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Dear Sandy

The staff and clients of the Soweto AIDS program send their love and greetings. The community mobilization program for the support of children in Soweto sponsored by USAID has been a tremendous success and we want to thank you for your efforts to help the children of Africa. Our satellite session on Community Mobilization in Durban has provided us with a large network of experts on community mobilization to meet the needs of orphans in Africa. Presently we have 18 AIDS projects in 12 countries and we are always ready to expand our efforts based on the Soweto Hope Model.

I am writing to inquire about President Clinton's visit to Africa. We have a great project in Lagos, Nigeria and I will need to visit Lagos over the next few months. Also Keith Fulton of America on Line, one of our international partners has informed us that the president of America on Line will visit Lagos soon as well. Please let me know if we could arrange any meetings in Nigeria.

Thanks again for all your help.

Yours sincerely



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From: Dr Mark Ottenweller
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We were excited about the recent announcement by Vice President Al Gore regarding further US funding for AIDS work in Africa. We would like to think you for all your efforts to promote awareness of the AIDS crisis in Africa and to provide funding to help those who have been affected by the AIDS epidemic. You are certainly one of our heroes and all the clients in Soweto send their love and appreciation for all you efforts. We know that you face many obstacles in your work and that you don't always see the incredible results of your efforts. The children of Soweto already enjoy the fruits of your labor. During our 1999 Christmas Party 170 affected children celebrated your efforts to help them and their families.

We would like to send letters of appreciation to President Clinton, Vice-president Gore, and Rep. Richard Gephardt as well. Rep. Gephardt and US Congressional delegations recently visited Soweto. Perhaps your office could furnish us with their addresses and contact information. Please let us know if we can assist you in your efforts to mobilize further assistance for the children in Africa. Mary, Gift and Chipso Mudzunga especially send their love. (see photo) Chipso is 10 years old and she weighs only 13 kilograms. They have lost their housing, schooling and job support due to the AIDS virus that has devastated their family and you've done a lot to save their lives and their future.

We hope to see you in Durban for the Global AIDS Conference this summer. I will be in Washington several times each year and I will contact you then as well. We want to thank you again for all your help.

Yours sincerely

Dr Mark Ottenweller
Director Africa



SOWETO AIDS PROJECT

The Soweto AIDS Project of HOPE *worldwide* has become one of the most important HIV/AIDS support and prevention programs in Africa. The high impact, low cost, community-based support it provides is both sustainable and reproducible in other developing countries.

Community resources are mobilised to empower the community to provide its own support and prevention. The PWA's (People with AIDS) develop their own strategies and implement their own programs for mutual support and effective community prevention.

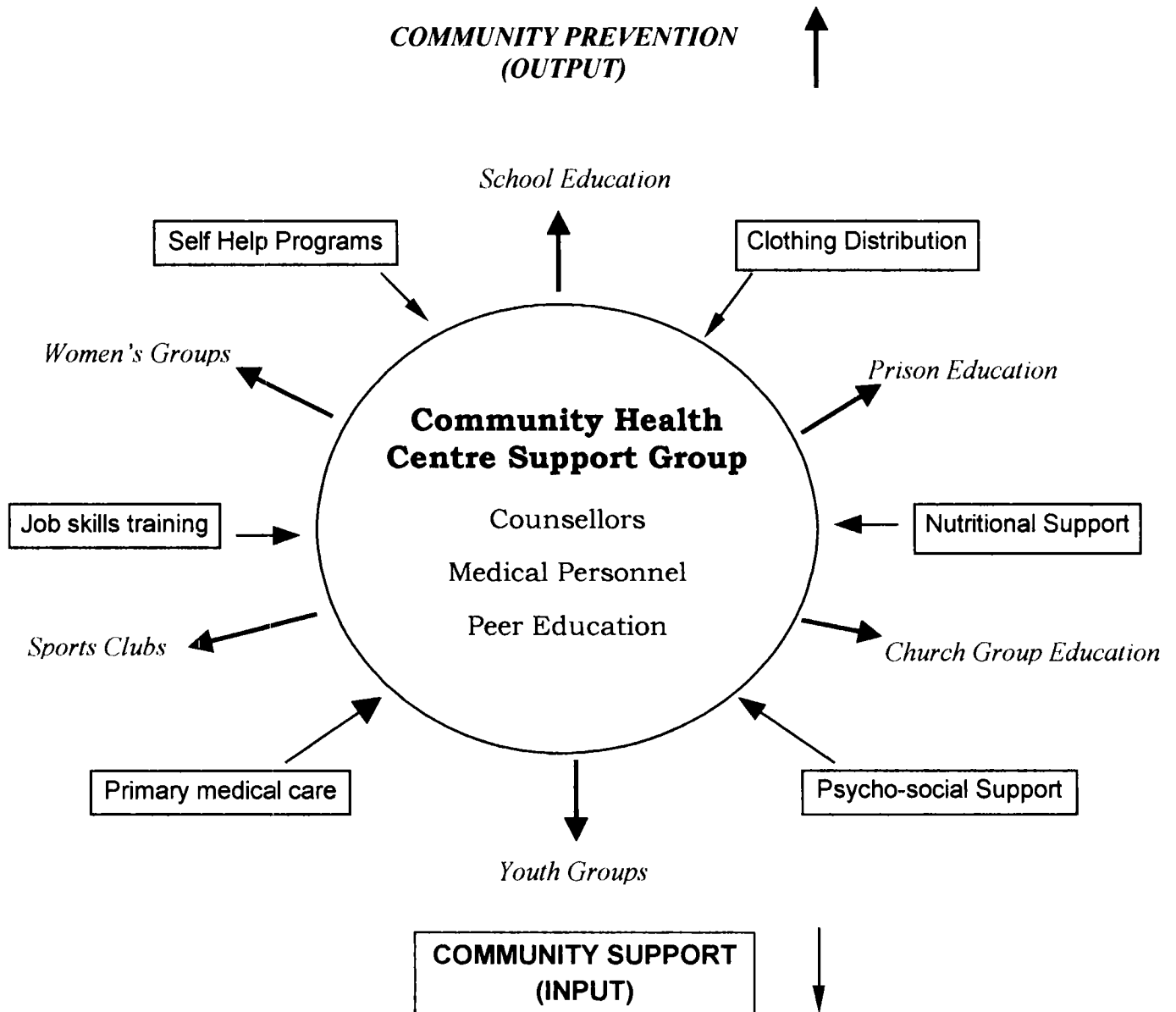
The Soweto AIDS program was begun in January 1993 to confront the rapidly developing AIDS epidemic in South Africa. Presently there are 3,000,000 seropositive South Africans who comprise 6% of the total population, and this continues to grow at a rate of 1,600 new infections every day. Already, the seroprevalence in antenatal women reaches 20% in many urban areas of the country. Most of these patients live in underserved areas of the country due to the legacies of apartheid. The health system will never be able to bear the burden of their care and support, but the communities of South Africa have developed strong ties in their fight for freedom.

Presently there are 12 community support and prevention programs in Soweto. Medical personnel, patients, and volunteers come together on a weekly basis at the local clinic or community centre. For each patient these support groups provide:

1. counselling
2. psycho-social support
3. nutritional support
4. primary medical care
5. home visits
6. skills training
7. income generating projects

This is based on the following model:

THE SOWETO HOPE MODEL



This model incorporates the following principle:



These services are made available through grants and donations from corporations, churches, international donors, and the Health Department.

The patients are referred from regional hospitals, the TB hospital, the prison services, the blood bank, and other clinics. Each group then develops its own income generating projects through the donation of local equipment and materials.

Presently we provide the following support to PWA's in Gauteng:

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| a) Counselling | 90-100 PWA's per month |
| b) Medical Care | 80-90 families per month |
| c) Home Visits | 30-40 per month |
| d) Food distribution | 120 wholesale boxes per month |

The following are totals for 1997:

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| a) Income Generation | |
| • Sewing Program | R16,100 |
| • Baking Program | R13,200 |
| • Gardening Program | 600 bags of vegetables |
| b) Skills Building | 8 PWA counsellors trained |
| c) Food Distributed | 1,500 boxes |

Medications have been donated by Janssen Pharmaceutica, Merck Pharmaceuticals, and Soweto City Health. Steve's Spar donates the vegetables, fruit, and bread which is distributed. Patients are referred from Baragwanath Hospital, SANTA TB Hospital, and the Soweto Clinics. Funding is received from government, corporate, church and international agencies.

We believe that these programs are unique in that they are able to:

1. provide multiple levels of support
2. mobilise many existing community resources
3. integrate the community and the health care system
4. empower the community to provide its own prevention and support
5. utilise PWA's to develop strategies for their own mutual support and community prevention (they are certainly the most effective spokespersons for prevention)
6. promote sustainable development in each community program

We would certainly like to expand our programs beyond Soweto, in particular Alexandra and Tembisa, and develop the training of higher and more technical skills for the patients. Presently we have begun other programs in the Gauteng province (Mamelodi, Diepsloot, Hillbrow, and Honeydew) and in other regions of South Africa (Cape Town, Umtata, and Durban).

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Dear Mr President

I want to personally thank you for your efforts to fight AIDS in Africa. I have lived and worked in Africa for over 10 years with projects to care and support people with AIDS. For so many years there seems to have been a deafening silence about this catastrophic human disaster. So many Africans felt totally isolated and ignored by the United States. There was a "genocide of the Please". Your visit and your efforts to help Africa have changed that perception alot. I hope that your visit will be remembered as the turning point in the fight against AIDS in Africa.

I am proud to be an American. I am proud that you and our government care for the poor, the neglected, the widows, and the orphans in Africa due to AIDS. I am proud of Al Gore, Jesse Jackson, Sandra Thurman, David Dinkins, Andrew Young, Ron Dellums, and so many other Americans who sincerely care about those who are so easily ignored. Millions of Africans will benefit from your efforts and this may be "our finest hour". As millions of Americans became aware of the tremendous human suffering in Africa, I am sure they will rise to help their brothers and sisters across the sea.

The men, women, and children of the Soweto AIDS Project would like to express their gratitude as well. Due to the legacies of apartheid and other socio economic factors, they face the worst AIDS epidemic in the world. The hope of human rights and freedom has been crushed by the terror and oppression of AIDS and now they are deeply and sincerely overwhelmed by appreciation for all your efforts. Mary, Chipso (10), and Gift (7) are dear friends of mine who have been infected by the AIDS virus. They've lost their house, their job, their school, and their future to AIDS. Chipso weighs only 13 kilograms. We are their hope and the hope of millions of children in Africa. They want to personally thank you and your wife for your efforts.

Yours sincerely

Mark Ottenweller

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