers as well.

FRAXA Research Foundation, Inc.

A national nonprofit, tax-exempt private organization run by volunteer parents of children with fragile X syndrome

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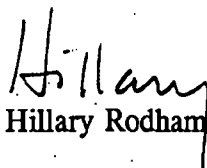
Dear Kitty and Enzo:

Thank you for sharing with me the information about Fragile X Syndrome and the significant research efforts to find a cure. Realizing how this disease has affected Michael and your family, I know how intensely concerned you are about this important endeavor.

The President and I appreciate the invitation to be your guests at the Second Annual Mary Higgins Clark Gala on April 19 to benefit the FRAXA Research Foundation. Someone from our scheduling offices will be in contact with you.

With warm regards and all best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton

cc: Scheduling



What is Fragile X?

Fragile X syndrome is the single most common inherited cause of mental impairment.

Symptoms include:

- mental impairment, ranging from learning disabilities to mental retardation
- attention deficit and hyperactivity
- anxiety and unstable mood
- autistic-like behaviors
- long face, large ears, flat feet, and
- hyperextensible fingers



Boys are typically more severely affected than girls. While most boys have mental retardation, one-half to two-thirds of girls have normal IQ or learning disabilities. Emotional and behavioral problems are common in both sexes.



Fragile X is one of the most common inherited diseases. It affects all races and ethnic groups. 80-90% of people with fragile X are not yet correctly diagnosed.

What Causes Fragile X?

In 1991, scientists discovered the gene (called FMR1) that causes fragile X. In individuals with fragile X syndrome, a defect in FMR1 (a full mutation) shuts the gene down. Like a defective factory, the FMR1 gene cannot manufacture the protein that it normally makes.

Some individuals are carriers: they have a small defect in the FMR1 gene (called a premutation) but do not show symptoms of fragile X.

Fragile X is inherited. Carrier men (transmitting males) pass the premutation to all their daughters but none of their sons. Each child of a carrier woman has a 50% chance of inheriting the gene. The fragile X premutation can be passed silently down through generations in a family before a child is affected by the syndrome. A DNA blood test identifies both carriers and affected individuals. While the exact prevalence of fragile X is unknown, recent studies indicate the the statistics below:

**1 in 2000 boys
and 1 in 4000
girls are estimated
to be affected**

The fact that fragile X is a single gene disorder makes the probability of finding an effective treatment for the current generation of affected children much more likely

— W. Ted Brown, MD, PhD
Professor & Chairman
Department of Human
Genetics Institute for Basic
Research in Developmental
Disabilities, Staten Island, NY

Is There Any Treatment?

There is currently no cure for fragile X syndrome, although appropriate education and medications can help maximize the potential of each child. However, most boys and many girls remain significantly affected throughout their lives. The cost to society for treatment, special education, and lost income is staggering. The need for research aimed at treatment is urgent.

Recent significant progress has been made in understanding mechanisms and potential treatments for inherited diseases which are caused by a single gene, such as fragile X. Current medical research focuses on:

Gene Therapy

studying the gene that causes fragile X in order to determine whether a healthy gene may be inserted into the cells of affected individuals, thereby replacing the mutated, ineffective gene.

Protein Replacement Therapy

studying the protein product that is lacking due to the mutation, in hopes that the protein may be supplemented from an external source

Psychopharmacology

treating symptoms of the disorder with medications

Many researchers believe that medical treatment, when it becomes available, will be able to help fragile X individuals of all ages. Experts think that the missing FMR protein has a regulatory function in the brain, rather than a structural function, and that this protein is needed throughout a person's life.

I have been very impressed with the high quality of research that FRAXA has consistently funded in order to find a cure for fragile X syndrome. FRAXA has made remarkable strides in funding and facilitating research in this field. They have my support for their ongoing efforts in fragile X research.

— Randi Hagerman, MD
Professor of Pediatrics
The Children's Hospital
Denver, Colorado

Grants and Fellowships Funded by FRAXA Research Foundation

AWARDS FUNDED JULY 1998

(Amounts are per year)

1. Pharmacological Studies in Fragile X Syndrome

PI: Randi Hagerman MD, The Children's Hospital, Denver
CO; Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$30,000)

2. Restoring FMRP Expression in Cells from Fragile X Patients

PI: Andre Hoogeveen Ph.D., Erasmus Univ., Rotterdam,
The Netherlands. Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$30,000)

3. Psychophysiological Measures of Arousal: Documentation of Treatment Effects and Impact of Disability

PI: Don Bailey, Ph.D., Frank Porter Graham Child
Development Center, Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill, NC. Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$30,000)

4. Funding to import improved strain of FMR1 knockout mouse to Jackson Laboratory

Induced Mutant Resource at The Jackson Laboratory; to
rederive and cryopreserve the FMR1 targeted mutant strain
on a C57BL/6 genetic background. Grant (\$10,000)

AWARDS FUNDED JANUARY 1998

5. Restoration of Natural FMR1 Expression in FMR1 Deficient Mice by P1 Artificial Chromosome (PAC) Transgenesis

PI: Robert Bauchwitz MD, Ph.D., Columbia Univ., NY;
Co-Investigators: Carl Dobkin, Ph.D., and W. Ted Brown
MD, Ph.D., Inst. for Basic Research, Staten Island, NY.
Project Grant (\$30,000)

6. Characterization of the Neuronal Function of FMRP

PI: David Nelson Ph.D., Baylor Univ., Houston, TX;
Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$30,000)

7. Isolating and Characterizing the mRNAs that Bind FMRP

PI: Robert Denman Ph.D., Inst. for Basic Research, Staten
Island, NY. Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$30,000)

8. Export of the Fragile X Gene Product

PI: Alan Tartakoff PhD, Case Western Reserve Univ.,
Cleveland, OH. Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$30,000)

9. Studies of the Fragile X Protein and Related Proteins

PI: Mary Kennedy PhD, California Inst. of Technology,
Pasadena. Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$34,000)

OTHER PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

10. Studies of the Function of the Fragile X Mental Retardation Protein

PI: William Greenough Ph.D., Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-
Champaign

Postdoctoral Fellowship funded January 1996 for 1 year
(\$25,000); Unrestricted Grant funded January 1997
(\$50,000). Project Grant funded January 1998 (\$150,000)

11. Mouse Models for Fragile X

PI: Ben Oostra Ph.D., Erasmus Univ., The Netherlands
Postdoctoral Fellowship funded July 1996 (\$30,000),
Renewed July 1997 (\$30,000)

12. Diagnosing the Methylation Status of the Fragile X Gene Promotor Region

PI: Charles Laird Ph.D., Univ. of Washington, Seattle
Postdoctoral Fellowship funded July 1996 (\$25,000),
Renewed July 1997 (\$30,000)

13. Studies of the Fragile X Knockout Mouse: Improving Memory Reversal Testing and Treatment with AMPAkinases

PI: W. Ted Brown MD, Ph.D., Inst. for Basic Research In
Developmental Disabilities, Staten Island, NY. Postdoctoral
Fellowship funded January 1997 (\$25,000), Renewed
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14. A Yeast Model of Fragile X Syndrome

PI: W. Ted Brown, IBR, Staten Island, NY. Postdoctoral
Fellowship funded October 1994 (\$35,000); Renewed
October 1995 (\$35,000)

15. Gene Therapy for Fragile X Using Adeno-Associated Virus

PI: R. Jude Samulski, Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill. Fellowship funded July 1995 (\$25,000)

Grants and Fellowships Available for research on Fragile X Syndrome

Fragile X Syndrome

- #1 inherited cause of mental retardation, affecting approximately 1 in 2000 males and 1 in 4000 females
- caused by a triplet repeat expansion in the 5' untranslated region of the FMR1 gene, resulting in methylation of the promoter and lack of transcription of the gene
- absence of FMR protein

FMRP

- FMRP is an RNA-binding protein which is synthesized in or near and found in dendritic spines (Weiler et al., 1997). In the absence of FMRP, these spines appear not to mature normally during neural development (Hinton et al., 1991, Comery et al., 1997).
- No other protein can completely compensate for the absence of FMRP in neural development and plasticity.

Examples of Pivotal Research Areas

- studies of the function of FMRP
- models, including neural tissue culture models, to study compounds which can reverse the effects of methylation and/or histone deacetylation in the mutated FMR1 gene
- new mouse models for fragile X syndrome, such as by introduction of a transcription-impeding triplet repeat expansion into the mouse FMR1 gene
- cognitive and behavioral tests to better discriminate between FMR1 knockout mice and normal mice
- studies aimed at characterizing and treating seizure disorders associated with fragile X syndrome
- investigations into the potential of neural gene therapy vectors

FRAXA Research Foundation

- privately-run foundation, founded in 1994, funded half million dollars of research in 1998
- supports research that will ultimately lead to an effective treatment for fragile X syndrome

Applications

- for postdoctoral fellowships up to \$30,000 per year and investigator-initiated grants (no funding limit) accepted twice each year
- Guidelines and details available at www.fraxa.org or by contacting
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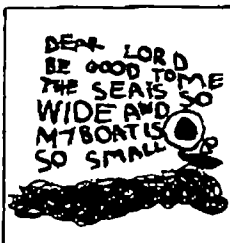
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Date: March 26, 1999

To: Evan Ryan, Office of First Lady Hillary Clinton
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From: Sybil Axner, Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota
Fred Senn, Fallon McElligott
Kristin Evanson, Fallon McElligott
Ruth Usem, Beat the Odds Committee

Re: Minnesota Beat the Odds Welcome Video

*Pat Miles, MC,
local news anchor
at the end of the program.*

Thank you for the congratulatory videos for our 1997 and 1998 "Beat the Odds" award events. Each year, Mrs. Clinton's video recognition for the honorees is extremely well received and appreciated by the honorees and our audience of over 700 guests. When Mrs. Clinton mentions each of the young honorees, the audience hears them gasp in amazement as she says their name. The message is a wonderful gift for these students.

Here are the details of this year's event for your consideration:

Event Date/Time:	April 15, 1999, 7 pm dinner and awards presentation
Expected attendance:	800 (corporate/Individual)
Corporate sponsors:	KARE-TV (Gannett affiliate, NBC) Children's Hospitals and Clinics Halleland Lewis Nilan Sipkins & Johnson Healthy Learners Board James R. Thorpe Foundation Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A.
Keynote Speaker:	Marian Wright Edelman
Format:	Beta is preferred, but VHS is workable
Suggested length:	2 minutes
Honorees:	see bios, next page

Yer Chang, female
Lora Miller, female
Kao Vang, male (first name pronounced cow)
Meghan Hubbard, female
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Key points:

- Seventh annual Minnesota "Beat the Odds" banquet
- This year's five honorees are an remarkable group of motivated, hard working, and dedicated young people who have overcome enormous personal obstacles. Beat the Odds focuses on the children of our community, the struggles which they face, and the tremendous determination and grace with which they succeed.

Enclosures: Bios of honorees, script outline as per last year's format

Further information: Call Sybil Axner, office 651-227-6121; home P6/(b)(6) fax 651-227-2553; pager

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Send video to: Sybil Axner or Jim Koppel
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Please note that this script is only for use as a suggested guide.

Hello, everyone. I'm honored to be part of the 7th annual Minnesota Beat the Odds banquet and to thank all of you whose support of the Children's Defense Fund of Minnesota makes a difference everyday in the lives of children throughout your state and region. Nothing gives me more pleasure than sharing in a celebration of 5 outstanding young people who represent the promise of our great country. This year's honorees are exceptional, not only for the odds that they have beaten, but for their motivation, hard work and selfless spirit. Most impressive about these young women and men is that despite their hardships, they have maintained a sense of self, a sense of hope and a sense of responsibility that has carried them to where they are today. Not only have they excelled in school, they also have given back to their communities. Each of tonight's honorees, in his or her own way, has shown that young people can and will do extraordinary things with their lives when given the opportunity.

Yer, --(personal message to Yer)

Yer Chang's Bio: Yer arrived with her family from a Thailand refugee camp when she was six months old. Her family remained closely tied to the Hmong community and spoke their native language at home. When Yer began school she faced difficulties learning to speak, read and write English. Yer strove to be a good American student and while maintaining her respect for her Hmong culture. When she was 13 years old, her family arranged her marriage. She wanted to be a "good Hmong girl" and yet, the marriage caused her great turmoil and unhappiness. When her Hmong husband was forced to return to France because of an expired Visa, Yer was able to escape her marriage but not the commitment to her husband's family. Her mother, who is very close to Yer, helped her escape and return home. Yer faced further tragedy when her brother, whom she loved greatly, committed suicide two years ago. Despite these extraordinary difficulties, Yer has achieved great successes. She is Vice President of the Honor Society, has a 3.9 grade point average and is in the top 20% of her class. She is active in the Southeast Asian Club and a Hmong youth peace organization, participates in Speech tournaments, and works part-time. Yer reflects, "It has been a difficult journey, but through my experiences I have not only lost but gained so much. Everyone has struggles in their life, but for me I only see them as obstacles that I can overcome."

Lora, ... (personal message to Lora)

Lora Miller's bio: When Lora was 12 years old, her father was arrested raping her sister. Lora's dad was a professional and highly regarded in the community. After the arrest investigators discovered sexual abuse of Lora, her brother and sister which dated back to their earliest memories. Yet the children had never told anyone, including their mother. During the next weeks and months, Lora remembers the endless questions and scrutiny from friends and relatives and the courts. She was unintentionally overlooked during the long court process. At school, kids found out and tormented her with cruel names and teasing. Lora's grades dropped; she skipped school and became withdrawn. Lora's dad was sentenced to 30 years probation and 54 months in prison. His sentence was stayed pending successful completion of treatment at an inpatient counseling facility. His treatment program meant the loss of their family's income, the eventual foreclosure on their new home and severe financial hardships during an already stressful period. Since then, her father has made significant progress. Lora has been helped by counselors, and she has started to trust and hope once again. Her family moved to the city where she surrounded herself with good friends and caring adults. Her GPA went from 1.90 to straight A's. She is in band, choir and jazz band, badminton, a member of Women in Aviation International, and on the Senior Class Board. She has been accepted at St. Catherine's and plans to become a nurse. Lora says she owes her life to her counselors and to her mom. "They are the people that kept me out of trouble. I came close to ending my life several times, but because of their unconditional love, I learned that nothing is ever that dark. Life is too precious to end before your time. I have too much to do!"

Kao, ... (personal message to Kao)

Kao Vang's Bio: When Kao was ten, his family lived in a small village in Laos with a group of resistance fighters. While his parents looked for food, communist soldiers attacked the village, killing his brother. To save himself, Kao pulled his brother's body over himself and pretended to be dead while the soldiers killed everyone and burned the straw huts. He stayed under his dead brother the entire night. Once united with his parents, they fled to Thailand. As they made their way through the jungle they saw the bodies of others who tried to escape. They arrived at the refugee camp in 1987. In 1989, Kao's father went back to Laos to join the resistance fighters. The family waited for six years for his return. Kao asked his mother if she wanted to go to America but she wanted to wait for Kao's father. Kao decided to come to America by himself. He lives with his aunt. Kao wrote, "She really loves me as a son of her own and I love her as my mother. However, the emptiness and loneliness is still in my heart. My mother is still waiting for my father-it has been ten years now. I have come on a long and rough road and now I am a survivor. Now if I have a struggle in life, I will emerge the stronger and better from it in the future."

Meghan, ... (personal message to Meghan)

Meghan Hubbard's bio: Meghan's earliest memories include abuse, pain and neglect. When she was three years old she was taken from her mother to be raised by her aunt and grandmother. Meghan loves her grandmother but remembers when other people were allowed into the house using drugs and alcohol leaving her feeling scared and alone. Often, she had to give up her room and took the blame for other family members. Meghan was kicked out of the house on several occasions. Not knowing where to go, she walked the streets in her neighborhood even though she feared the gangs, drug dealers and users. When Meghan was in sixth grade she learned she had a younger brother but has yet to meet him. Still, she remains enthusiastic, creative and spirited. She raised her grade point average from 2.3 to 3.4 and plans to attend college. She wants to become a veterinarian. In the meantime, Meghan spoils her dog, rabbit and three fish. She joined the all-male high school football team and also participates in soccer, basketball and track. Meghan says, "When others say it can't be done, I know it can. I had to motivate myself. I'm going to college and I'm a success."

Crystal,...(personal message to Crystal)

Crystal Robinson's bio: Crystal remembers her dad with love. Her father loved his family, however, he got involved with drugs, which eventually killed him. Crystal grew up thinking it was normal for her father to stay out late. She never wondered why her things came up missing. She knew about her father's drug problem, but he always told her that he loved her and that was all that mattered to her. He promised he would quit drugs and watch her graduate. When Crystal was thirteen, her father died of a drug induced heart attack. She says, "I could have let my father's death get to me. I could have let it pull me down or use it as an excuse not to strive to succeed. Instead, I have done just the opposite. I want to be the best I can be." Crystal is a member of the National Honor Society, participates in track and field and specializes in the shot put. She will be attending Drake University in Iowa to study computer science and join the track team. She plans on participating in the 2002 Olympics in the Shot Put event. "I will be somebody and that is that."

FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPE REMARKS FOR MINNESOTA BEAT THE ODDS AWARD EVENT
MAY 4, 1995

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Terrell [tuh-RELL], I get tired just thinking about all of the activities you fit into your day. Because you never allowed anyone to discourage you from your goals, you have excelled in school, in extracurricular activities, and as a volunteer in the community. Thank you for helping so many of your peers understand that, if we take responsibility for ourselves, we can all fulfill our God-given potential.

Jodi, I wish every high school student in America invested as much time and energy in their schooling as you do. You really know what it means to work hard -- on the job and in the classroom. Thank you for helping others understand the importance of having a positive self-image -- and for being such a good role model.

Jessica, your courageous spirit reminds us how important it is to confront the challenges we face in our lives. Your passion to learn and your determination to excel make your example especially compelling to young people everywhere who are experiencing hardship. Thank you for giving them hope.

Baba, you are a real inspiration to youngsters who think they have no alternative to a life on the streets. But I especially want to commend you for your desire to serve others and pursue an education through AmeriCorps. You and others like

you make the national service program one of the President's proudest accomplishments. Thank you.

Touch [tuke -- rhymes with duke], you embody the true qualities of leadership. You know how to inspire, how to listen, and how to bring out the best in your peers. Thank you for using your leadership skills with such care and compassion as you work so hard to help others in need.

I know the President joins me in congratulating all of you - and wishing you great success in the years ahead. You are an inspiration to all of us.

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Carrie Donahue

*Evans -
Video*

January 7, 1999

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 25000

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

- RD Convention Center
- evening event - black tie
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- Mcd - Al Franken
(before Beverly Sills)

Carrie Donahue

It is our distinct honor to invite you to participate in this year's Pell Awards for Excellence in the Arts in Providence, Rhode Island on Thursday, April 15, 1999. The Pell Awards, established in 1997 to mark the retirement of Rhode Island's esteemed Senator Claiborne Pell, are presented to support the work of national and local artists and to benefit the Tony-Award winning Trinity Repertory Company.

This year's Pell Awards recipients demonstrate the genuine and lasting connection artists so often make between their craft and the world around them. This year's Pell Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts will be presented to soprano Beverly Sills who is one of the greatest coloratura sopranos of the twentieth century. The New England Pell Award will be presented to Pulitzer Prize winning composer Gunther Schuller. In addition to his many compositions, Mr. Schuller travels the world conducting major ensembles and served as New England Conservatory's President for over ten years.

Rhode Island Pell Award recipients include Eugene Lee, whose theater set and lighting designs have received two Tony Awards (*Candide* and *Sweeney Todd*) and have transformed the stage of *Saturday Night Live* since its inception. Caldecott winner, writer/illustrator David Macaulay has provided children and adults with numerous books which give us insight into simple technology and architecture as in his most popular book, The Way Things Work. Lastly, painter Bunny Harvey is a recipient of the Rome Prize in painting and her semi-abstract landscapes are visual masterpieces. Previous award recipients include Jason Robards, Arthur Miller, Chris Van Allsburg, Lloyd Richards and Paula Vogel.

Our intent is for these awards is to create support and pressure for the continued existence of the National Endowment for the Arts, and we think in a small way we have been effective. This year we expect every major politician of the region to attend as well as business, arts and other cultural leaders.

It would be our first hope that you could attend the evening's festivities. If you are unable to attend, we hope you'll consider filming a short video tribute to Senator Pell and the award recipients which can be aired at the event. We know your words in honor of the Senator would make the evening all the more moving for all of our guests.

One of us can be reached at 401-521-1100 if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your consideration of our request. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Oskar Eustis
Artistic Director

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January 22, 1999

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500-0005

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I write to extend an invitation to the 1999 Pell Awards for Excellence in the Arts. The awards dinner will be held in Providence, Rhode Island on April 15, 1999.

The Trinity Repertory Company, one of New England's most respected performing arts companies and host of the awards dinner, is eager for you to attend this event. As you may know, the Pell Awards celebrate excellence and achievement in the arts, a fitting tribute to Senator Claiborne Pell's lifetime commitment to these ideals.

I encourage you to consider this invitation. The 1999 Pell Awards for Excellence in the Arts will be an important event, and your presence would be greatly appreciated. However, should you be unable to attend the event, Trinity Repertory Company is hopeful you would consider filming a short video tribute to Senator Pell and this year's award recipients, which could be shown at the event. Enclosed is a letter of invitation from Trinity which provides additional details about the event.

If you need any additional information concerning this event, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jack Reed
Jack Reed
United States Senator

cc: Oskar Eustis, Trinity Repertory Company
Senator Claiborne Pell

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For immediate release: December 2, 1998

Sills and Schuller to receive Pell Awards for Excellence in the Arts *April 15th awards celebration planned*

Trinity Repertory Company, together with event co-chairs E. Gordon Gee and Constance Bumgarner Gee and Tom and Cathy Ryan, have announced the 1999 Annual Pell Awards for Excellence in the Arts. This black tie celebration features an elegant dinner, special performances, and the awards program, and will take place at 6:30pm on **Thursday, April 15th** at the Rhode Island Convention Center. Soprano **Beverly Sills** will receive the 1999 Pell Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts, and composer/conductor **Gunther Schuller** will receive the New England Pell Award.

Tickets to the event are \$250 each, \$500 for patrons. Proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorships fund the grants awarded to Pell Award winners, with remaining monies supporting the artistic programming at Trinity Rep. Honorary chairs of the event are Senator and Mrs. Claiborne Pell. The Pell Awards' criteria include excellence in the field; work that significantly advances the art form; and contribution to the betterment of the community and the world at large through artistic presence and community service.

The Pell Awards, now in their third year, honor Senator Claiborne Pell and recognize artistic excellence in Rhode Island and the New England region as well as on the national level. Senator Pell sponsored the landmark legislation that established the National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities in 1965, and chaired the Senate Education and Arts subcommittee. Throughout his lifetime, Senator Pell has worked to support the arts and provide new opportunities for artists. He also served a four-year term on the board of Trinity Repertory Company.

The 1999 recipient of the **Pell Award for Lifetime Achievement** in the Arts is **Beverly Sills**, renowned coloratura soprano and Chairman of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. Ms. Sills

made her debut with the San Francisco Opera in 1953 and triumphed in virtually all of the world's leading opera houses before making her Metropolitan Opera debut in 1975. An exemplary interpreter of the bel canto repertoire, Ms. Sills recorded 18 full-length operas and several solo recital discs, and appeared in many television broadcasts. In 1980 she was named General Director of the New York City Opera, where she helped to launch the careers of countless young singers and broadened opera's audience appeal through the use of super-title simultaneous translation. Her honors include the Presidential Medal of Freedom and Kennedy Center Honors. She serves on many boards and is the retired National Chairman of the March of Dimes Foundation, for which she raised over \$80 million.

1999's **New England Pell Award** goes to composer/conductor **Gunther Schuller**. In a musical career that continues at a heady pace after fifty-five years, Mr. Schuller crosses styles and periods with facility and authority. In 1959, he gave up principal French horn positions with major symphony orchestras to devote himself to composition and conducting. He has been honored with the Pulitzer Prize (1994), two Guggenheim fellowships, the MacArthur Award (1991), and membership in the American Classical Music Hall of Fame, among other awards. As a conductor, he leads major ensembles in widely varied repertory, in recordings and in performance throughout the world. Mr. Schuller was President of the New England Conservatory of Music from 1967 to 1977. Mr. Schuller has made extensive contributions as an educator, jazz historian, administrator, music publisher, record producer, and author.

Recipients of the 1999 Rhode Island Pell Awards will be announced shortly. Last year's Pell Award recipients were **Arthur Miller**, Lifetime Achievement Award; **Lloyd Richards**, New England Pell Award; and **Malcolm Grear**, **Salvatore Mancini**, and **Paula Vogel**, Rhode Island Pell Awards. 1999 Pell Award sponsors, as of November 10, are Citizens Financial Group, CVS/pharmacy, Fleet Financial Group, The Providence Journal Company, and Textron, Inc. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please call (401) 521-1100 ext. 237.

Now celebrating its 35th season, **Trinity Repertory Company** produces eight plays a year with an acclaimed resident company of actors, some of whom have been at Trinity Rep since its founding. Trinity Rep is also home to a nationally-ranked Conservatory, an MFA program which trains actors,

directors and playwrights, and Project Discovery, a widely respected arts-in-education program which has brought over one million students to attend Trinity Rep main stage productions.

Artistic Director Oskar Eustis, now in his fifth year at Trinity Rep, has a national reputation as a director and dramaturg. Trinity Rep has a subscription audience of over 9,000, a national attendance of over 150,000, and an annual operating budget of over \$5.2 million. A three-year \$10 million campaign is underway to raise funds for incremental operating support, much-needed improvements to Trinity Rep's landmark Lederer Theater home, and retirement of the company's outstanding debt. This campaign has already raised over \$6.5 million, more than any Rhode Island arts organization has ever raised.

At a Glance: The Pell Awards for Excellence in the Arts

Date: April 15, 1999

Time: 6:30pm cocktail reception

7:30pm black tie dinner, followed by awards and special performances

Site: The Rhode Island Convention Center

One Sabin Street, Providence, RI

Tickets: \$250; Patrons, \$500; Sponsor tables, \$2500 and \$5000

Information and Reservations: Kerrie Donahue, Trinity Repertory Company, (401) 521-1100, x237

Author and illustrator of numerous books, and recipient of the Caldecott Medal in 1970, David Macaulay graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1969 with a degree in Architecture. Originally from England, he and his wife Ruthie make their home in Rhode Island where they are expecting their second child. Since the publication of his first work, *Cathedral*, in 1974, Mr. Macaulay has written and illustrated over a dozen books, many of which incorporate his knowledge of architecture. Perhaps his most well known, *The Way Things Work* (1988), was recently joined by its sequel *The New Way Things Work* in 1993. In between books, Mr. Macaulay teaches and lectures.

The Pell Awards were launched three years ago, with a two-fold purpose: to honor Senator Claiborne Pell and to recognize artistic excellence in Rhode Island, New England, and on a national level. The event features a black-tie celebration, including an elegant dinner and spectacular entertainment. Senator Pell has been an exemplary advocate of the arts throughout his lifetime. He sponsored the landmark legislation that established the National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities in 1965, and chaired the Senate Education and Arts subcommittee. He also served a four-year term on the board of Trinity Repertory Company. Senator and Mrs. Claiborne Pell are honorary chairs of the event.

Tickets to the Pell Award Celebration are \$250 each, \$500 for patrons. Proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorships fund the grants awarded to Pell Award winners, with the remaining balance used to support artistic programming at Trinity Rep. Beyond artistic excellence, award criteria include work that significantly advances the art form and contributes to the betterment of the community and the world at large through artistic presence and community service.

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For immediate release: March 24, 1999

Al Franken to Emcee and Lorne Michaels to Present *Live from Providence...It's the Pell Awards!*

The excitement is building for the Pell Awards for Excellence in the Arts. **Al Franken**, one of the founding members of *Saturday Night Live*, will serve as **Master of Ceremonies** and **Lorne Michaels**, producer of NBC's *Saturday Night Live*, will present a Pell Award to set designer **Eugene Lee**. The Pell Awards Celebration, features an elegant dinner, special entertainment, and an awards ceremony, followed by dancing to the fabulous sounds of *The Swing Shift* led by Dick Johnson. It will be held at the RI Convention Center on **April 15th**. This year's Pell Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts, being presented by *60 Minutes'* **Mike Wallace**, goes to soprano and arts administrator **Beverly Sills**. Composer and conductor **Gunther Schuller** will receive the New England Pell award and the Rhode Island recipients are Painter **Bunny Harvey**, set designer **Eugene Lee**, and author and illustrator **David Macaulay**.



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March 29, 1999

Noah Meyer and Carol Beach
FAX: 202-456-2581 and 252-261-3072

Dear Ms. Meyer and Ms. Beach:

Attached is a short and rough outline for the First Lady's video for The Pell Awards for Excellence in the Arts. In the outline, I have included some contact names for Senator Pell and the award winners in case you need more information. Also following are press releases for the event.

I apologize for not having the time to prepare a speech, but the day got away from me. I am, of course, happy to provide any additional information that you might need. I can be reached at 401-521-1100 ext. 237. Thank you again for all of your help and support of the Pell Awards.

Sincerely,

Kerrie Donahue
Assistant Director of Development

Outline of Video for Mrs. Hillary Clinton

Welcome:

Thank you for inviting me to speak this evening at the third Pell Awards for Excellence in the Arts ceremony. It is such an honor for me to say a few words on behalf of my good friend Senator Claiborne Pell and acknowledge the wonderful artistry of Beverly Sills, Gunther Schuller, Bunny Harvey, Eugene Lee, and David Macaulay, tonight's recipients of Pell Awards.

Three years ago, Trinity Repertory Company, in cooperation with Vartan Gregorian and Terry Murray, created the Pell Awards for Excellence in the Arts. This award bearing the name of Rhode Island's much esteemed Senator, Claiborne Pell, was established to recognize artistic excellence in Rhode Island and beyond.

II. Senator Claiborne Pell

(Jan Demers, Senator Pell's assistant: 401-765-5938)

Senator Pell worked to write legislation that established funding for individual artists. He was at the forefront of creating the Senate Subcommittee on the arts, the National Council on the Arts, the National Arts Foundation, and the National Arts and Cultural Development Act of 1964 – that finally led to the legislation, in 1965, creating the National Endowment for the Arts. Since that time the NEA has signaled encouragement to artists and to America's culture. Claiborne, your dedication to supporting arts and culture in our country is unparalleled and we thank you.

III. Recognition of Beverly Sills, Pell Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts

recipient (See press release) Beverly Sills assistant: Doris O'Connell 212-875-5111

IV. Recognition of the New England Pell Award Recipient (See press release)

Gunther Schuller: Mr. Schuller's Agent: John Gingrich 212-799-5080

V. Recognition of three Rhode Island Pell Award Recipients

Bunny Harvey: 331-0757

David Macaulay: 254-7400

Eugene Lee: 331-1519

Closing

Tonight we continue a tradition of recognizing individual artists in honor of the person who brought us where we are today with the presentation of the Pell Awards for Excellence in the Arts.

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