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February 12, 1998

Mr. Richard Socarides
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, DC



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Dear Richard:

For gay and lesbian New Yorkers, high quality and non-judgmental health care comes into the 21st century on March 2nd with the opening of the Michael Callen-Audre Lorde Community Health Center on West 18th Street in Chelsea. Formerly known as Community Health Project (CHP), our new facility becomes the most comprehensive and largest lesbian and gay identified health center in the nation...a status truly deserving of our community and our city.

The Callen-Lorde Health Center would be delighted and extremely honored by the presence and participation of a member of the administration at the official ribbon-cutting of this landmark institution in early April.

Since its establishment nearly 15 years ago, CHP has provided a health care safety net for thousands of mostly uninsured gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered New Yorkers - as well as hundreds of people living with HIV and AIDS - who have not had access to appropriate or sensitive health care. HIV care that is comprehensive, integrated and sensitive will continue to be among the extensive medical services offered at the new Callen-Lorde Health Center. However, in the rich tradition of CHP, this state-of-the-art health facility will also provide on-going non-HIV primary care to our community from dedicated and highly trained volunteer and staff providers.

Additionally, the Callen-Lorde Health Center will offer on-site specialty care such as dermatology and infectious disease, dental care and mental health services, and routine diagnostics including radiology, mammography (the first lesbian-identified mammography unit in the nation) and laboratory services. It will also enable the expansion of the center's Health Outreach To Teens (HOTT) Program which provides health care, counseling and assistance to at-risk adolescents and young adults, free of charge. A state-of-the-art, patient-friendly computerized health resource information center will allow patients and community residents access to the health internet.

The Callen-Lorde Health Center is more than ten times larger than the current CHP clinic housed in the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center on West 13th Street, which significantly limited the number of patients CHP could serve and levels of service we could provide. With the new building's vastly expanded capacity and full licensing by the State of New York, the Callen-Lorde Health Center can triple its current patient base and provide on-going comprehensive health care to thousands of lesbian and gay New Yorkers - including those with health insurance as well as those who do not have adequate health insurance.

Richard, we are very grateful for your friendship and support of CHP over the years. Please let us know if someone from the administration would be available to participate at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Callen-Lorde Health Center planned for early April. Once again, the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and especially the patients of the Callen-Lorde Health Center would be extremely honored and delighted to have an administration dignitary at our gathering. You may reach us at (212) 271-7250.

Sincerely,

John A. Graves
Board Co-Chair

Dean J. LaBate
Executive Director

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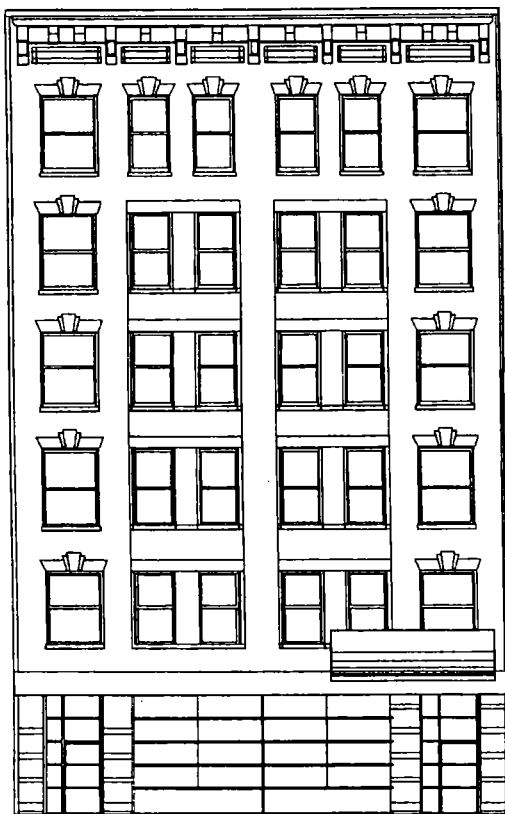
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COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT

"BUILDING FOR A HEALTHY TOMORROW"



THE MICHAEL CALLEN-AUDRE LORDE
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OPENING JANUARY 1998

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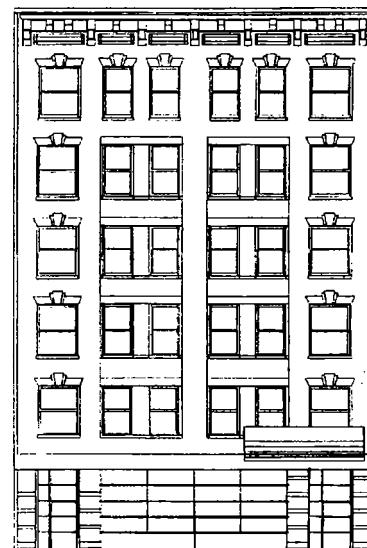
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"This new clinic will be a testament to our entire community, and be a health center for everyone who seeks high-quality, sensitive health care."

The new facility will keep to CHP's long-standing mission, providing care regardless of ability to pay. However, the new center will be a viable health care choice for all, since as a fully-licensed Article 28 diagnostic & treatment center, CHP will be able to accept a variety of insurance plans, managed care plans, Medicaid and Medicare, ADAP and more.

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The architect's rendering of the Callen-Lorde Health Center.

A Message from the Co-Chair of CHP's Board of Directors

Even for those of us who live every day with CHP, it is hard to appreciate the changes that are just around the corner. In our new location on West 18th Street, we will be able to increase our annual patient visits to 62,000 each year. Our hours of operation will expand dramatically. And, we'll work in more than 30 examination rooms in a six-story building. To put that in perspective, each floor of our new facility has more usable space than our entire current location on 13th Street.

All our existing programs will be expanded, and we'll add valuable new breakthrough services such as mammography, radiology and dentistry.

So, if you have a friend at CHP who seems excited

and perhaps even a little dazed, you can see why.

Envisioning this size growth, it is tempting to conclude that CHP has gotten big and rich and no longer has need for the financial support and volunteer effort that we've counted on and traditionally enjoyed from our community.

In fact, just the opposite is true. To keep pace with our growth and anticipated demand for our services, we must expand our funding sources and recruit new volunteers.

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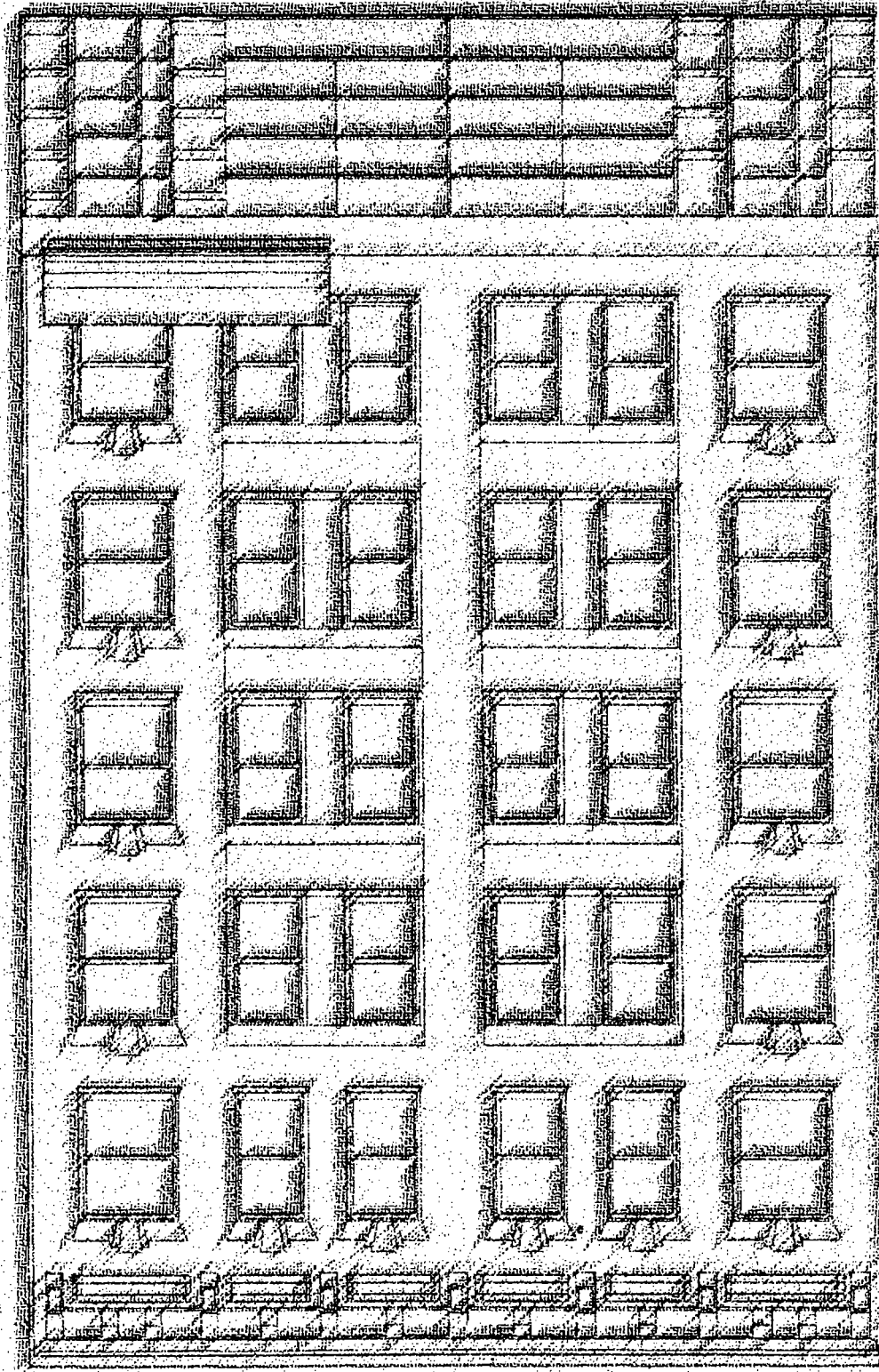
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Report to the Community



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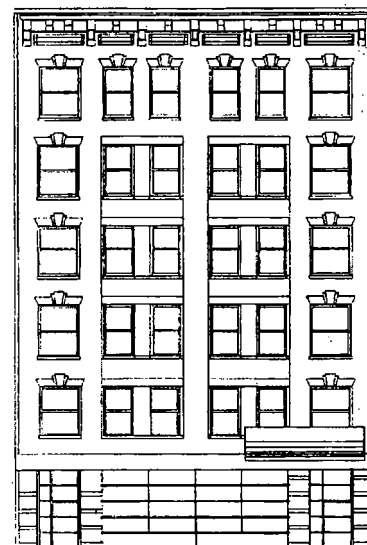
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As of 2/2/98, CHP is re-named and re-located:

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