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THE WHITE HOUSE

May 24, 1999

Honorable Donna E. Shalala  
Secretary of Health and Human Services  
Washington, D. C. 20201

Dear Donna:

Thank you for your letter inviting me to speak at the SAMHSA Second National Conference on Women. I appreciate your thinking of me and have forwarded a copy of your letter to my scheduling office for consideration.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Hillary*

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Cc: Pattis Solis Doyle  
Director of Scheduling

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**Sunday, June 27 – Wednesday, June 30, 1999**



## **SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN** **Life Pathways: Women Healing, Thriving, and Celebrating**

Presented by SAMHSA in partnership with HRSA, NIH, CDC, PHS OWH,  
and other Federal Agencies

**Wilshire Grand (formerly the Omni Los Angeles Hotel & Centre)**  
**930 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA**

## **SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN** **Life Pathways: Women Healing, Thriving, and Celebrating** Sunday, June 27 – Wednesday, June 30, 1999

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THIS EXCITING CONFERENCE!**  
**Complete and return the attached Registration Form.**

**Who Should Attend:** *Those who will benefit from the innovative solutions presented at this conference include:*

- Health and Social Service Providers, Planners, Researchers, and Policy Makers
- Employee Assistance Program Staff and Administrators
- Business Community, Corporate, and Foundation Representatives
- Faith Community Representatives
- Criminal Justice Representatives
- Housing Representatives
- Representatives from Family, Community, and Women's Organizations
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Consumers, Survivors, Friends, and Family Members

**Conference Goals:**

- To increase the interest and commitment to women's issues within the health and social service arenas
- To apply knowledge developed by the health service field to improve service delivery for women and their families
- To stimulate consultation, share best practices and networking across disciplines in order to expand opportunities to improve women's health and well-being.

**Lodging:** A block of rooms has been obtained for our attendees at the Wilshire Grand hotel (formerly the Omni Los Angeles). Our special conference rate will match the GSA lodging rate for Los Angeles (currently \$109/single, inclusive of taxes). The rate will be adjusted to meet the forthcoming 1999 GSA schedule. **To make your reservation, call the hotel directly (213-688-7777) and indicate that you will attend the "Second National Conference on Women."** The hotel will require a one night deposit at the time you make your reservation.

**Conference Registration and CEU credits:** Please see the Registration form for information on CEU credits, registration costs, and how to register. **BE SURE TO REGISTER BEFORE MAY 14, 1999 TO GET THE "EARLY BIRD" RATE.**

**VISIT THE SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN WEBSITE AT [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)**

## Life Pathways: Women Healing, Thriving, and Celebrating

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The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a component of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, in partnership with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Public Health Service's Office on Women's Health (PHS OWH), and other Federal agencies, presents the Second National Conference on Women, Life Pathways: Women Healing, Thriving, and Celebrating, June 27–30, 1999 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

The conference will provide a forum in which individuals and organizations dedicated to promoting, maintaining and sustaining health and well-being in women, their families, and communities can share experiences and discuss new and challenging ideas about health and social services and integrated networks of care. In four value-packed days, you will hear from leading visionaries and policy makers who will encourage you to explore key issues facing women today. You will return home with new contacts, new enthusiasm, and many new ideas to use immediately.

### MAJOR CONFERENCE ISSUE AREAS

- Wellness for all Ages
- Women and their Families
- HIV/AIDS
- Women and the Workplace
- Access to Healthcare
- Violence Against Women
- Research on Women's Issues
- Girls and Women in Institutional Settings (e.g., Criminal Justice, Foster Care, Mental Health Facilities)
- Models of Cultural Competence
- Focus on Youth
- Public Policy Issues of Interest to Women
- Resource Expansion
- Senior Women's Issues

### EXHIBITION

The Second National Conference on Women will feature more than 6000 sq. ft. of exhibits relating to women and their health and well-being. The exhibit area is located on the same level as the meeting rooms and will be a focal point of interest during the conference. Please contact Rebecca Dopkin at the Conference Logistics Office (address and phone at bottom of this page) if you would like information about how you can purchase one of the 8' x 10' booths before they are sold out!

### CALL FOR SESSIONS

SAMHSA invites you to participate in developing the program for this conference by completing and returning the "Call for Sessions" submission form, located in the center of this flyer. Submissions will be used to design plenary sessions, pre-conference symposia, workshops and poster sessions.

**Plenary Sessions** will occur throughout the conference independent of other sessions and will highlight major conference themes and goals. With few exceptions, plenary speakers will be invited by the conference sponsors. It is possible, however, that presentations received through the "Call for Sessions" will be asked to present in a plenary session.

**Pre-Conference Symposia** are theme-based sessions which usually feature a high level of interchange among participants and speakers. Symposia will be 1 1/2 hours in length, and will be concurrent sessions offered to participants on the afternoon of Sunday, June 27, prior to the official start of the conference.

**Workshops** are knowledge sharing or skill-building sessions in which learning objectives are presented and achieved. The level of discussion and participation between speakers and attendees varies, depending on the presentation format. All workshops will be concurrent sessions that will be 1 1/2 hours in length and feature a moderator. Continuing education credits may be given for workshops meeting the requirements of accreditation organizations.

**Poster Sessions** are graphic representations of the poster author's report. The authors illustrate their project or findings by displaying graphs, photos, diagrams and a small amount of text on the poster boards. Authors will hold discussions with conference participants during designated poster discussion times.

Conference Logistics Office:

#### Second National Conference on Women

c/o Courtesy Associates  
2000 L St., NW, Suite 710  
Washington, DC 20036  
Phone: 202-973-8657 or toll free: 1-877-279-1539  
Fax: 202-331-0111 E-mail: women@courtesyassoc.com

# REGISTRATION FORM

## Life Pathways: Women Healing, Thriving, and Celebrating

Los Angeles, CA

Sunday, June 27 – Wednesday, June 30, 1999

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE** (\*\* indicates information which will appear on your badge)

First name \*\* \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Degrees\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ State \*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION:** Advance registrations will be accepted at the Conference Logistics Office only until June 11, 1999. **After June 11, attendees may register onsite**, beginning Sunday, June 27, at the Wilshire Grand Hotel. Advance registrants will receive a confirmation letter.

If paying by credit card, your credit card will be charged when your registration form is received and processed. Credit card charges for registration fees will be listed as Courtesy Associates on your monthly statement. **Federal Tax ID Number: 53-0230693.**

**REGISTRATION FEES:** Early bird registration (received by May 14, 1999): **\$ 160**  
Conference registration (after May 14, 1999) **\$ 185**

**REFUND POLICY:** Refunds (less \$25 cancellation fee) will only be given for cancellations received by June 11, 1999.

**INDICATE FORM AND AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ENCLOSED** (in USD payable to Courtesy Associates) Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check

☐ Purchase Order

☐ Credit card (AMEX / Visa / Mastercard)

Credit Card or Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Do you have any special needs (e.g., dietary or Americans with Disability Act requirements)?

☐ Yes Specify: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ No

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** If you have completed and returned an Application for Financial Assistance, please indicate the type of assistance you have requested: ☐ registration ☐ lodging ☐ travel

## PRE-CONFERENCE SURVEY

**Major Area of Responsibility/Personal Interest:** Please choose the one which most closely describes your interest:

☐ Criminal Justice

☐ Educator

☐ Counselor (type) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Health Care Delivery

☐ Researcher

☐ Health Financing/Managed Care

☐ Human/Social Service Delivery

☐ Consumer/Survivor/Family Member

☐ Member of Clergy

☐ Private Industry

☐ Student

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Government Agency Representative: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ City/Local

**Conference Issues:** Please **mark the three** Conference Issues which interest you the most:

☐ Wellness for all Ages

☐ Access to Healthcare

☐ Public Policy Issues

☐ Women and their Families

☐ Violence Against Women

☐ Resource Expansion

☐ HIV/AIDS

☐ Models of Cultural Competence

☐ Senior Women's Issues

☐ Women and the Workplace

☐ Focus on Youth

☐ Research on Women's Issues

☐ Girls and Women in Institutional Settings (e.g., Criminal Justice, Foster Care, Mental Health Facilities)

**Continuing Education:** Are you interested in receiving CEUs for attending this conference? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate the area in which you would like to receive continuing education unit credits: \_\_\_\_\_

**Be sure to keep a copy of your registration form for your reference!**

**Return form to:**

**Second National Conference on Women**

c/o Courtesy Associates

2000 L St., NW, Suite 710, Washington, DC 20036

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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Individual participants may apply for financial assistance to offset conference lodging, registration, and/or travel costs. Financial assistance will be made based on demonstration of need and availability of funds. There is a limited amount of funding available, but your participation is important and efforts to provide assistance will be made. **Priority will be given to individuals presenting at the conference who demonstrate need; individuals from community based organizations with limited funding; persons who represent consumer or advocacy groups with limited funds; students; and consumers/survivors/family members.** If you need financial assistance in order to attend the conference, please review the following information and complete the Financial Assistance Application. You will be notified as to whether or not you will be granted funding prior to the conference.

### CATEGORIES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### Registration

Individuals requesting assistance for registration must complete and return the conference registration form with this application.

#### Lodging

A maximum of three nights lodging may be provided per person. Recipients are responsible for incidental charges such as telephone calls, room service charges, movie rental, laundry, etc. Participants who receive financial assistance may be asked to share a room. Roommate and smoking preferences will be accommodated when possible.

#### Travel

Financial assistance funds may be provided to offset a portion of your travel expenses. Travel arrangements will be made by the Conference Logistics Office.

### DEADLINES

To be considered for financial assistance, the Financial Assistance Application and Conference Registration forms must be completed and **faxed or mailed to the Conference Logistics Office by February 22, 1999.** Your registration will not be processed until final disposition of your financial assistance request. **You will receive notification of available financial assistance no later than March 29, 1999.**

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### APPLICATION

To apply for financial assistance, please complete and return this application with your Conference registration form no later than February 22, 1999. All forms must be either typed or printed in black ink. Failure to return all completed forms will result in elimination from consideration for assistance.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate what type of assistance you are requesting. You must complete registration form and submit with application.

☐ **Registration**

☐ **Lodging** Please indicate roommate preference, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Travel** Travel will be arranged by the conference logistics contractor.

Please specify preferred mode of travel (air, automobile, train, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Will you receive funding assistance from any other source? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide a brief explanation on why assistance is being requested: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

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# CALL FOR SESSIONS

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 22, 1999.**

**PRESENTERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MARCH 15, 1999.**

### Guidelines

- Submission form (both sides) must be completely filled in and returned for consideration. Please type or print in black ink.
- Only one proposal per form. To submit more than one proposal, please duplicate the form or contact the Conference Office to obtain additional forms.
- If you have questions about your submission content or the conference program, please contact Pamela Perry, SAMHSA, 301-443-7625, [pperry@samhsa.gov](mailto:pperry@samhsa.gov).
- Mail or fax your submission form (both sides) to:

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**Presentation Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please limit to 8 words

**Session Type** (circle one):

**Didactic** — Speaker(s) present material to audience; minimal interaction, perhaps in the form of questions and answers

**Interactive** — Some material is presented, group discussion on topic(s), cross-conversation between presenters and attendees is encouraged

**Experiential** — Audience is substantively engaged throughout, some participation is anticipated/expected

**Working Meeting** — Attendees are expected to fully participate in discussion, working groups, and possibly the creation of a written product or the planning of a course of action.

### Chairperson / Lead Presenter:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Degrees/Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary area of interest and/or expertise: \_\_\_\_\_

### Co-Presenter:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Degrees/Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary area of interest and/or expertise: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach additional pages if necessary.

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## Call for Sessions, continued

Please provide a description of your presentation in 40 words or less: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ISSUE AREA** Indicate the issue area which best describes your presentation. Sample topics are provided for your reference

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| <b>Wellness for all Ages</b>                     | life skills development; healing the healer; celebrating women's strengths; health education                                       |
| <b>Women and their Families</b>                  | family functioning; caregiver issues; children's issues; housing                                                                   |
| <b>HIV/AIDS</b>                                  | intersection with substance abuse and mental illness; relation to STDs and reproductive health                                     |
| <b>Women and Work</b>                            | welfare to work issues; employee assistance programs; climbing the corporate ladder; changing careers                              |
| <b>Access to Healthcare</b>                      | managed care; epidemiology; screening methods; disability issues; financing and delivery                                           |
| <b>Violence Against Women</b>                    | Assessment, treatment, and prevention; safety and self-sufficiency; workplace violence; State-based trauma response strategies     |
| <b>Research on Women's Issues</b>                | workplace stress interventions; prevention and treatment strategies for women with co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness |
| <b>Girls and Women in Institutional Settings</b> | female offenders, children in foster care, girls and women in mental health facilities                                             |
| <b>Models of Cultural Competence</b>             | culturally sensitive care, immigrant issues                                                                                        |
| <b>Focus on Youth</b>                            | prevention strategies, teen pregnancy, race/ethnicity as a factor in eating disorders                                              |
| <b>Public Policy Issues of Interest to Women</b> | legislation and advocacy to support women in their multiple roles                                                                  |
| <b>Resource Expansion</b>                        | agency development, community and professional collaboration and linkages, strategic planning, benchmarking for women's health     |
| <b>Senior Women's Issues</b>                     | supportive services, elder abuse, primary and mental health care issues; alcohol and substance abuse                               |

### Chairperson/Lead Presenter Agreement:

Should this presentation be accepted, I/we agree to the following:

1. As lead presenter, I will be provided with complimentary registration for the Second National Conference on Women. My co-presenter will be responsible for purchasing her/his own conference registration.
2. My co-presenter and I are responsible for our own travel, lodging and incidental costs related to this presentation.
3. If applicable, as the lead presenter, I accept responsibility for coordinating my session with my co-presenter.
4. I will present my session in person at the conference.
5. I will respond in a timely manner to requests for additional information.
6. I have contacted the co-presenter listed on this submission form. My co-presenter agrees to participate in this session subject to the stated conditions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 22, 1999.**

See "Guidelines" section for submission address or fax number.

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**Office of First Lady Scheduling**  
**Scheduling Request**

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| <b>Organization:</b><br><i>Child Welfare League of America</i>                                                                                                                                |                            |
| <b>Requesting:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meet/Greet <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Letter (Greeting)<br><b>Other:</b> |                            |
| <b>Event:</b><br><i>Send-off Dinner/Celebration</i>                                                                                                                                           |                            |
| <b>Date of Event:</b> <i>June 12</i>                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Location:</b> <i>DC</i> |
| <b>Contact:</b> <i>Ann Jordan</i>                                                                                                                                                             |                            |
| <b>Recommended By:</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |                            |

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March 18, 1999

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

David Liederman has been an outspoken advocate for children for decades, from his early days as the first commissioner of the Massachusetts State Office for Children through his 15 years as executive director of the Child Welfare League of America. Before David leaves CWLA in June to take on a new challenge with the New York City-based Council on Accreditation, we will honor him for all he's done through the years for abused, neglected, abandoned and otherwise vulnerable children and their families.

We invite you to be part of this celebration, which will be held on Saturday, June 12, at The Grand Hyatt Hotel on H Street N.W. If you can attend and present remarks about David's work in behalf of children, we will be honored. You would be joining other special guests from child welfare, Congress, academia, the corporate world and David's own family, each of whom will give brief testimony to his commitment and achievements during a long and distinguished career as an administrator and spokesperson for the children the nation's child welfare system serves.

The send-off dinner will be an upbeat, happy occasion for us to recount some of David's many accomplishments, share funny moments and memories, and celebrate his years of commitment and achievement for kids. The record shows that he has taken CWLA from an association of 290 members to one that today has more than 1,000 members--public and private, not-for-profit agencies that directly help vulnerable children and their families. Under his leadership, the CWLA budget has grown from \$3 million to more than \$16 million, and a staff of just over 30 has grown to a staff that exceeds 130. More important than those numbers, however, is the inventory of legislation, special programs, coalitions and projects that he has been associated with--the sum total of which contributed enormously to the selection of CWLA by *Parenting Magazine* as one of the nation's top 10 charities that make a difference in the lives of children and families.

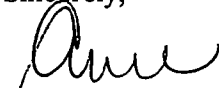
First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

March 18, 1999

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I do hope you can be with us for this very special tribute to a very special person. If you are able to, your remarks would be made just after 8:00 p.m., as the evening will include a reception at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. and the program from 8:00-9:00 p.m. Please let me know of your availability at the earliest opportunity, so that we can finalize plans for this celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann".

Ann Jordan

Vice President



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June 4, 1999

Noa Meyer  
Researcher for the First Lady  
Office of the First Lady  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Noa:

Attached please find the proposed script for Mrs. Clinton's video presentation for David Liederman's appreciation dinner. The dinner is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 1999 at 6:00pm at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC. We anticipate approximately 300 people to attend including: child welfare agency CEO's, board members, capitol hill staff, representatives from other child advocacy groups (Marian Wright Edelman is one of the featured speakers), and David's family and friends. I have attached for your information a fact sheet on the Child Welfare League of America.

If you need additional information, please let me know. I can be reached at 202/942-0248.

Sincerely,

  
Shirley Marcus Allen  
Deputy Director

-attachments-

Hello, David! I truly wish I could be there tonight to greet you and your guests in person, because you and CWLA stand for the work that's closest to my heart: protecting children and strengthening families. You know I believe that it takes a village to raise a child, but I also believe that villages take many forms. In our national village of people who devote their lives to surrounding children with care, you're one of the headmen, David—a quintessential child advocate and a chief among chiefs.

*national*  
You've spent 15 years with CWLA advocating at the national level for policies that can build healthy villages, where children and families thrive. The President and I have shared CWLA's goals in countless areas since we came to Washington: family leave, quality child care, the Earned Income Tax Credit, full-service community schools, adoption, family unification, and most recently, the transition to independence for young people who leave the child welfare system. We've valued your support, and occasionally your challenge to do better. Your passion is contagious, David, and so is your good sense. This country is a saner place because of it.

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fort,*  
On the local level, you've worked tirelessly to challenge CWLA's member agencies—which now number over 1,000, I understand—to bring their communities together into nurturing villages for children. CWLA's vision, if I understand it correctly, would weave public and private, local and national, individual and organizational efforts together into a seamless web of care that supports our troubled families and draws out their own strengths and resources. I certainly share that vision. We haven't realized it yet—not by a long shot—but we think we're closer than we were seven years ago. We're definitely closer than we would have been without CWLA and David Liederman.

I know you're not really retiring, David—just moving on to the next assignment. Still this is a great occasion for looking back at the difference your leadership has made. You've succeeded because you've been focused as well as committed, patiently making the same points over and over until somebody listens. (On some points nobody ever does, I know; we have the same experience at the White House.) David, we're grateful to you for your persistent passion, for your commitment over the long haul. We appreciate all the times you've helped bring issues to our attention. I wish you well as you move back to New York, but I want you to know, as long as we're in the

White House, you're always welcome there. I'll be eternally grateful for your national leadership and your personal friendship, and I wish you well in your new role at the Council on Accreditation.

# CWLA FACT SHEET

The Child Welfare League of America

**ORIGINS** The Child Welfare League of America traces its beginnings to the 1909 White House Conference on the Care of Dependent Children, which resulted in recommendations to establish the United States Children's Bureau and a national organization of child-helping agencies and institutions. Eventually, proposals to develop a national organization were put forth, and they led in 1920 to the birth of CWLA, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that opened its doors in New York City on January 2, 1921.

**WHO WE ARE** CWLA is an association of more than 1,000 public and not-for-profit agencies that directly help three million at-risk children and youths and their families. Member agencies are involved with prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect, and they provide various services in addition to child protection--kinship care, family foster care, adoption, positive youth development programs, residential group care, child day care, family centered practice, and teen pregnancy prevention/ teen parenting programs. Other concerns of member agencies include health care/managed care, child mental health, chemical dependency, housing and homelessness, and HIV/AIDS. For all those areas, CWLA has program experts who consult, train and otherwise assist agencies to advance their practice.

CWLA establishes standards of excellence as goals for child welfare practice. The public policy staff concentrates on passage of federal legislation to protect abused and neglected children, strengthen vulnerable families, and break the link between child abuse and juvenile crime. CWLA is the largest publisher of child welfare materials in the country, is involved extensively in consulting with governmental and voluntary child welfare organizations on improving services to at-risk children and families, and convenes numerous conferences, seminars and training sessions throughout the year.

Since 1984, CWLA has been based in Washington, D.C. In addition to the headquarters, CWLA has regional offices in Los Angeles, Chicago and Boston. Staff numbers 135 and the annual budget is approximately \$16 million. The organization is supported by member dues, foundation grants, corporate and individual contributions, consultation fees, investment income, conference fees and publication sales.

**WHAT CWLA OFFERS ITS MEMBERS** Members participate in the governance of CWLA; are eligible for grants and scholarships; receive financial support for all costs related to accreditation; get free or reduced rates for consultations and reduced rates for conferences and training sessions; are sent copies of all CWLA publications; and are eligible for various national recognition awards. CWLA's Business Resource Center offers members a wide range of discounted merchandise and services, such as furniture, executive job searches and agency insurance programs.

Members can participate on national task forces and committees studying issues that include kinship care and family foster care, the effects of alcohol and drug abuse on children and families, homelessness, culturally responsive child welfare practice, managed care and research in child welfare. CWLA's International Division provides opportunities for the study of child welfare issues in other countries.

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**To:** Ms. Noa Myer **Date:** June 3, 1999  
**Fax #:** (202) 456-2581 **Pages:** 7, including this cover sheet.  
**From:** Erin Kraabel  
**Subject:** First Lady Video Request

### COMMENTS:

The attached are materials, previously forwarded to Ms. Evan Ryan, requested concerning our video request for a video from the First Lady.

The video will be aired at a gala celebration on Thursday, June 17, 1999, in Indianapolis, Indiana, in honor of Mrs. Rosa Parks being awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

Information previously not included:

The video will be aired during the 7 p.m. Celebration Program before a sold-out crowd of 1800 attendees. Attendees include the general public who have purchased tickets (ranging from \$25-\$100 — proceeds to go to the Raymond and Rosa Parks Foundation) to attend the event.

Please let me know how soon we can get this video once completed. It will be included in a series of videos that include Congresswoman Julia Carson. I will get back with you with additional names.

Thank you for your assistance.

# MEMO

**To:** Ms. Evan Ryan, Office of the First Lady  
**From:** Erin Kraabel, Office of Congresswoman Julia Carson  
**Subject:** First Lady Video Request  
**Date:** June 2, 1999

The following is information on the event for which a video from the First Lady is requested (I have attached a letter of invite providing additional information):

**Event:** Black Tie Gala Celebration honoring Mrs. Rosa Parks, and her awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal

**Date:** Thursday, June 17, 1999

**Time:** 6:00 pm Corporate Donors' Reception (donations made payable to the *Raymond and Rosa Parks Foundation* -- a 501C-3 tax exempt foundation -- I have attached brief information on this foundation)

7:00 pm Celebration Program

**Location:** Stephen Hilbert Theater on the Circle, Indianapolis, Indiana

Tape format requested: VHS

Attached is a *draft* two-minute script for your review.

Please forward any questions regarding the video request, including collection of payment to Erin Kraabel at (202) 225-4011.

Thank you for your assistance.

***Draft Script for the First Lady  
For Video Presentation at Gala in Honor of Mrs. Rosa Parks***

Thank you Congresswoman Carson for your leadership, your vision, and for the dedication that you have shown in getting the Congress to do what should have been done long ago: honoring Rosa Parks in this very special way. And, thank you for bringing us all here this evening to celebrate Mrs. Parks' life and achievements.

Rosa Parks is receiving the Congressional Gold Medal because of her commitment to justice and equality, not just for African-Americans, but for all people, and for the courage to refuse to bow to oppression.

On December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks boarded a public bus, took a seat, and began a remarkable journey. Her action that day was, in itself, a simple one; but it required uncommon courage. By sitting down, Rosa Parks was standing up. With dignity, with pride, and with one simple defining act, she began a nonviolent revolution that swept across America and swept aside the segregation that divided us for generations into two nations, one black and one white.

Her refusal to yield to injustice that day dealt a stinging rebuke to those who denied the dignity and restricted the rights of African Americans. It was an inspiration to all Americans struggling together to shed the prejudices of the past and to build a better future. Rosa Parks' short bus trip, and all the distance she has traveled in the years since, have brought the American people ever closer to the promised land that we know our nation can truly be.

Rosa Parks' courage ignited a movement. An ordinary citizen, she performed an extraordinary act that transformed America forever.

To Mrs. Parks, I say thank you for not moving to the back of the bus. Thank you for a lifetime of service to humanity.

I am grateful for this opportunity to personally express my gratitude for your courage and vision.



JULIA CARSON  
UNITED STATES CONGRESS

June 2, 1999

Sent via Fax

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton  
First Lady of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Divine Intervention inspired me to introduce a bill, H.R. 573, which authorizes the award of the Congressional Gold Medal to Mrs. Rosa Parks. The bill was passed by the House and Senate and signed by the President.

Rosa Parks stands brightly for the idea that the power of the good of one ordinary person can multiply through the years until it becomes a force beyond denial. In her simple defiance of long-standing laws of division that day, on that bus in Montgomery, she helped to give birth to a force of magnificent moment for America.

The movement for civil rights, met at first with angry and violent resistance, soon developed the power of a great wind, rising to sweep the land clean of layers of cruel law designed to divide Americans on account of race. In the years since those turbulent times, we have made great progress in becoming a stronger and more nearly unified nation, with powerful energy flowing from the liberation of our people, regardless of race. For this record of democratic accomplishment, and the benefit it confers upon the country, we owe a great deal to Rosa Park's decision to keep her seat and stand her ground.

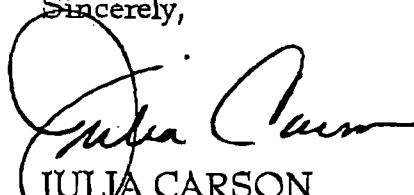
Rosa Parks will soon be honored with the award of our nation's highest civil decoration: the Congressional Gold Medal. We are honored by her visit to Indianapolis on June 17 for a black tie gala celebration of her life and its meaning.

I know that you would want the opportunity to be counted among those who share a sense of the importance of her story and of this moment in history, with appreciation for how far America has come with her help. Because of your own personal lifetime achievements, your personal participation in this event will make it all the more poignant and special for Mrs. Parks.

Please have your staff contact Ms. Erin Kraabel, of my staff, at (202) 225-4011 for additional information.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,



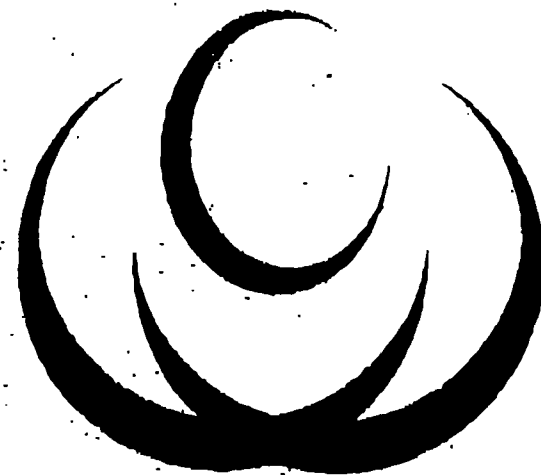
JULIA CARSON  
Member of Congress

## **X. VERNON JARRETT ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM**

Vernon Jarrett is a well-known columnist for the Chicago Tribune. In 1975, Mr. Jarrett was present when Civil Rights leaders from all over the world celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Montgomery bus boycott. Mr. Jarrett sought out these "forgotten heroes" and interviewed them for a series of articles that were printed in the Chicago Tribune. Youth are taught the Vernon Jarrett style of preparedness, respect, and enthusiasm in interviewing senior citizens.

The Rosa Parks Institute for Self Development encourages chapter affiliation in the Americas. For more information, please contact:

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## MISSION

To encourage youth to reach their highest potential through the Rosa and Raymond Parks philosophy of "Quiet Strength." Quiet Strength incorporates life skills that demonstrate dignity with pride, courage with perseverance, and power with discipline in a comfortable environment of peace.

## PURPOSE

The Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, co-founded in 1987 by Mrs. Rosa L. Parks and Ms. Elaine Eason Steele in honor of Raymond Parks (1903-1977). Its purpose is to motivate youth, ages 11-17, to reach their highest potential. Volunteers from professional technical and domestic experiences are trained to share their knowledge and skills with enthusiasm and excitement. Self, peer and generational respect is strongly encouraged. The following programs are developed to meet the needs of the community.

**PATHWAYS TO FREEDOM THEME'.** Where Have We Been?  
Where Are We Going?

### I. PATHWAYS LOCAL PROGRAM

Incorporates selected portions of the Rosa Parks Institute's self-development programs into other youth centers and organizations throughout the world. Includes year round overall preparation for the Freedom Ride Tour.

### II. FREEDOM RIDE - NATIONAL

Brings together youth from all over the world that are participants of various Pathways Local Programs. Up to thirty-one days of historical and educational research, and the freedom ride across the United States and Canada, tracing the underground railroad into the civil rights movement and beyond. *Participants must be a part of a local Rosa Parks Pathways Program.*

### III. PATHWAYS REGIONAL PROGRAM

More than twelve days of a historical and educational research freedom ride, bus through many cities, tracing the underground railroad into the civil rights movement and beyond. *Participants must be a part of a local Rosa Parks Pathways Program.*

### IV. PATHWAYS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

Every two years, Pathway alumni students; fourteen years or older will perform historical and educational research on the continent of Africa and through other international travels.

### V. ADISA FOLUKE TRAINING CENTER

*Required for National, Regional and International Tour Participation.* Preparation of trainers, chaperones, presenters and facilitators in the Rosa Parks philosophy of "Quiet Strength," with the excep-

ment, energy and commitment of Adisa Foluké. The Tutorial Service, Speakers Bureau and Art Appreciation Program are all a part of the Center.

### VI. PATHWAYS TO PREVENTION

Health rules and standards to prevent substance abuse are presented to youth with a no-nonsense approach. Sports and proper nutrition are encouraged through this licensed program.

### VII. PATHWAYS TO FREEDOM SCHOOL

A Program developed from the Children's Defense Funds reading enrichment program for youth K-12 in the philosophy of "Quiet Strength". Trained professionals and interns teach life skills and assist youth in increasing their reading comprehension levels.

### VIII. NATIONAL BANK OF PATHWAYS

Youth develop banking skills through savings and investment. The students learn budget management and how to set financial goals.

### IX. THE ROSA PARKS LEARNING CENTER

Youth mentor seniors, in computer basics, in a peaceful environment within their local communities. Students are trained to work with seniors through the Pathways to Freedom program.

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**To:** Ms. Even Ryan **Date:** June 2, 1999  
**Fax #:** (202) 456-5340 **Pages:** 8, including this cover sheet.  
**From:** Erin Kraabel  
**Subject:** First Lady Video Request

### COMMENTS:

Attached is the information that you requested concerning our request for a video from the First Lady.

Please review and contact me if you need additional information.

Thank you for your assistance.

# ALLIANCE FOR YOUNG ARTISTS & WRITERS, INC.

THE SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS, FOUNDED 1923

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November 16, 1998

Ms. Melanne Verveer  
Office of the First Lady  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer,

We are still glowing from the tremendous success of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, celebrated last June with so much help from the First Lady. In an effort to build upon that success, preparations are already underway for the events of 1999.

For the past four years, the First Lady's videotaped welcome address has been a highlight of our National Awards Ceremony, so I am writing to request that she honor our award-winners again next year. The event is scheduled to take place at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, June 19, 1999 from 10:00am-12:00noon.

Building upon the more than 75-year history of The Scholastic Awards, the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers supports not only aspiring creative talent, but the development of arts literacy for all children. The First Lady's participation will offer vital support for our mission as well as for the accomplishments of America's exceptionally gifted young people.

We expect more than 2,500 people—students from across the country, their families, teachers and friends, as well as other supporters of these awards programs and representatives of the media—to attend. Plans for next year's event include live performances, a cast of celebrities and renowned alumni of The Scholastic Awards.

Enclosed please find some information about the Alliance and The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. A full schedule of events planned for the Awards weekend will be provided as soon as plans are confirmed. Thank you very much for your help on behalf of the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

B.J. Adler  
Executive Director

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Mrs. Clinton Congratulations Video for KC Awards Ceremony

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Good morning and welcome to Washington, DC. It is an honor for me to congratulate the winners of The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for 1999.

The images you created and the words you have written are powerful examples of the spirit and creativity of our nation's youth. In the years to come you will interpret and inspire the world as artists, writers, filmmakers, urban planners, web and graphic designers, journalists, photographers and gratefully, as teachers and parents.

Your achievements remind us of the vital role the arts play in all our lives and renews our commitment to ensuring that arts programs are available to young people all over this country. As adults, it is our responsibility to make certain that the creative spirit we honor here today will always have an opportunity to be heard, seen and read.

As winners of the Scholastic Art and Writing Award, you follow in the footsteps of some of the greatest artistic talents of this century. Past winners of the Scholastic award include Richard Avedon; Joyce Carol Oates, Truman Capote; Joyce Maynard and Robert Redford.

I commend your parents, teachers and sponsors of this important award for encouraging and supporting you.

It is now my pleasure to introduce the 1999 Scholastic Art & Writing Award winners. I ask them to stand and face the audience. Please join me in applauding their exceptional achievements.

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+ how we help  
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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON  
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS TO  
1999 SCHOLASTIC ARTS & WRITING AWARDS  
WASHINGTON, DC  
JUNE 19, 1999**

Good Morning. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards here at the Kennedy Center. I want to thank the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, its board of directors and its sponsors for making this Award possible. And I want to ~~heartily~~ <sup>to not only</sup> congratulate this year's award winners, ~~as well as their families, teachers and all those who~~ <sup>everyone. but to</sup> encouraged these young artists and made their achievements possible. ~~w/o who ss~~ <sup>made</sup> ~~touch back have positive~~

It is a special pleasure for me to address you today because ~~at the turn of the~~ <sup>As we approach a</sup> new century, ~~and a new millennium~~ <sup>this</sup> I sincerely believe these young talents represent one of the most valuable assets of our nation. ~~our cause~~ <sup>artists of young artists</sup> Not only do today's award winners give voice to our country's diversity, to the unique experience of what it means to ~~live in~~ <sup>be an</sup> America in the late twentieth century, but creativity such as theirs is our greatest hope for the future.

As our world becomes smaller and our nation grows more interconnected with those around us, the creative arts are becoming one of America's greatest advantages, a vital engine of renewal for the next century. Indeed, in the twenty-first century, our world will become increasingly fast-paced and competitive. And in that future world, as in the past, the creative arts and the imagination and ingenuity they embody will drive major achievements. The visions they represent will paint the face of the next century.

To our young and talented winners, I would like to say that America depends on you to foster your talents, to pursue your highest aims and dreams. In addition, the creative arts -- whether visual, musical or written -- serve as a bridge across cultures, both at home and abroad. They allow us to touch one another, to understand the depths of our common experience. The creative arts represent the finest flower of our humanity, and these award winners, who follow in the footsteps of many illustrious prior honorees, must be encouraged, both privately and publicly, to take this award as a launching pad for ever greater achievement, as a vote of confidence in their exceptional ability.

So now let us all take this moment to applaud these 1999 Scholastic Art & Writing Award Winners. I wish you the greatest future success.

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③ In a nation as diverse as ours, the arts remind us of the common values that bind us together as one people. The arts help us transcend political, religious, racial and ethnic divisions by helping us to understand one another -- through prose, poetry, sculpture, photography and ~~other~~ <sup>all forms</sup> of artistic expression.

④ For more than 200 years, our country has depended on artists and writers to help enrich American cultural life and advance the ideals of democracy. As we approach a new century ~~the~~ millennium it is these young artists and writers who represent some of our most valuable ~~assets~~ <sup>strengths</sup> as a nation.

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON**  
**VIDEOTAPE REMARKS FOR**  
**THE 75TH ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS CEREMONY**  
**JUNE 10, 1998**

Good Morning. It is my pleasure to welcome you to Washington and to the 75th Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. I want to thank the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, its Board of Directors, and its national sponsors for making this celebration possible. And I want to congratulate all the award winners and their families and teachers.

Today, you stand on the shoulders of millions of other young people, who, for 75 years, have been recognized by Scholastic for their outstanding talent. You stand on the shoulders of artists and writers like Richard Avedon, Truman Capote, Joyce Maynard, Joyce Carol Oates, Sylvia Plath, Robert Redford, and Andy Warhol. I hope you are very proud of all you've accomplished.

Like those who came before you, your success is a product of skill and commitment. It's a product of family members and teachers who nurtured your interests and encouraged you to travel as far as your dreams would take you. And it's a product of our nation's support for the arts.

For over 200 years, the arts have helped shape America, enriching our cultural life, expressing our diversity, and breathing life into our democratic ideals. Through prose and poetry, sculpture and painting, we can see the world through others' eyes. We can celebrate the past and imagine the future.

And as we approach the Millennium, we must continue to support the arts, individually and collectively, publicly and privately. That is the best gift we can make to your future as artists and writers...and our future as a nation.

It is now my great honor to introduce the 1998 Scholastic Art & Writing Award winners.

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON  
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR  
THE 1997 SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS**

It is my pleasure to congratulate the 1997 recipients of The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, their families, and their teachers, and to welcome each of you to our nation's capital.

I join you in thanking the Alliance of Young Artists & Writers, its Board of Directors and its national sponsors for their efforts to encourage and reward young people who display uncommon artistic and writing talent. I also want to commend the teachers, parents, and mentors for the time and energy they give to support and nurture these students in their creative pursuits.

The works of art and writing that we recognize today and which are on exhibit at the Corcoran Gallery of Art embody the highest levels of achievement among our nation's young artists and writers.

Not only are they superb aesthetic accomplishments, they are contributions to our nation's enduring culture. For more than 200 years, our country has depended on artists and writers to help enrich American cultural life and advance the ideals of democracy. These young men and women are the guardians of a great national tradition, one that will be more essential than ever as we enter a new and challenging century. Through art and writing, through images and ideas, we learn to see the world through others' eyes. We gain a greater knowledge of the community around us and a deeper appreciation of the rich diversity that has made this nation great.

As the world changes at break-neck speed, enriching our nation's cultural life remains vital to advancing our democracy and strengthening the values of freedom, tolerance, opportunity, and community that we and generations before us have come to cherish. Far from a luxury, the arts deserve our support -- our support as individual citizens, organizations, businesses, and as a nation. By investing in the potential of young artists and writers such as those honored today, we will energize America's intellectual and cultural life far into the future, and secure our nation's place as the world's leader in promoting peace, harmony, prosperity, and progress.

Congratulations to you all and best wishes for a successful -- and creative -- future.

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**First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton**  
**Videotaped Remarks for the**  
**1996 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Ceremony**  
**June 15, 1996**

Good afternoon. I am honored to be part of this national celebration of youth and creativity at Constitution Hall, and am particularly pleased to congratulate the recipients of the 1996 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

The young artists and writers whom we recognize today have come to our capital from every corner of the nation -- from suburbs and small towns, rural areas and big cities. Each of you has unique talents and experiences, but together, you represent the strength of our nation's diversity and the collective spirit that the arts bring to our lives.

In a nation as diverse as ours, the arts remind us of the common values that bind us together as one people. The arts help us transcend political, religious, racial and ethnic divisions by helping us to understand one another -- through prose, poetry, sculpture, photography, and every other artistic endeavor.

Writers and artists like yourselves help us rejoice in our rich cultural heritage and share the beauty and complexity of the world around us. And in these challenging times, when some are questioning the value of public support for the arts, we must rededicate ourselves to recognizing the arts as a way of celebrating our diversity together.

That is why the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are so important. I hope that each of you will leave Washington with a renewed sense of the valuable contributions that you are making to the cultural heritage of our nation. Through your imagination and creativity, you are helping to create a better future for generations to come.

I wish that I could be with you in person to share in this special day with your families, teachers and mentors. Please know that the President joins me in sending best wishes and congratulations on your wonderful achievements. Thank you.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON  
VIDEOTAPE REMARKS FOR  
THE 1995 SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS CEREMONY  
JUNE 17, 1995**

To all of the recipients of 1995 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, their families and their teachers, congratulations and welcome to our nation's capital. I am sorry not to be with you today, but I share the excitement and pride you must feel on this special occasion.

I am delighted that America's most promising young artists and writers are being hosted at two of our nation's most important cultural institutions - The Library of Congress and the Corcoran Gallery of Art. I am also pleased to join in congratulating the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers - its Board of Directors and national sponsors, for their important efforts to reward and promote a remarkable group of artists and authors, who will no doubt contribute much to this country's cultural heritage.

The level of talent and technical facility represented among these young men and women would be difficult - if not impossible - to duplicate anywhere else in the world. You are a microcosm of America's diverse creative and cultural heritage.

Sadly, we live in a time when arts and humanities education are being devalued. School budgets are being cut and the arts and humanities are especially vulnerable. While we respect the need for fiscal responsibility, we need to recognize that art instruction and writing ability are central to a comprehensive education.

What these young people are doing in their creative pursuits is vital to the direction of our country. Through discipline and verve, they have created new standards of excellence that will help America maintain preeminence in the arts and in culture internationally.

This country has always valued imagination and creativity. In fact, they are part of the legacy of the pioneers and immigrants who founded our nation. Human imagination - your imagination - is the fuel that will lead us into the next millennium. That imagination and your creative spirits must be allowed to guide us in our journey.

Thank you and congratulations to you all.

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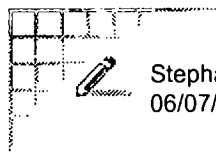
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Thanks!

Karen



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## **VIDEO REQUEST PROPOSAL**

TODAY'S DATE: June 7, 1999

☐ ACCEPT

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TO: Wendy Ahrens, Noa Meyer

FROM: White House Millennium Council, Stephanie Madden

REQUEST: Video for the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy National Conference

PURPOSE: To announce the selection of twelve National Millennium Trails in conjunction with one of the White House Millennium Council's national initiatives. Participants in the conference will be aware of the First Lady's commitment to Millennium Trails and appreciative of her video presence.

DATE AND TIME: Conference runs from June 23 to 27. Exact date of video presentation TBD pending confirmation of Secretary Slater's availability

SOURCE OF PAYMENT: Rails-to-Trails/DOT

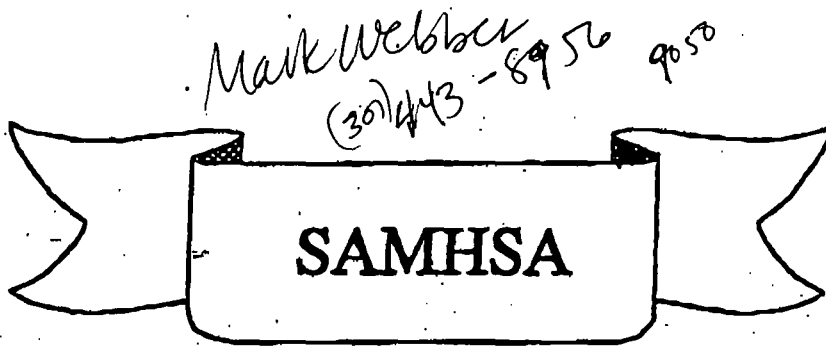
BACKGROUND: The Rails-to-Trails Conference will be a gathering of 1,000 representatives of the trails community. It will take place in Pittsburgh, PA. Currently, there are no plans to use the video in other settings.

DURATION: Five minutes (this estimate is assuming that Secretary Slater will be present at the conference and actually list and describe the selected trails. Should he be unable to attend, we would ask that this information be included in the First Lady's remarks and then, they would be closer to eight to ten. Confirmation of Secretary Slater's participation is expected in the next couple of days.

REMARKS ATTACHED: Pending decision on Secretary Slater's participation

STAFF CONTACT: Stephanie Madden (5-6978)

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL: White House Millennium Council



- Whispered in the shadows - & health  
- What they're doing at this conference is so important - this admin?

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

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**Comments:**

Per discussion, attached is background on the conference and a one page script for the First Lady. We plan to show the video at the opening plenary of the conference.

Please call me if you need additional information.

Thank You!

*Lorinda Daniel*

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

**SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN  
Life Pathways: Women Healing, Thriving, and Celebrating**

**PURPOSE:** To help set a new course for women's health in the new century by providing a forum for leading visionaries, policy makers, and organizations to share experiences and to discuss new and challenging ideas about health, social services, and integrated networks of care and caring for women, their families, and their communities.

**SPONSOR:** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is sponsoring the conference in partnership with other parts of the Departments, including the Health Resources and Services Administration, Indian Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health, the Public Health Service's Office for Women's Health, as well as with other Federal agencies including the Departments of Justice and Labor.

**GOALS:**

- ◆ To increase interest and commitment to women's substance abuse and mental health issues.
- ◆ To apply current experience to improve service delivery for women and their families.
- ◆ To stimulate information sharing, facilitate networking, and identify best practices to improve women's health and well-being.

**FOCUS AREAS:**

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| o Addictive and Mental Disorders                                          | o Women and Their Families                  |
| o HIV/AIDS                                                                | o Access to Health Care                     |
| o Violence Against Women                                                  | o Research on Women's Issues                |
| o Focus on Youth                                                          | o Public Policy Issues of Interest to Women |
| o Senior Women's Issues                                                   | o Wellness for all Ages                     |
| o Girls and Women in Institutional Settings—health care, justice, welfare |                                             |

**WHEN & WHERE:** SUNDAY, JUNE 27-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1999  
WILSHIRE GRAND HOTEL  
930 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CA

**WHY:** To provide a national forum for dialogue and exchange about women's physical and mental health with plenary sessions, more than 60 workshops, poster sessions, and exhibits. The conference is designed for people concerned about the health and well-being of women who are affected by substance abuse or mental illness. Based on previous conference, approximately 1,000 participants are anticipated, including health and social service providers, policymakers, consumers/survivors/family members, criminal justice officials, representatives of the business and faith communities, and members of family organizations.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- o Reception on Sunday, June 27
- o Luncheon Speaker on Monday, June 28
- o Dinner Speaker on Tuesday, June 29

**WHO:** Conference participants registered to date – whether as presenters or attendees – represent 42 of the 50 states, 3 U.S. Territories (Micronesia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands) and 3 sovereign nations (Canada, Israel, Nigeria).

## THE SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

First Lady Hillary Clinton

Much has been said about my admiration for Eleanor Roosevelt. She is, without a doubt, a hero of mine. After all, Eleanor Roosevelt is the one who said, "You must do the thing you think you cannot do." And, isn't that what so many women do - every day.

What Eleanor Roosevelt believed she must do was make a contribution to humanity - and she devoted her life to it.

That's why you are here today - to fulfill your own promises. And I admire that. Maybe you don't think of what you are doing as a contribution. Perhaps you think it is your role. That's a woman thing - and, I believe, one of the things that makes us great.

There's speculation that women are socialized to have good values and to take care of each other. That may be true. Or, we may be born to nurture. I'm not sure. But, I do believe that feeling this responsibility to take care of each other is an important quality, and one that we must build on. Like Eleanor Roosevelt, with greater strength and power comes greater capacity - and responsibility - to do for others.

One of the best parts of my position as First Lady is that I have the opportunity to travel around the country, meeting amazing women:

*[MRS. CLINTON MAY WANT TO FILL IN HER OWN HEROES HERE]*

Women like Rosa Parks, the mother of the civil rights movement.

Girls like Lacey, an 8 year old child who is trying to keep her family together by getting help for her father, who suffers from serious mental illness and is living on the street.

Women like Diane, whose children were placed with relatives and became part of the child welfare system while she was incarcerated for drug possession. When Diane got out of jail, clean and sober, she was faced with finding a job and making a home for her children. And that's just what she has done.

Just like what you are doing at this conference, the lives these women lead are all about healing, thriving, and celebrating.

But, there's one more thing we must do. I believe that we need to make a *commitment to each other*. We need to give voice to that commitment and act on it.

As we women come to the table, we have an even greater responsibility: To the women who could not join us today - to make their voices, and their shared commitment, heard.

Our greatest healing, thriving and celebrating comes when we help others.

We are diverse women with strong spirit and character - We all have a commitment to help each other.



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

MAY 17 1999

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

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

As you travel around the world advocating for women and children, you have become a world-wide champion for quality family health care. Because of your leadership, I am inviting you to speak at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Second National Conference on Women, "**Life Pathways: Women Healing, Thriving, and Celebrating.**" The conference will take place in Los Angeles, California, June 27-30, 1999. If you accept the invitation, we will accommodate your schedule for any time you wish to speak.

SAMHSA, a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the lead Federal agency for improving the quality and availability of substance abuse prevention, addiction treatment, and mental health services in the U.S. This conference will be a national forum in which individuals concerned about the promotion of health and well-being in women, their families and their communities can come together to share experiences and discuss ideas about a range of health and social services.

In addition to SAMHSA, other Federal cosponsors of the conference include the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, the Public Health Service's Office of Women's Health, the Indian Health Service, and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research within the Department of Health and Human Services, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Department of Justice. We are expecting approximately 1,000 health providers, policymakers, consumers/survivors/family members, representatives of the business and faith communities, and members of family organizations. The conference program will include plenary, workshop, and poster sessions that address new and challenging ideas about integrated networks of care.

As one of the Nation's most prominent and respected visionaries for strengthening families for the 21st century, you have worked diligently to articulate the connections between the issues this conference seeks to clarify. Your presence and voice will inspire the conference participants to explore solutions for resolving the challenges that face American women, their families and their communities.

I hope that you will be able to address the participants of this important conference. Should you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact Nelba Chavez, Ph.D., SAMHSA Administrator. Dr. Chavez may be reached at (301) 443-4795. Thank you for your years of

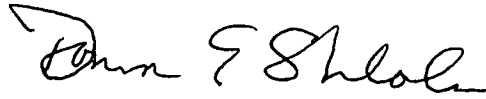
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44 states  
Nigeria,  
Canada,  
Israel + Virgin Islands  
14 federal agencies  
to participate

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leadership in improving the lives of women and families in our Nation and around the world. I look forward to a favorable reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna E. Shalala". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "E".

Donna E. Shalala

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON**  
**VIDEOTAPED REMARKS TO**  
**THE FIRST ISRAEL-U.S. CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S HEALTH**  
**NOVEMBER 24, 1998**

Good morning. It is with great pleasure that I welcome the participants and delegates to the first ever Israeli-American Conference on Women's Health. I only wish that I could be there in person to participate in your discussions, and to applaud Minister Matza and Secretary Shalala for their vision in bringing leading women's health advocates from our two nations together.

You are meeting not far from the ancient walls of the city of Jerusalem. As I think of the layers of excavations that have revealed thousands of years of community life, I think of the courage that bound the women of ancient times together as they struggled to protect and nourish their families. This same courage and determination binds us together still, as we struggle in our own communities to ensure access to health services for women of all ages, incomes, and cultures.

This conference is an historic opportunity for my American colleagues to share the progress that we have made in the United States to advance the health of women and girls, while learning from the personal strength and innovative spirit of our Israeli counterparts. We share common challenges as we seek to end violence against women, provide equal access to affordable health care, and ensure the freedom of reproductive choice. And by working together, we will find common solutions.

Five years ago in Cairo, and again in Beijing, we made history by affirming that women's rights *are* human rights, and human rights are women's rights. The world is watching again, as you gather in Jerusalem this week to further strengthen that commitment. You will be seeking specific approaches to improving the health of women in our two countries, but I can assure you that your work will help to improve the lives of women around the world. Your collaborative efforts remind us of the enduring role of women as both policy makers and peace makers, and I commend you for being a part of this historic event.

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON  
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS TO  
WOMEN'S CENTURY FUND DINNER FOR  
WELLESLEY CENTERS FOR WOMEN  
WASHINGTON, DC  
MAY 20, 1999**

Good evening everyone. As Honorary Chair of this event, I am so pleased to join you for the Washington launch of the Women's Century Fund. I only wish I could be with you in person to thank you for your commitment to helping the Wellesley Centers for Women continue to explore the way we think of and appreciate the role of women in the world.

It's amazing to see how much has changed since I was a student at Wellesley. Today, the floodgates of opportunity have opened with women taking their rightful places as equals in the corporate board rooms; in the halls of the House and Senate; and thanks to Title IX, on the sports fields. Yet even as we recognize the remarkable progress that we've made in the past thirty years, we also know that every generation faces its own challenges. As we look toward a new millennium, women – and men are still trying to figure out how to address the complicated issues relating to women and families today.

As I have been privileged to travel around our country and the world, I have come to see - time and time again -- that as women, what we share is far more powerful than what divides us. From Boston to Beijing women are asking the same questions: How can we ensure that women are paid an equal wage for equal work? How will we make safe, affordable, quality child care available to all women who need it? What must we do to protect women and children from domestic abuse and violence?

These are the kinds of questions that the Wellesley Centers for Women is trying to answer. Whether influencing the national debate on education reform and child care; or shaping policy on gender equity in schools and workplaces, WCW is providing a real look at women's lives today -- and one that is based on our life experiences.

I know that we all look forward to the time when every woman is treated with respect and dignity, every boy and girl is loved and cared for, and every family has the chance to build a strong and stable future. I want to thank all of you for what you have done – and will continue to do -- to help bring that day closer. Thank you and I hope you have a wonderful evening.

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON  
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS TO  
THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION  
MAY 11, 1999**

Good evening everyone. I want to thank the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for this very special honor. I only wish I could be with you in person to thank all of you for the important work you do – every single day – to keep families healthy and together.

No longer is the topic of suicide just whispered in the shadows, shrouded in the darkness of ignorance and viewed as a problem that families must confront alone. Today more and more, suicide prevention is becoming a national priority that we must all confront together.

That would not have been possible without the courage of people like Bill whose personal story has helped all of us understand depression and the need to find treatment for the illnesses that can lead to suicide. That would not have been possible without your research, education, and advocacy, that are helping to prevent suicide. Or without all of tonight's Lifesavers Award recipients. The groundbreaking research of Dr. Marsha Linehan. The advocacy Jerry and Elsie Weyrauch (y-rock). And the public service of my friend, Senator Harry Reid. Each of you is bringing us closer to making sure that no American falls through the cracks. And it wouldn't have been possible without the leadership of this Administration. Especially my friend, Tipper Gore, who will be hosting the first ever White House Conference on Mental Health.

In the aftermath of the tragedy in Littleton we have been painfully reminded that everything we do in the world pales in comparison to our ability to keep our children safe and healthy. We may never know what drove those two boys to take away so many lives, including their own. But we do know that we must do everything in our power to treat young people at risk before it's too late. We do know that we must educate parents, teacher and others to recognize the warning signs and know where to turn for help. And we do know that if we work together, we can and will help save lives.

We can all look forward to the day when treatment for mental health is treated just as seriously as physical health. And when we do it will be because the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention continued to lead the way. Thank you again for this honor and for all you have done and will continue to do make sure no American falls through the cracks.

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON**  
**VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR "AT THE DOOR OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY:**  
**WOMEN'S CHALLENGES"**  
**SAINT PETER'S COLLEGE SECOND ANNUAL PUBLIC POLICY CONFERENCE**  
**MAY 7, 1996**

Good Afternoon and thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to all of you at The Guarini [gar-een-ee] Center at Saint Peter's College. I only wish I could be there in person to join your discussions on the challenges women face on the eve of the twenty-first century.

I want to take a minute to talk about what I believe is one of these challenges: Helping all of us -- men and women -- understand the great stake we each have in issues relating to women and families. Too often, these so-called women's issues have been dismissed as "soft issues" -- issues that don't really have much to do with the pressing economic and political problems of the world.

But that is wrong. Issues that affect the well-being of women and families are as "hard" as figuring out the budget, determining defense strategies, and negotiating trade agreements.

If we as a society really care about strong families, strong communities and strong countries, then we must commit ourselves to empowering women. And so long as women around the world are prevented from enjoying the opportunities of education, health care, jobs, credit and legal and political rights -- the vicious cycle of poverty that traps not only them, but also their children, husbands, communities and nations, will continue.

The challenges facing women are many, but I have no doubt that we will meet them in the coming years and in the new millennium. Women have been responsible for much of the social progress we now take for granted. And because of the diverse roles women fill in society today -- as mothers, workers, volunteers, neighbors, and community leaders -- women can bring special insights and skills to the task of building a better country and a better world.

I ask each of you to continue your good work, to take an active role in bringing about positive change in your schools, businesses, communities, and neighborhoods.

Together we can create a world in which every woman is treated with respect and dignity, every boy and girl is loved and cared for equally, and every family has the hope of a strong and stable future.

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