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May 5, 2000

Mr. Harry Simpson
Community Relations Associate Manager
Agouron Pharmaceuticals
22020 Church Street
Oak Park, Michigan 48237

Dear Harry:

I am delighted to join your friends and colleagues in commending you for your dedicated service as Executive Director of the Community Health Awareness Group in Michigan.

You have been a tireless advocate for people living with HIV and AIDS and a compassionate and effective leader in the fight against AIDS in Michigan. You can be particularly proud of CHAG's management of the Life Points program and of your efforts to promote HIV/AIDS prevention and care for Detroit's African American community. With vision, energy, and determination, you have worked to improve the quality of life for all who are living with HIV and AIDS, and you have left a legacy of service that will continue to benefit the people of Michigan in the years to come.

Best wishes for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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TO: **Benita** FROM: **Sarah Holewinski**
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Hey there Benita!

Here's the draft letter... let me know what you think. The President doesn't usually go into too many specifics and likes to keep things to a minimum.

Also, please let me know asap which address and title I need to put onto the letter, and then which address we need to actually send it to.

Thanks!!

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May 6, 2000 (date of event)

Harry Simpson

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Press Release

For Immediate Release
2/21/00

Pioneering African American Takes National Position

Harry L. Simpson, who has gained national attention for his work in HIV/AIDS prevention and care for African Americans in Detroit's empowerment zone, is resigning from Community Health Awareness Group (CHAG), where he has been executive director since 1994. Simpson has accepted a position with Agouron Pharmaceuticals and will be leaving CHAG at the end of February. As Community Relations Associate Manager, National AIDS Service Organizations, Simpson will be based in the Washington, D.C. area working with national organizations like the National Minority AIDS Council and the National Association of People With AIDS.

Chairman of the CHAG Board of Directors, Silas Norman, Jr., M.D. said, "Mr. Simpson's uncommon leadership skills have been pivotal in the stabilization and growth of CHAG into a world class organization. His new position will allow him to share his talents in a broader forum. We will miss him as our executive, but we fully anticipate that he will continue to serve CHAG as a volunteer member of the Board of Directors. We congratulate Agouron, and we wish Mr. Simpson continued success".

The Board is developing an interim management plan, which will be finalized by March 1, 2000. Simpson will continue to serve CHAG on the Board of Directors.

Harry Simpson will leave the state with a legacy of accomplishments. He has been an outspoken advocate for harm reduction programs for injection drug users. He is most recognized in the Detroit area for his collaboration with the Detroit Health Department and the Michigan Harm Reduction Coalition to bring about the necessary change in the City's ordinance to allow for the implementation of the first legalized syringe exchange program in Detroit. CHAG has been successfully managing that program, called Life Points, since it began on World AIDS Day, December 1996.

This program has led to national and international recognition. Simpson was invited to present at the International Conference on AIDS in Geneva in 1998. He was one of two individuals nationwide to receive the 1996 Price Fellowship for HIV Prevention Leadership. In March 1998 he was one of 33 African American leaders around the nation to be invited to a meeting organized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It was this meeting that eventually led to President Clinton's \$157 million allocation for minority initiatives in the fall of 1998.

This year's Drug Policy Foundation Robert C. Randall Award for Achievement in the Field of Citizen Action will be presented to Simpson in May. This prestigious award is reserved for those citizens who make democracy work in the difficult area of drug law and policy reform.

Simpson has served as an expert consultant to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the CDC, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration and the CDC Foundation. He has given testimony before the Congressional Black Caucus, the CBC Health Brain Trust and the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS on the role of needle exchange programs in preventing HIV among African Americans. The CDC recognized Simpson last year for CHAG's *Taking it to the Streets* program. It was selected as one of the nine 1999 Characteristics of Reputationally Strong Programs. *Taking it to the Streets* involves collaboration between CHAG and other Detroit service agencies to allow outreach for prevention education and behavioral interventions.

Statewide, Simpson is recognized for his involvement in the HIV/AIDS community planning process. He was co-chair of the Statewide Prevention Planning Group (SCPG) for the past three years and in 1999 received the Leadership in HIV Prevention award from the SCPG in recognition of his dedication to improving the quality and responsiveness of HIV prevention efforts in Michigan. Simpson was an important player in the recent merger of the SCPG with the Statewide HIV/AIDS Care Council. And he was recently elected co-chair of this new Michigan HIV/AIDS Council. He has also been a consultant to the Michigan Task Force on the Survival of the African American Male.

Recognizing all of his achievements, the Michigan House of Representatives signed a resolution honoring Harry L. Simpson for his involvement in the development of HIV programs for the African American population and expressing their "respect for his superb work," on September 30, 1999.

Simpson has received numerous awards for his leadership in Detroit. He received the Spirit of Detroit in 1997 and in 1998, the AIDS Consortium of Southeastern Michigan's Community Service Award. Last year he was awarded a National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Greater Detroit Area "Recovery is Possible" award, which is designed to recognize individuals in recovery who embody the true meaning of recovery and have chosen to help others find their way out of the maze of addiction. Simpson received the City of Detroit's highest award in October 1998, a Detroit City Council Testimonial Resolution, for his work in combating substance abuse and HIV/AIDS.

Since August 1999, Simpson has been the lead ethnographer for a study to assess targeted risk of HIV and the access to services in the city of Detroit. The project is a joint effort of the Dept. Of Health and Human Services, the City of Detroit and the Congressional Black Caucus. It is being funded by the national minority initiative he was so involved in bringing to fruition.

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WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS

From: Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
736 JP
(202) 456-2959

Date: April 7, 2000

Re: Request for POTUS Letter – Personal Accomplishment

This memo is to request a signed letter from President Clinton for the purpose of commending Mr. Harry Simpson upon his departure from the Community Health Awareness Group (CHAG) in Michigan. The scheduled event honoring him will be held on May 6th, 2000.

Harry has remained a truly incredible advocate for both the work of this office and for the Clinton Administration. I have always been impressed with the passion he has devoted to his advocacy work and to fighting to serve people living with HIV and AIDS as best we can. Harry will be leaving the CHAG and moving on to a position with Agouron Pharmaceuticals, and will continue working with D.C. based AIDS advocacy organizations.

I would very much like to have the original by May 4th, so that we may Fed-Ex it to event organizers to be read on May 6th. Attached is a draft of an appropriate letter as well as the press release announcing Harry's departure from the CHAG for background. Please call Sarah Holewinski of my staff for any additional information you may require at (202) 395-1441.

Thank you so much for your kind assistance in this request.

*Copy to
Sandy Thurman*

April 13, 2000

The Honorable Willie Brown, Jr.
Mayor of San Francisco
San Francisco, California 94102-4605

Dear Willie:

Thank you for your letter regarding the fiscal 2000 budget request for HIV/AIDS health care services and the Ryan White CARE Act. I'm sorry I was not able to respond sooner.

I am pleased that Secretary Shalala decided to protect the CARE Act from inclusion in the HHS programs that fall under the budget cut mandate for fiscal 2000. My Administration shares your concern about the impact that any such cuts would have on the CARE Act, which is vital to the health and well-being of people living with HIV and AIDS across our country. That is why my fiscal 2001 budget provides an investment of an additional \$125 million in the Ryan White Program -- an increase of almost 8 percent over last year's funding level.

As we continue to address these vital issues, I look forward to working with organizations from San Francisco and other communities across America. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM TO PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

From: Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
(202) 456-2437

Date: February 7, 2000

Re: **Condolence Letter to Dr. Eric Goosby**

This memo is to request a personal letter of condolence from the President for Dr. Eric Goosby, Director, HIV/AIDS Policy, Department of Health and Human Services, who lost his father on January 30th, 2000.

Dr. Eric Goosby has been engaged in President Clinton's efforts to combat the AIDS epidemic through policy since the beginning of this Administration, as Acting Director of our own Office of National AIDS Policy and most recently as the Director of AIDS Policy at HHS.

Dr. Goosby was very close to his father, and I know that the President would want to send his personal condolences in recognition of the loss of this remarkable man. I have enclosed a draft letter to make the process a bit easier.

Thank you so much for your kind assistance. Please call my assistant Cheryl Bauerle at 6-2959 if you require any additional information.

February 7, 2000

Eric Goosby, M.D.
2105 Sondra Ct.
Silver Spring, Maryland 20905

To The Goosby Family:

Hillary and I were so sorry to learn of Dr. Zuretti Goosby's death, and we extend our deepest sympathy.

Dr. Goosby's life was full of joy, purpose and accomplishment. I hope you can find comfort in the knowledge that his legacy will stand as a shining example of dedication and commitment to public service. Certainly, he will continue to inspire those values of generosity and kindness of spirit for everyone that knew him.

Our hearts go out to you, and we hope that that the loving support of your family and friend will bring you strength and comfort during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton



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Dr. Zuretti Goosby of S.F. -- Longtime Education Leader

Nanette Asimov

Thursday, February 3, 2000

San Francisco Chronicle
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Dr. Zuretti Goosby, a prominent San Francisco dentist and former Board of Education president during the city's early, bitter battles over school integration, died Sunday of lung disease. He was 77. Dr. Goosby, known affectionately as Zoo, loved public life and served on numerous civic panels. These included 12 years on the school board and time on the San Francisco Airport Commission, the Airport Museum Board, the Human Rights Commission, the Exploratorium board and most recently the War Memorial Board, where he "served with great distinction," said Mayor Willie Brown, who appointed him.

"I'm deeply saddened," Brown said. "This is a great loss. Dr. Goosby was one of the pioneers. He was part of our educational landscape in San Francisco."

Appointed to the school board in 1967 by Mayor John Shelley, Dr. Goosby was opposed by anti-integration groups and supported by civil rights advocates. This factionalization set the stage for Dr. Goosby's role in speaking out for harmony between blacks and whites and for desegregation in the schools.

David Sanchez, a professor at the University of California at San Francisco, served on the school board with Dr. Goosby and remembers his friend as a voice of reason in a tumultuous time.

"He was inspirational," said Sanchez, recalling one school board meeting when more than 1,000 people descended on the old Nourse Auditorium, stamping their feet and storming the podium over the volatile issues of desegregation and busing.

When a neo-Nazi group tried to participate, and opponents asked for a ruling from City Attorney Irving Breyer, Dr. Goosby spoke in favor of open dialogue no matter how despicable he regarded the source to be, Sanchez recalled.

“He was head and shoulders above everyone, in essence practicing what we were teaching the kids,” Sanchez said. “He was just an exceptional, rare human being.”

Current school board members found him so, too.

“He took particular interest in trying to help younger people get into public life,” said board member Steve Phillips, who turned to Dr. Goosby for advice when Phillips first ran for office in the early 1990s. “And he was very helpful to me.”

Dr. Goosby cautioned Phillips that he would feel constant pressure in public life. “But he reminded me about the importance of sticking up for those who are often forgotten,” Phillips said.

“He was probably the dean of black people who have served in education. He is spoken of reverentially,” Phillips said. “He was very soft-spoken, yet very passionate about education and what’s going on in the school district.”

As much as he loved his public life, he loved his wife and family even more.

“We were always laughing, laughing even at things we were disagreeing on,” said Jackieline Goosby, his wife of 55 years. “He was a very kind, gentle man.”

Born and raised in Oakland, Dr. Goosby attended Oakland public schools and graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and from the UC San Francisco dental school.

He served in World War II as an Army lieutenant, and during the Vietnam War he served as a military dentist in Arkansas.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Goosby is survived by a sister, Lula Reed, of Oakland; sons Zuretti Jr. of Eureka, Eric of Maryland and Kevin of Davis; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Bethel AME Church, 916 Laguna St. in San Francisco. The family suggests donations to local chapters of the United Negro College Fund.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 9, 1999

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Sincerely,



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The Honorable C. W. Bill Young
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United States Senate
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Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

February 24, 2000

Ms. Jet Kelly
1008 Woodland Avenue
Austin, Texas 78704-3613

Dear Jet:

Happy 83rd Birthday! Hillary and
I send our very best wishes for health
and happiness in the coming year.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/DC/DWB/lac (Corres. #7128293)
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cc: Sandy Thurman, 736 Jackson

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To: Sandy Thurman / Cheryl Bowler

From: Cathy Brown

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Date: _____

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Sandy- per my voicemail, if you could do this

letter- we need it by Oct. 12

Cathy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 28, 1998

I am delighted to congratulate the leaders, volunteers, and supporters of the Children Affected by AIDS Foundation as you celebrate five years of dedicated service.

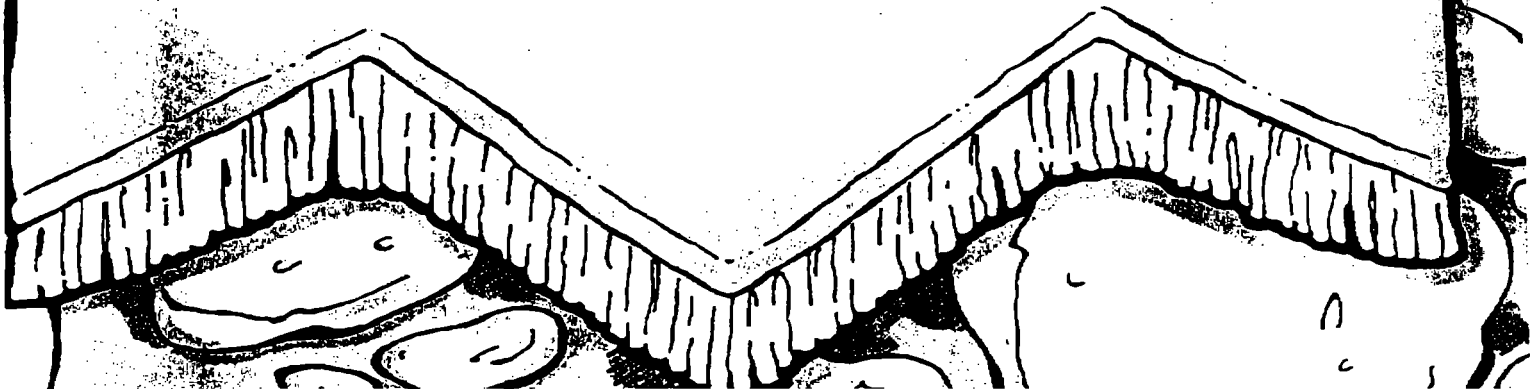
The AIDS epidemic has taken a cruel toll on our children. Tens of thousands of children across our country are affected by HIV and AIDS. It is estimated that 10,000 to 20,000 are currently infected with HIV, and thousands more have siblings or parents infected with the virus. By the year 2000, as many as 80,000 children and adolescents in the United States will have been orphaned due to AIDS.

During World AIDS Day last year, Vice President Gore met with a group of young people affected by HIV and AIDS, who helped to give us new insight on the disease, and we have worked hard to improve the federal government's HIV prevention programs aimed at youth and families. Still, we know that more must be done, and organizations such as the CAAF play a vital role in our crusade to defeat this epidemic.

All of you can be proud of your efforts to raise awareness of the disease and to give compassionate care to young people in need. As you mark this milestone, I encourage you to reflect on the vital work that lies before us in the battle to stop the spread of HIV. Together, we can fight this crisis and bring hope to those living with AIDS.

Hillary joins me in extending best wishes for every future success.

Bill Clinton



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October 29, 1999

Ms. Sandra L. Thurman
Director

White House of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Ms. Thurman:

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Sincerely,

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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Attached is a draft letter for Dr. Beny Primm who is being honored in New York on Nov. 15th for his outstanding work in substance abuse treatment. I have known Dr. Primm for several years, and would greatly appreciate a letter of support acknowledging his tireless commitment and leadership in addiction research and treatment as well as his work on behalf of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

If possible, I would appreciate receiving the letter prior to the event. I apologize for the short timing of this request, and would be happy to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached at 6-2441.

Thank you so much for your help!

736 Jackson Place
Washington, DC 20503
(202) 456-2437
(202) 456-2438 (fax)

November 15, 1999

On behalf of the First Lady and myself, I would like to extend congratulations to Dr. Beny J. Primm upon his receipt of the Founder's Award.

Dr. Primm's tireless work on behalf of those struggling with addiction, substance abuse, and the devastating effects of AIDS, is truly deserving of the national and international renown he has gained. Through the establishment of the Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation (ARTC), Dr. Primm has enabled over 3,000 New York inner-city residents each year to receive the critically important substance abuse treatment they need, and continues to advocate for better research, better facilities, and a more compassionate national response to substance abuse.

Dr. Primm has set a shining example of leadership and commitment not only to the treatment of addiction, but also to our increased awareness of the psychological, social and economic ills that fuel substance abuse. We owe this remarkable advocate our deepest appreciation and admiration.

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Signed Bill Clinton

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 12, 1999

Dr. Beny J. Primm
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Primm:

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This honor is a fitting recognition of your unwavering efforts on behalf of those struggling with addiction, substance abuse, and the devastating effects of AIDS. Through the establishment of the Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation, you have enabled more than 3,000 men and women each year to receive the critically important treatment they need, and you continue to be a strong voice for increased research, improved facilities, and a more compassionate national response to the tragedy of substance abuse.

I commend you for setting a shining example of leadership and commitment not only in treating addiction, but also in raising awareness of the psychological, social, and economic ills that fuel substance abuse in our nation. You have earned the trust and lasting gratitude of the many people you serve and the respect and admiration of your fellow Americans.

Best wishes for a memorable award ceremony and continued success in your work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.



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If this letter is possible, we would love to have it a few days before the event where she will be recognized in order to send it with my own letter of congratulations. Please call my assistant with any questions regarding the request (Cheryl @ 62959).

Thank you so much for your help!

*This is
due tomorrow
- need me to do
something?
(edie Cofrin)*

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November 16, 1999 (date of event)

Edith Dee Cofrin
1074 Berkshire Road, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30306

Dear Ms. Cofrin:

Many congratulations upon being chosen as the 1999 Philanthropist of the Year by the National Society of Fundraising Executives.

Having congratulated you once before in acknowledgement of your Dan J. Bradley Humanitarian Award from the Human Rights Campaign, I am confident that this is both a well-deserved honor and far from the last one you will receive for your philanthropic efforts. Your strong commitment to both the social and political issues that effect the well being of our nation deserves our deepest appreciation and admiration.

You have set a shining example of leadership in philanthropy and I wish you continued success in all of your future endeavors. Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

(Bill Clinton signature)

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Cheryl - Here is draft of letter from President Clinton to Edie. Please send to me at AID Atlanta by NOV. 10. Thanks, Bentley

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October 00, 1999

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1074 Berkshire Road NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30306

Dear Edie,

How exciting to learn that you have been selected as the 1999 Philanthropist of the Year by the National Society of Fundraising Executives. What a well-deserved honor!

Having written to you once before in acknowledgment of your Dan J. Bradley Humanitarian Award from the Human Rights Campaign, I am confident this will not be the last time I congratulate you for some new accolade acknowledging your tireless philanthropic efforts. I know of your lengthy record of service in the AIDS arena through Sandy Thurman and know ~~also~~ that she holds you in great esteem as a personal friend as well. Your strong convictions as a supporter of both social and political issues that are important to you demonstrates your willingness to not only assume a leadership position, but also remain at the forefront of these matters.

I know that you are not one to rest upon your laurels and thus wish you great success in your future endeavors. You are truly a wonderful example for others to follow and a great asset to Atlanta and the entire country. Again, I offer my sincere congratulations for this most recent and appropriate award.

All best wishes,

William Jefferson Clinton
President
United States of America

P.S. Hillary would like to invite you to one of her flower-arranging classes the next time you are in the Washington D.C. area. I apologize, she made me write this. Help... ☺ Just kidding!

AID Atlanta

Development Department

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Fax

To: Sandy Thurmond From: Bentley Marane
Fax: 202 - ~~456-2439~~ Date: 10/5/99
Phone: 456-2439 Pages: (including this cover sheet)
Re: _____ CC: _____

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•Comments: Sandy - official request for a letter from President Clinton for Edie Cofrin. Thanks again for last week. It was terrific.

Bentley

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Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director
National Office on AIDS Policy
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sandy,

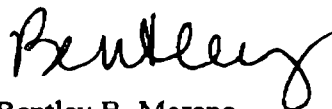
Thank you so much for your thoughtful address at our second annual Corporate Breakfast last week. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for allowing us to occupy some of your time both during the event and afterwards with our Development staff. Everyone enjoyed the time we were able to spend with you. You gave Atlanta's corporate and foundation communities fitting and impactful insights into the state of AIDS both locally and globally. We were most fortunate to have your leadership at the helm of AID Atlanta and attribute much of our current success to your tireless efforts.

By now you may have heard the wonderful news that Edie Cofrin has been named Philanthropist of the Year by our local chapter of the National Society of Fundraising Executives, and will be honored on National Philanthropy Day, November 16. As a major beneficiary of Edie's visionary philanthropy, we are very excited for what this recognition will mean to her and to our whole community.

We are putting together an album to present to her that day and would like to ask you and President Clinton to be a part of it. If you would take a few moments to write a letter of congratulations, I know it would mean a lot to her. The deadline for submitting letters is October 15. If you know of others who should be included, please let me know. Please don't tell Edie, we would like to surprise her. You can mail the letters to me at AID Atlanta, 1438 West Peachtree Street NW, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30309-2955.

Thank you again so much for all you do.

Sincerely,



Bentley B. Marane
Director of Development

BUSINESS

***** Friday, Oct. 1, 1999

Businesses support Super Bowl

The Atlanta business community has lived up to its commitment to raise \$2 million of the \$7.5 million needed to host Super Bowl XXXIV on Jan. 30.

"Our financials appear to be in the condition where we can do what we said we would do," said A.W. "Bill" Dahlberg, chairman of the Metro Atlanta Super Bowl XXXIV Host Committee and chief executive officer of Southern Co.

"It assures the success of this game, and it indicates to the National Football League and other sports organizations that we are capable of hosting in grand fashion whatever events may choose to come here."

The hospitality community has pledged to raise another \$2 million to host the event.

The remaining \$3.5 million is expected to come from the public sector.

The state government has allocated \$1.4 million toward the event, and state leaders have indicated their willingness to support an appropriation for the remaining \$1.5 million early in the next session to complete the state share.

The remaining \$600,000 is expected to come from local governments — the city of Atlanta and the metro counties.

"We have not finalized what we are looking for from the outlying metro counties," said Robert Dale Morgan, president of the Atlanta host committee.

"But this is going to be a metrowide event, and we would hope that everyone in the region would be supportive."

Eighteen companies provided the \$2 million. Giving at the \$150,000 level were Southern Co., Bank of America, United Parcel Service, BellSouth, Delta Air Lines, Coca-Cola Co., Home Depot and Cox Enterprises. Portman Holdings and SunTrust Bank are contributing office space for the committee.

Other major donors include AT&T, Wachovia, AGL Resources, Bass Hotels & Resorts, Post Properties and Aaron Rents.



MARIA SAPORTA

Our business and civic columnist
e-mail: msaporta@ajc.com

AID Atlanta grows

AID Atlanta wanted to say thank you to the local corporate community Thursday.

So as a special treat, it invited Sandra Thurman, director of the National Office of AIDS Policy, to a breakfast. For Thurman, who used to be executive director of AID Atlanta, it was like coming home.

But the message she gave to corporate donors was troubling.

"There's a sense that this epidemic is over," Thurman said. "We are at the beginning of an epidemic, not at the end."

In the United States alone, the number of new AIDS infections has not decreased. Between 40,000 and 60,000 Americans contract AIDS each year.

The scarier story, however, is in the developing world, primarily Africa. All the medical and social gains of the past couple of decades in several African nations stand to be wiped out because of the spread of AIDS, she said.

AID Atlanta, however, is a national model, partly because of its corporate support. Anthony J. Braswell, executive director, said that one-third of his \$6 million annual budget comes from corporate contributions.

It's a far cry from how it was in 1988 when Thurman took over the then-6-year-old organization.

At that time, AID Atlanta had a budget of \$250,000, was \$250,000 in debt and had 14 employees. Today, AID Atlanta has 87 employees.

Opera exceeds goal

The Atlanta Opera has \$6.23

"We are not unique in our success. Opera is the coming form in the United States. Audiences are growing, and young people are coming. We are riding a wave."

ALFRED KENNEDY
Executive

million to sing about. The opera company was able to significantly surpass its \$5 million capital campaign goal and still has three more months before closing the campaign.

The Atlanta Opera has come a long way since the mid-'80s when it had a skeletal budget of \$350,000. Executive director Alfred Kennedy calls that a period of "darkest days."

Director William Fred Scott became affiliated with the opera company in 1986, and its growth has continued ever since.

Today the Atlanta Opera has an annual budget of \$5 million, and its productions sell out the Fox Theatre. It has more than doubled its subscribers since 1994 and now has 8,006.

Five years ago, 17,587 Atlantans attended Atlanta Opera main-stage performances, and that audience grew to 40,097 in 1998. This year the opera expects more than 42,000 people to attend its performances.

The opera has purchased and renovated a building on West Peachtree Street with its own rehearsal hall and costume shop.

The capital campaign helped cover the cost of the building and provided a \$1 million endowment for the company. An anonymous donor provided \$1 million, and the Atlanta Opera board raised \$2.5 million toward the campaign.

"We are not unique in our success," Kennedy said. "Opera is the coming art form in the United States. Audiences are growing, and more young people are coming. We are riding a wave."

Town Talk

■ BellSouth Corp. has folded all its volunteer and corporate giving

under one brand — Comm Matters. Last year BellSouth away \$27 million in sponsor and corporate contributions in nine-state region, plus \$3 million in BellSouth Foundation grants. Employees and retirees worked 12 million volunteer hours.

"We are very proud of community involvement," William Pate, chairman of BellSouth Foundation. "It is more than in a competitive environment, companies that are active in the community have built loyalty in their customer base."

■ Morehouse College Press Walter E. Massey has been named to the advisory council of the Gates Millennium Scholarship Program, a \$1 billion philanthropic initiative created by Microsoft Chairman and founder Bill Gates and his wife Melinda Gates.

Each year for the next five years, the program will fund scholarships for at least 100 minority students across the nation in education, engineering, mathematics and science.

■ The national Association of Membership and Marketing Executives recently cited the Georgia Chamber of Commerce in two awards categories: highest growth in membership and highest growth in membership management.

The chamber was judged against state chambers of commerce from across the country. The Georgia chamber has grown more than 50 percent since 1994.

Maria Saporta is assisted by Jennifer Winn



OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY
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TO: **Carmen Fowler** FROM: **Sarah for Sandy Thurman**
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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Attached is a request received from CenterOne, Inc. for a POTUS letter marking their fifteenth anniversary. We have redone their draft and attached our recommendation to this fax.

CenterOne, Inc. is a wonderful AIDS service organization in Broward County, Florida. And in the AIDS service organization 'business', 15 years really is remarkable – particularly when we are not talking about a major city.

The date of the anniversary, as stated in the draft, is October 7, 1999. If a letter is possible, we would love to have it sent back to office here (736 Jackson Place), so that Director Thurman may send along her own personal congratulations.

Thank you so much for your help! Please call me with any questions...

Sarah (-51441)

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Washington, DC 20503
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(Acknowledgement Letter from President Clinton)

October 7, 1999 (date of event)

Congratulations to the staff, volunteers and Board of Directors of CenterOne, Inc., as you celebrate your fifteenth anniversary.

Your remarkable fifteen years of dedicated service to over ten thousand persons living with HIV in Broward County has truly made a difference in the lives of those battling this terrible disease. Your tireless commitment to fighting this epidemic on the frontlines and treating those infected with dignity and respect, deserves our deepest appreciation and admiration.

I am confident that working together, we can all look forward to a day when AIDS is a disease of the past. Until that day, my best wishes to you and your continued efforts in providing such invaluable service.

Sincerely,

(Bill Clinton signature)

CenterOne, Inc.

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Since 1984

September 1, 1999

Ms. Sandra Thurman, National AIDS Policy Director
The White House

via fax : 202-456-2439

Sandy
Dear ~~Ms. Thurman~~ :

I hope all is well with you. I was sure sorry that you were unable to make it for the Red Ribbon Award Dinner, but hopefully you may be able to visit us sometime in the near future.

Attached is a draft letter acknowledging Center One's fifteenth anniversary. It would be most appreciated if you could get the President to sign and forward prior to our anniversary. I spoke with Cheryl regarding this yesterday.

Thanks a lot for your assistance.

Best wishes,

Wayne
Wayne Sheppard
Director of Operations

A **fax** from
CenterOne

Educating the Public and Meeting the Needs of People with HIV Disease since 1984

TO:

SANDRA THURMAN

FROM:

WAYNE SHEPPARD

FAX #:

202-456-2439

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CenterOne, Inc.
2817 E. Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 200
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
954-537-4111
Fax: 954-563-9737

Dear Staff, Volunteers, and Board of Directors of CenterOne :

Congratulations on the observance of your fifteenth anniversary on October 7, 1999.

Your fifteen years of dedicated service to over ten thousand persons with HIV Disease in Broward County is tremendously appreciated and has truly made a difference in the lives of those battling this disease. Your tireless commitment in fighting the spread of HIV and treating those infected with dignity and respect deserves our deepest appreciation and admiration.

We all hope and pray for the day when we discover a cure and a preventive vaccine. Until that day, which I know will come, my best wishes to you, and your continued efforts in providing such invaluable service.

Sincerely,

President Bill Clinton



OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY
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Here's the letter. We'll fed-ex
the hard copy.

Many thanks!

Cheryl

(202-456-2959)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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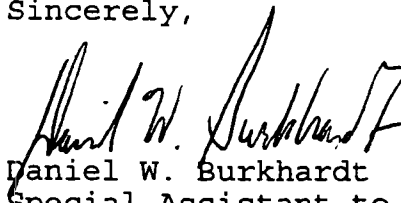
Dear Friend:

Thank you for requesting a message from the President. I am happy to send you the enclosed.

Please be aware that the White House has long-standing guidelines governing the use of Presidential messages. The enclosed message may be used only at the time for which it was requested and for the specific purpose for which it was sought. Under no circumstance is the message to be altered, reprinted in other media (including the Internet), used for recruiting, reproduced for fundraising solicitations or annual reports, represented as an endorsement, used for advertising, or used for any other purpose without the written consent of the White House.

Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daniel W. Burkhardt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "D" and "B".

Daniel W. Burkhardt
Special Assistant to the President
Director of Correspondence and
Presidential Messages

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 5, 1999

Warm greetings to everyone celebrating the 15th anniversary of CenterOne.

It is a very American idea that we meet our challenges not through big government or as isolated individuals, but as members of a true community, with all of us working together. Upholding this fine tradition, the members of your organization have given hope and help to thousands of people in Broward County who are living with HIV. You have devoted your time, talents, and energy to fighting this epidemic on the front lines, and you have rightly earned the respect and abiding gratitude of all those you have served.

I am confident that, working together, we can all look forward to the day when AIDS is a disease of the past. Best wishes for a memorable anniversary celebration and continued success in your efforts.

Bill Clinton

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MEMORANDUM TO PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

From: Sandra L. Thurman 
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
(202) 456-2959

Date: September 5, 2000

Re: Request for personalized retirement letter

A very dear friend of mine will be retiring from his position as Director Emeritus at the Take Force for Child Survival and Development on September 28, 2000, after a long and distinguished career of public service. William has continued to make a marked difference in the lives of so many, through public health, for over 50 years. He has also been an incredible source of support to me, and to this Administration over the years.

I, and all those who respect both the man and his accomplishments, would like to have a POTUS letter for William in celebration of his impending retirement. The letter will be one way for us to tell him how much he has meant to the children's healthcare community, the public health community in general, and to all of those he touched personally. Though extraordinarily humble, I know that he would greatly appreciate the (well-deserved) recognition.

Please find a draft of this possible letter attached. Thank you so much for your kind help with this request, and please do let me, or my staff, know of any questions you may have with regard to its preparation.

September 28, 2000

Mr. William C. Watson, Jr.
Director Emeritus
The Task Force for Child Survival and Development
750 Commerce Drive
Suite 400
Decatur, GA 30030

Dear Mr. Watson:

Hillary and I heard that you are celebrating your retirement this month, and wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate you on a truly remarkable career.

Your vision and passion for social justice were critical elements in the eradication of smallpox, and your dedication to reshaping the CDC into its present form has helped to make it one of the world's preeminent public health agencies. When you formed The Task Force for Child Survival, you helped to create one of the most extraordinary coalitions in the history of public health, raising global immunizations rates to unprecedented levels and benefiting millions of children the world over.

After 16 years of service at the Task Force and with over 50 years dedicated to public health, you have been a shining example of the good that can come from setting our sights high and excepting nothing less than the best for our children. Though you will surely be missed, I salute you for your work to improve the lives of so many and wish you all the best for the future.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

28
September 11, 2000

Mr. William C. Watson, Jr.
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After 16 years of service, ^{entire Task Force, and over 50 yrs. in public health,} you have been a shining example of the good that can come from setting our sights high and expecting nothing less than the best for our children. Though you will surely be missed, I salute you for your work to improve the lives of children and wish you all the best for the future.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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DRAFT

Mr. William C. Watson, Jr.
Director Emeritus
The Task Force for Child Survival and Development
750 Commerce Drive
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Dear Mr. Watson:

Your vision, tenacity and passion for social justice were critical elements in the eradication of smallpox. Then, at the helm of CDC, you reshaped it into its present form and helped to make it one of the world's preeminent public health agencies. When you left, many said you were leaving the best platform you would ever have for improving public health. (The really skeptical voices said you would never accomplish anything significant again.) But you saw the tremendous disparity in childhood immunization rates between the U.S. and the developing world, and you understood that this meant 3,000 children a day would die from infectious diseases – from which vaccines might protect them. And you formed The Task Force for Child Survival, one of the most extraordinary coalitions in the history of public health and The Task Force helped to raise global immunization rates to U.S. levels (in 6 years) – from 20% to 80% in 6 years. And for The Task Force, that was just the start.

In the 16 years of its existence, The Task Force for Child Survival and Development has benefited millions of children. It has shown that you don't need a governmental platform to accomplish amazingly good works, and that there are no limits to how much good we can accomplish if we set our sights high enough.

On behalf of children everywhere, I salute you for your work at The Task Force for Child
Survival and Development.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

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INFORMATION: Please see attached memo + draft. We would like the letter returned to US @ 736 JP so that Sandy Thurman may include a personal note of her own. Thank you!

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GMHC Letter Request for World AIDS Day

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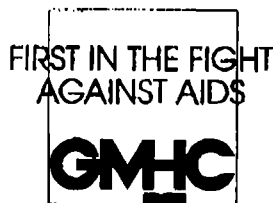
Hello!

Please find attached, support documents for the Gay Men's Health Crisis POTUS Letter Request. I thought they might help in crafting the letter according to your usual procedures.

Let me know if you need any additional information - Thanks!

Sarah Holewinski (5-1441)

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Washington, DC 20503
(202) 456-2437
(202) 456-2438 (fax)



Ronald Johnson

Associate Executive Director

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October 30, 2000

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

On December 1, 2000, World AIDS Day, Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) will sponsor a gala Carnegie Hall concert that will honor Phil Donahue and Terry Watanabe. The event, "You Gotta Have Friends 2000," will also serve as the kick off to the commemoration of GMHC's twentieth year. GMHC would be honored if you would provide us with a letter of greetings to the event's attendees that would be included in the souvenir journal.

As you may know, GMHC is the oldest and largest AIDS service organization in the world. Since we began our work in 1982, GMHC has been a vital resource for thousands of New Yorkers living with and affected by AIDS and HIV infection. Through its three-fold mission of treatment and care, education and prevention, and advocacy for sound public policies, GMHC has been a primary leader in the fight against AIDS.

The event's honorees will be Phil Donahue and Terry Watanabe. Mr. Donahue has used the television talk show format that he pioneered to interview world leaders, celebrities, newsmakers, and people from all walks of life. Mr. Donahue was one of the first persons to use television to highlight the AIDS epidemic in the special "Ryan White Talks to Kids about AIDS" and several other programs about the HIV/AIDS crisis. Mr. Donahue has served on the Board of Directors of GMHC since 1995 and has generously donated his time and effort to serve people living with HIV/AIDS.

Mr. Watanabe, an Omaha, Nebraska native, is the President and Chair of Oriental Trading Company, Inc., one of the world's largest direct marketers of toys, novelties, party supplies, home décor items, and giftware. Mr. Watanabe has had a long-standing commitment to public service. He supports numerous health, human service, and research organizations in Nebraska and across the nation. A significant focus of his philanthropy has been the fight against AIDS, especially here in New York. Among the organizations to which he has given generously are GMHC, God's Love We Deliver, and the American Foundation for AIDS Research. In his home state, he serves on the Board of the Nebraska AIDS Project.

Again, Mr. President, we would be honored to have a letter of greeting from you. I have enclosed a copy of the letter that you graciously provided for our first "You Gotta Have Friends" event in 1997. The letter can be sent to me at the address below. If your office has any questions or needs further assistance, I can be reached at (212) 367-1250.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald S. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ronald S. Johnson

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 30, 1996

Warm greetings to everyone gathered in New York City for the Gay Men's Health Crisis tribute to Joan Tisch and David Geffen. I am delighted to join you in saluting these distinguished honorees as they are recognized for their outstanding efforts in the battle against HIV/AIDS.

The past year has brought us new reason for hope and optimism. New drugs are showing very promising results in halting the progress of HIV disease. I was pleased to sign into law the Omnibus Appropriations Act for fiscal 1997, which includes substantial, across-the-board increases in funding for AIDS research, prevention, treatment, and housing. It increases funds for the Ryan White CARE Act by more than thirty percent and triples funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, which helps thousands of people living with HIV gain access to life-extending treatments. And we recently released the first-ever National AIDS Strategy, a historic document that articulates our national goals and establishes a blueprint for achieving them.

We have set six simple, but vital, goals. We will continue our efforts to develop a cure for those living with HIV/AIDS and a vaccine to prevent further infections; to reduce and eventually eliminate new HIV infections; to guarantee people living with HIV access to necessary care and services; to fight AIDS-related discrimination; to maintain our international leadership role; and to ensure that scientific advances are quickly translated into improved care and prevention.

HIV/AIDS affects us all, and none of us can afford to sit by and watch this epidemic continue to take our neighbors, friends, and loved ones from us. By following the compassionate example of individuals like Joan Tisch and David Geffen, we will wage this battle together until we can proclaim victory.

Best wishes for a memorable evening.

Bill Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM TO PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

From: Sandra L. Thurman
Presidential Envoy for AIDS Cooperation &
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

Date: November 9, 2000

Re: Request for Clinton World AIDS Day Letter

The Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City will be hosting their annual World AIDS Day Gala on December 1st. Last year, the President signed a letter to be read at this event, and we would like to send something similar this year.

The GMHC Gay Men's Health Crisis has served as a model for AIDS organizations worldwide, serving more than 7,400 clients annually. They provide compassionate care to New Yorkers with AIDS, educate about AIDS prevention and advocate for fair and effective public policies. A letter from the President would be particularly significant to them this year, as World AIDS Day 2000 marks their 20th year of service to the community.

Please find attached a draft letter welcoming everyone gathered at the Gala, congratulating their 20 years and their two honorees. We would like to have the letter back here in our office by November 27th, if possible, so that we may send it to our friends at GMHC in time for their event preparations. As always, thank you so much for your kind help with this request. If you need let me, or my staff, know of any questions you may have with regard to its preparation at (202) 395-1441.

December 1, 2000

On behalf of Hillary and myself, I would like to extend warm greetings to everyone gathered in New York City for the Gay Men's Health Crisis Gala Concert. Tonight, you serve as a shining example of American values and I wish you sincere congratulations as you commemorate twenty remarkable years of dedicated service and advocacy for the thousands of New Yorkers living with HIV and AIDS.

On this World AIDS Day 2000, we will once again gather together as a global community to reinvigorate our efforts in the fight against AIDS. With each passing year, we remember those we have lost to AIDS and are again reminded that AIDS remains a serious threat with millions of lives at stake in the battle.

Yet as tonight's honorees Phil Donahue and Terry Watanabe have shown us, we must also remain confident that each and every one of us has the power to turn the tide on this devastating epidemic. We can and must do more as individuals, as organizations, as communities, and as a government. This year, I am proud that the Congress approved and I signed into law the reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act, which will ensure the care of hundreds of thousands of Americans living with HIV and AIDS.

I am particularly grateful to the GMHC and their many partners for their support and for reminding us through their many years of service that, by working together, we can make remarkable progress in our fight against AIDS both here at home and around the world.

Congratulations, and best wishes for a remarkable evening.

Signed Bill Clinton

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TO: **Presidential Messages** FROM: **Sarah for Sandy Thurman**
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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Hello!

Please find attached, support documents for the Gay Men's Health Crisis POTUS Letter Request. I thought they might help in crafting the letter according to your usual procedures.

Let me know if you need any additional information - Thanks!

Sarah Holewinski (5-1441)

It is with great pleasure that I offer warm greetings to all who are gathered in New York City tonight for the Gay Men's Health Crisis gala concert. Please accept my congratulations as you commemorate the beginning of your twentieth year of dedicated service and advocacy for the thousands of New Yorkers living with HIV and AIDS whom you benefit through your tireless work.

I offer hearty thanks and salutation to this evening's honorees Phil Donahue and Terry Watanabe, who, like GMHC, have contributed greatly to the fight against AIDS. There can be no better day for such an event than World AIDS Day 2000, as those fighting AIDS around the globe join together to remind the world that AIDS remains a serious threat to all people, but that all people have the power to fight it.

I am grateful that GMHC and their many partners in the fight against AIDS have performed such valuable service for so many years. Yet, marking GMHC's twentieth anniversary cannot help but cause us to reflect that AIDS has remained a scourge for far too long, and remind us that much work remains to be done in the struggle against HIV and AIDS before we can celebrate together the final defeat of AIDS.

Until then, we must take hope from the great successes we achieved so far. A shining example is the re-authorization of the Ryan White CARE Act 2000, which Congress approved and I signed into law. Since the Act's first difficult passage in (year), we have more than (tripled) the amount of money available to help those with AIDS, and gained unanimous support in both houses of Congress. This is indeed cause for celebration.

I am hopeful that, so long as dedicated organizations like GMHC and concerned individuals such as Phil Donahue and Terry Watanabe continue with their efforts and their vision of a world without AIDS, we will one day celebrate together the triumph of all people over AIDS.

Congratulations, and best wishes for a memorable evening.

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