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Ms. Sandra Thurman
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Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place
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Dear Ms. Thurman:

I am happy to announce that Sunflower House, one of Building Futures' four programs, is celebrating its one-year anniversary. We are having a small luncheon to mark the event and you are cordially invited to attend.

You may recall that Building Futures is a nonprofit agency that provides housing for formerly homeless families and individuals infected with HIV/AIDS. In addition to supplying homes, we provide a whole range of services to ensure that our clients succeed in independent living.

Since opening its doors in November 1998, Sunflower House has been fully occupied and it is now home to 20 families. We are extremely proud of the progress that our families have made due, in no small part, to our partnerships with area businesses, foundations, community-based and AIDS-service organizations.

Our celebration will begin at 12:00 noon at Sunflower House on Friday, November 19, 1999. Please R.S.V.P to Carol Simmons at (202) 745-1962 if you or a representative from your organization will attend, and she will provide you with the address and directions. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to give me a call at (202) 639-0361 ext. 114. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Laine Nauman
Executive Director



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Ms. Sandra Thurman
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Dear Ms. Thurman:

When last we corresponded, Sunflower House, Building Futures' 20-unit apartment building for HIV/AIDS affected families, was celebrating its grand opening. It has been fully occupied since last Thanksgiving, and the invitation to visit is always open.

I send this letter today to invite you to join us March 15, 2000 as our Distinguished Guest at a reception and performance of the Hexagon Musical Theatre group. Building Futures has been given the wonderful opportunity to host the musical troupes' evening performance at the Duke Ellington School for the Performing Arts.

Your attendance would be an excellent way to demonstrate to the larger community the growing need for local organizations, like Building Futures that provide families and individuals with essential services. As providers of housing and supportive services to HIV affected families and individuals, we have witnessed a noticeable increase for the services we provide. Indeed, our waiting list for housing numbers 300 – 25% which are families.

To address this need, we currently have two houses in development. Marigold Place is a 7-unit apartment building with large 2 and 3 bedroom apartments to accommodate the District's large extended families. It should be open by fall 2000. And Azalea Place, which is in the pre-development stage, will also provide family-sized apartments.

You have accomplished a great deal as our nation's AIDS czar and the remarkable leadership you have shown would make your presence at our event a true honor. I hope that you are able to join us.

In the meantime, if you or your staff have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-639-0361 ext. 114 or Renée Stikes at ext. 113.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Stephens
Executive Director

cc: Todd Summers, Deputy Director