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## Via Hand Delivery

June 28, 2000

Ms. Sandra Thurman, Director  
OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY  
736 Jackson Place  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman:

I am writing to request your attendance at an upcoming policy event being scheduled in mid-August. Several times a year, this agency convenes a group of HIV community leaders, representatives of the business and philanthropy communities, public health officials, prominent regional physicians in AIDS care, together with our own Board of Directors, HIV Advisory Committee and senior professional staff. The purpose of these functions is to provide an opportunity for these somewhat disparate groups to interact with each other and gain an added perspective on HIV.

We generally include a prominent figure in the HIV/AIDS community at each of these events who will stimulate discussion and bring greater awareness to a certain issue. One of our most successful events featured AIDS activist Kate Shindle, who spoke to our group about the need to broaden our commitment to HIV prevention and incorporate prevention messages into everything we communicate. It was a standing room only event.

These events are designed to provide an educational value to those whose knowledge about and prior involvement in HIV issues is limited. It is not a fundraiser, nor is there any charge for attending. We select locations that are conducive to casual gatherings and make every effort to establish an informal, relaxed atmosphere. This format has produced great results using one of several homes that are made available to us by Board members and donors. During our evening with Kate Shindle last year, our Board members mingled with physicians and public health officials while enjoying the splendid backdrop of the sun setting on the Pacific Ocean, viewed from high on one of the hills of Laguna Beach. We generally attract 50 to 75 people to these events.

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We would like you to be our featured guest at this upcoming event. We have a great deal of flexibility in planning the date. Our optimum dates extend from August 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, inclusive, and August 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, inclusive. We will provide transportation from Los Angeles as well as overnight lodging in Newport Beach.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the professional staff, and most importantly, the 1,100 clients we serve, I hope you will favorably consider this request. Your involvement would make an exception contribution to HIV/AIDS policy making in this community. Please contact me directly with any questions at 949 / 253 – 1510. Thank you for considering AIDS Services Foundation.

Sincerely yours,



Dan Gleason, MA, MPH  
Executive Director

