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To: Sandra Thurman**Date:** May 8, 1998**Fax #:** 202-456-2438**Pages:** 10**From:** Mark Agrast**Comments:**

I thought this would be of interest to you.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 28, 1998

The Honorable John Edward Porter
Chairman
Subcommittee On Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing to express our strong support for increased funding for HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and research programs for Fiscal Year 1999. We applaud your past commitment to these essential programs, and hope we can count on your continued leadership this year to provide a comprehensive, balanced approach to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

While the fight against AIDS has made great strides, the crisis has not abated. Improvements in care and the introduction of powerful new drugs have enabled people with HIV/AIDS to live longer, more productive lives. But as patients live longer, the cost of their care and treatment has placed ever-greater demands on community-based organizations and state and local governments.

As important as the new treatments have been, they are extremely expensive, and are not effective in all cases. Their long-term efficacy remains uncertain. Continued research is needed to provide better, cheaper treatments -- and eventually, a vaccine or a cure.

Moreover, these remarkable medical advances have done nothing to stem the rise in new infections among adolescents, women and minority communities. In fact, the well-publicized success of the new drug therapies has encouraged some to believe that the epidemic has peaked, making it harder than ever to reinforce the need for prevention among those most at risk. As a result, HIV/AIDS remains a major killer of young people, and the leading cause of death for African- and Hispanic-Americans between the ages of 25 and 44.

Congress provided welcome increases for HIV/AIDS prevention, care and research programs in Fiscal Year 1998. But more is needed now if we are to meet these challenges.

Prevention: Until research yields a vaccine or a cure, prevention strategies remain the most cost-effective use of our public health dollars. HIV will infect some 40,000 Americans this year -- half of them under the age of 25 -- and it will cost \$120,000, on average, to care for each of them. Given adequate resources, these new infections could be prevented through community-based

HIV strategies of proven effectiveness. It is especially important to target those resources toward the communities most at risk.

Unfortunately, prevention funding at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) remains far below the level needed to fund the hundreds of local programs that merit federal support. According to the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), it would take an additional \$120 million to meet our nation's prevention needs. We urge the Subcommittee to do everything it can to move in this direction.

Care: The Ryan White CARE Act provides resources to local communities for primary medical care and supportive services for people living with HIV. Through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), the CARE Act provides access to the powerful, but costly new drug treatments that have enabled so many patients to live longer, more productive lives. It also provides a continuum of services which enables patients to follow the complicated treatment regimen which these new drugs require, and without which they would be of little therapeutic benefit.

Ironically, the very success of CARE Act programs in increasing patient longevity has strained these programs to the breaking point, as new patients enter the system and existing patients require continuing care. The President has requested an increase of \$165 million for the CARE Act, including \$65 million for primary health care and social service delivery and \$100 million for ADAP. While this request is welcome, it does not begin to meet the projected need. According to NASTAD, an increase of \$173 million is required for ADAP alone. We urge you to provide increased ADAP funding in at least this amount, with the highest possible funding levels for other CARE Act services.

Research: Aggressive, targeted research has led to important new treatments and greatly increased our understanding of AIDS and other diseases. Scientists and advocates for biomedical research have called for an overall increase of 15% for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and we strongly urge the Subcommittee to give its most serious consideration to their recommendation. In addition, to ensure that AIDS research dollars are spent in the most coordinated and cost-effective manner, we urge the Subcommittee to provide a consolidated appropriation to the Office of AIDS Research (OAR) for distribution in accordance with the OAR director's strategic plan.

We commend your longstanding support for AIDS prevention, care and research, and urge you to give the highest priority to meeting this continuing emergency.

Sincerely,


Constance A. Morella

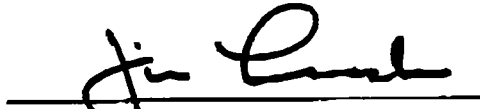

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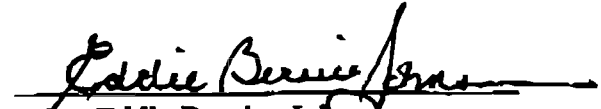

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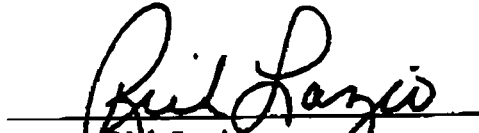

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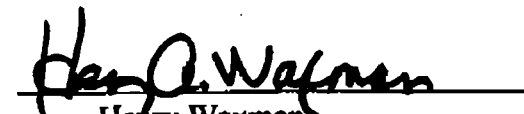

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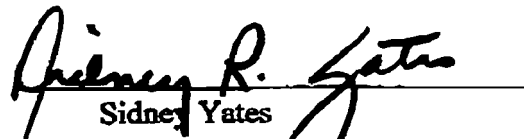

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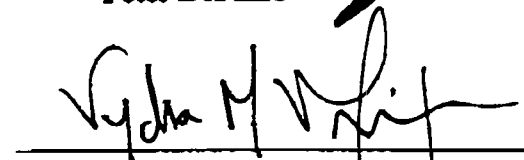

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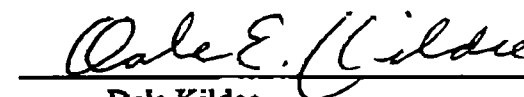

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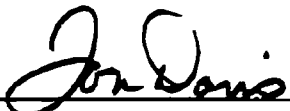

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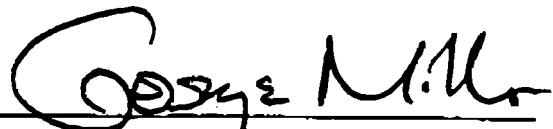

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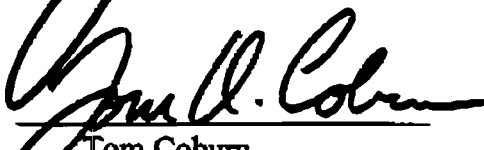

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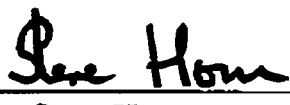

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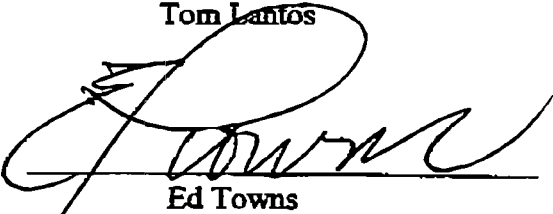

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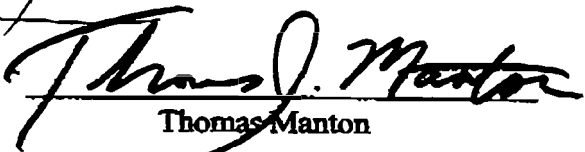

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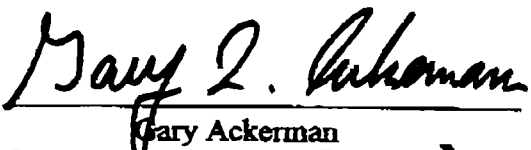

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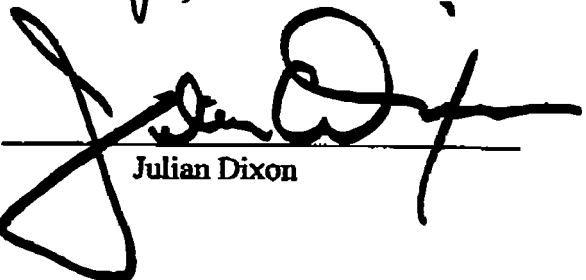

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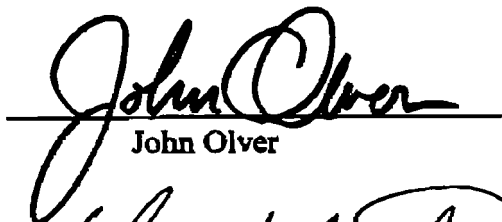
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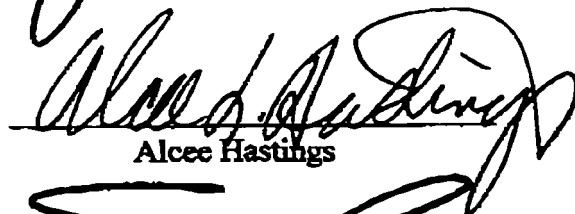
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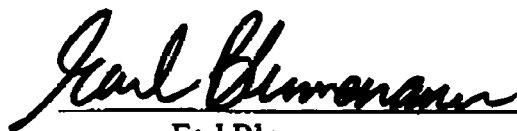
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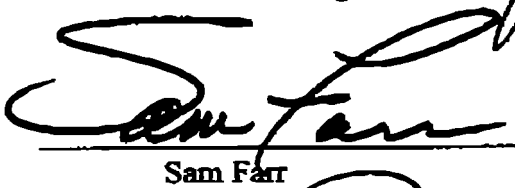
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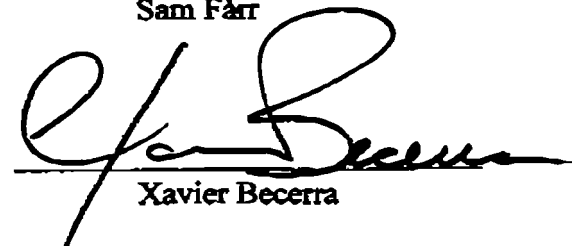
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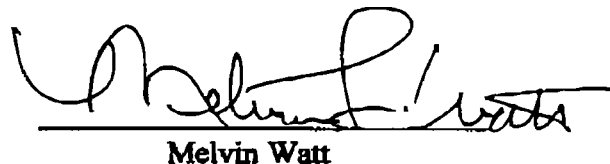
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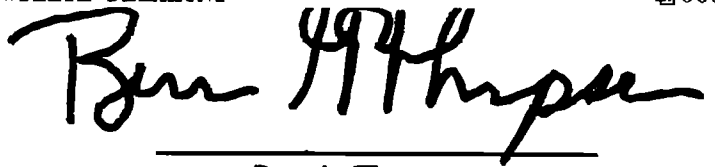
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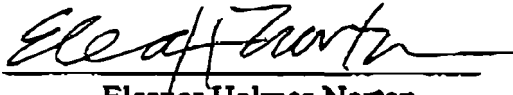
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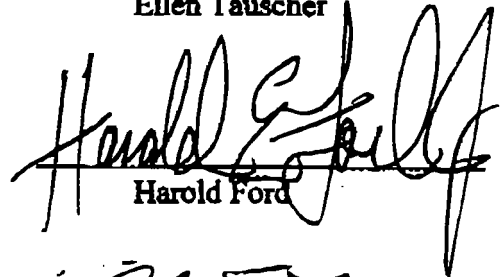
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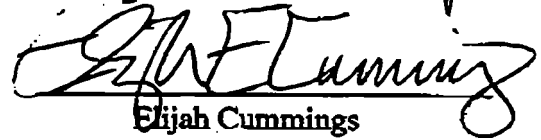
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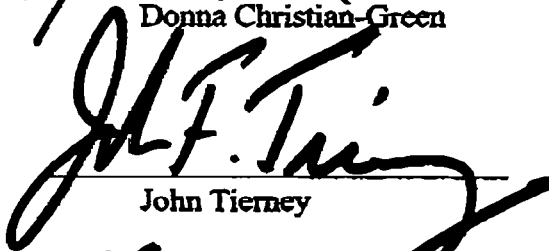
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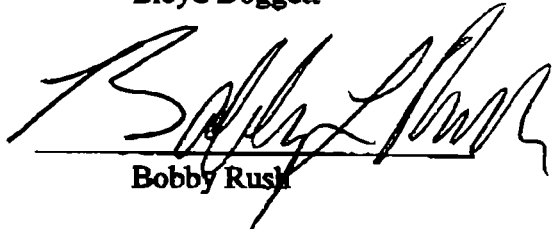
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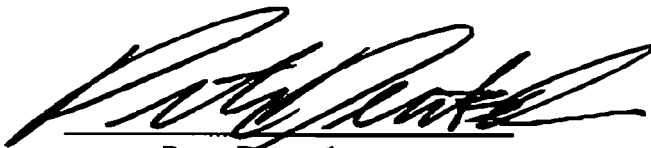
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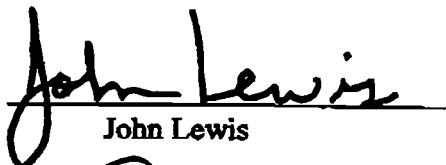
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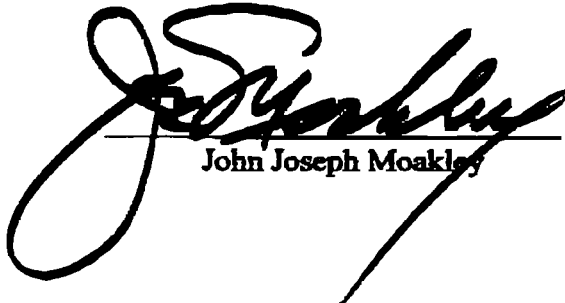
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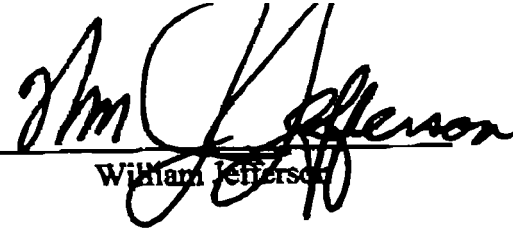
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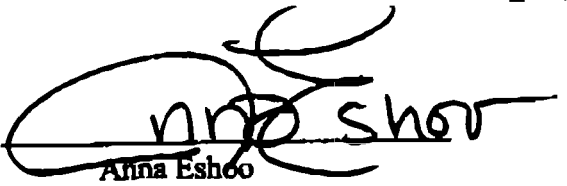


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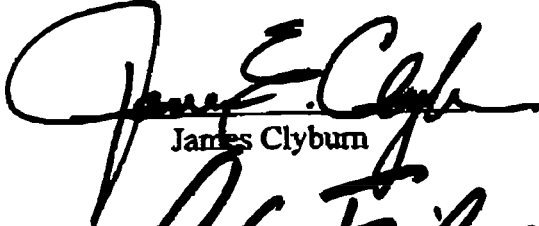
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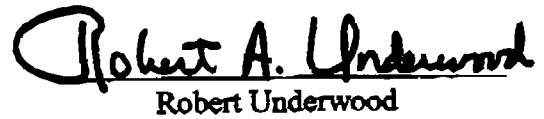

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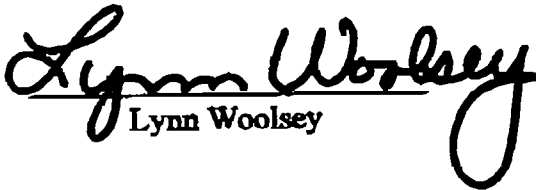

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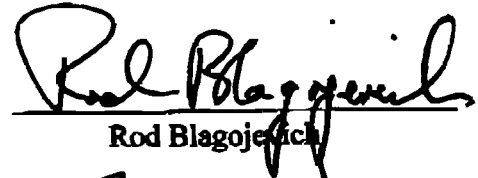

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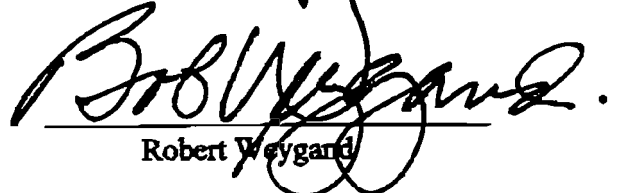

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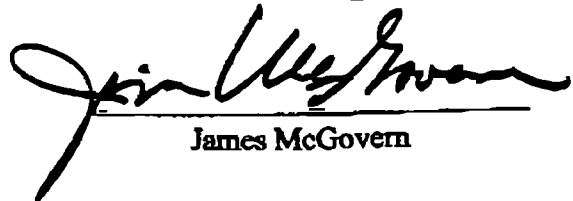

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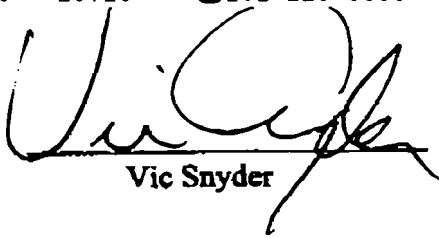
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FAX COVER PAGE

DATE: May 15, 1998TO: Sarah for
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PHONE: _____

FAX: 202.456.2438FROM: Sara Lukens

PHONE: 816-756-5116

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NUMBER OF PAGES: 2
(INCLUDING COVER)RE: Letter Complimenting Sandy Thurman Day

MESSAGE:

Sarah, we thought Sandy might
enjoy seeing this letter regarding
her visit to Kansas City.

City of St. Joseph

1100 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, Missouri 64501

May 15, 1998

Mr. Roger Gooden
4433 Roanoke Pkwy
Kansas City, MO 64111

Dear Roger,

Congratulations to you and the Sandy Thurman Day Committee for providing Missouri and Kansans the opportunity to meet with people who are shaping AIDS policy for years to come. It was an extraordinary experience, and our group from rural northwest Missouri came away feeling that our voice in the heartland was heard and that it truly mattered.

We each were very impressed with Sandy Thurman. How fortunate we are to have someone with her heart and grasp of the implications of even the smallest policy decisions in such an important political position. I think we can all feel that persons living with HIV/AIDS, as well as those who care about and work with them, are well represented at the President's table.

Personally, I was re-energized for 'the work' as Cornelius Baker called upon my sleeping social conscious by reminding us of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 'Letter from the Birmingham Jail.' So often we find ourselves bogged down in the bureaucracy and day-to-day tasks, that we forget we are involved in a real-life struggle which affects not only the people we deal with on a daily basis, but the social fabric of our country. My concerns that the political cohesiveness required to move resistant forces, both within the government and out, were salved as we heard, "Leave no one behind!" It is still ringing in my ears!

Possibly the most impressive of all were the representatives of the various regions sitting around the table posing questions and raising issues. Thurman and Baker had to see that these were real people, not just policy folks. It was the time and place to bring up funding, infrastructure and other key burning issues, but everyone did such a wonderful job of discussing them in human terms, how these issues will play out to individuals affected by the virus, that it brought home who really matters as decisions are made.

It was really a wonderful experience. My thanks and warm wishes to all of you who made the event possible.

Sincerely,



Rita McElhany
St. Joseph/Buchanan County Health Department
904 South 10th St.
St. Joseph, MO 64503

Cc: Gary Johnson - KCARC



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May 11, 1998

Ms. Sandra L. Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Sandy,

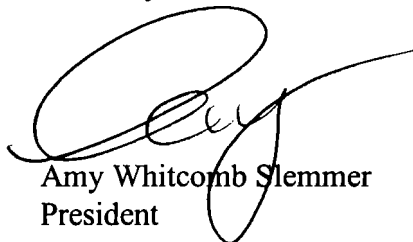
Thank you so much for your participation in Mothers' Voices 1998 Extraordinary Awards Luncheon. Your speech was a tremendous success, and your presence throughout the event was greatly appreciated. I can not count the number of people who approached me after the program to compliment your work and to offer their opinions about your own extraordinariness.

This year's luncheon seemed much more substantive than in years past, and your keynote address was instrumental in setting that tone. I hope that the Moms heed your advice and jump into some of the tough policy fights that you outlined. I also look forward to following up on our brief conversation about holding a Senate hearing. It would be a tremendous boost for Mothers' Voices, and would provide an opportunity for some more basic education, which our friends in Congress are unabashed about proving they need.

It is my pleasure to be counted among your friends. I also have great professional admiration for what you have been able to do with your job. As you know, your predecessors were place holders, not players in the administration's AIDS decisions. We, as the AIDS community, are incredibly lucky to have you at the helm.

I look forward to our lunch on Thursday. We will be joined by your now good friends Trish Moylan Torruella (MV Executive Director) and Suzanne Benzer (President of the MV Board). Please feel free to call me before then if there is anything that I can do to make your life easier.

Sincerely,



Amy Whitcomb Slemmer
President

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May 1, 1998

Dear Sandy,

Thank you very much for talking to funders about needle exchange during the Council on Foundations annual meeting.

As you know, we have the daunting task of getting foundations to make grants to needle exchanges for the first time. This won't be easy, but with your help we know we can get the job done. We very much appreciate your offer to host potential new donors at a White House meeting & will be following up with you in the coming weeks.

Again, thank you!

Peter

From the desk of Peter D. Teague

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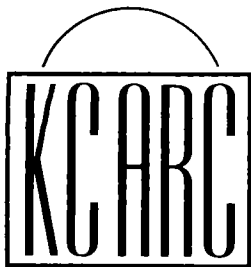
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May 4, 1998

Sandra L. Thurman
Director-Office of AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Sandy:

Thank you so much for a great day with the consumers in Kansas City last Thursday! I hope you realize how important your visit was to our community. I have enclosed a copy of THE STAR's coverage of your visit. As you probably noted from the number of folks who attended each session, your visit was timely and extremely well received.

I regret you were unable to stay for our HIV update conference on Friday, however Todd Summers was an excellent choice as a replacement. Todd is articulate, witty and well-informed about the issues and he was a welcome speaker following lunch.

You indicated you will plan a return to Kansas City to fulfill your speaking obligation to the Kansas City AIDS Research Consortium. I will try to design the appropriate forum for your presentation and contact your office to see if we can find a date in the coming months which fits on your busy schedule.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Johnson
Executive Director

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Baker University gets \$1.2 million

Liberty couple's gift ties as second-largest ever given to school.

By DIANE CARROLL
Staff Writer

A Liberty couple has given \$1.2 million to Baker University in Baldwin City, Kan., the school announced Thursday.

The gift, from James and Elizabeth Ferrell, ties for the second-largest the university has ever received, President Dan Lambert said. The largest, \$2.7 million, was donated in 1990 by a Texas couple. The other \$1.2 million gift was made in the early 1980s.

"It's one of those things that happens so rarely that you kind of sit back and enjoy it and be grateful," Lambert said.

Neither of the Ferrells attended Baker, but Elizabeth Ferrell is on the school's board. James Ferrell is chairman of Ferrell Cos. and Ferrellgas of Liberty, which markets propane gas.

Most of the gift will be used for a new campus landscape plan. About \$250,000 will go toward a

planned \$6 million renovation of the school library.

The landscape plan, which includes burying power lines, is under way. It is the first step of a long-term plan to revitalize the campus, Lambert said. The plan includes renovating the student union and the school's residence halls.



Ferrell

Getting the landscape plan going "gives me a great deal more confidence we are going to get this (whole) thing done," Lambert said.

Lambert, who was a vice president at William Jewell College before joining Baker, has known the Ferrells for 20 years. He said he asked them to help pay for the campus projects about a year ago.

In 1996, Baker benefited from a \$1 million gift from philanthropist R.R. Osborne of Olathe. That money was used to dismantle a Methodist chapel in England and reassemble it at Baker.

Forum sizes up health of black community

By STEVE NICELY
Staff Writer

Three black professionals participating in a panel discussion Thursday sized up the mental, physical and spiritual health of the black community and found it lacking in two out of three categories.

Only the spiritual element got a fairly positive evaluation at the fourth annual Black Family Conference in Wyandotte County. Belief in God still helps blacks find ways to cope in otherwise hopeless

chiatrist, said a plague of crack cocaine addiction among black males has decimated the mental health of African-American communities across the nation.

He blamed a racist conspiracy in Congress and federal law enforcement agencies for filling the nation's prisons with black men.

Congress made federal sentences for crack cocaine offenses longer than for powdered cocaine, he said. Statistics show more whites use powdered cocaine, while more blacks use the cheaper and more potent crack cocaine, Parks said.

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MISSOURI

Levee saboteur guilty: A jury today returned a guilty verdict against the man charged with intentionally breaking a northeast Missouri levee at the height of the Great Flood of 1993. After hearing closing statements by today in Hannibal, the jury deliberated just 2½ hours to find Scott guilty of causing a catastrophe. Scott, 29, of Fowler, Ill., will be sentenced July 6. He could get life in prison. Jurors heard testimony that Scott intentionally broke the West Quincy levee in July 1993, flooding more than 14,000 acres, destroying dozens of businesses and causing the closure of one of the remaining bridges open at the time. Testimony indicated Scott broke the levee to strand his wife in Missouri so he could party in Illinois. Scott was convicted of the same charge in 1994 at a trial in Springfield and sentenced to life in prison. An appeals court overturned the verdict last year.

Board appointment: Gov. Mel Carnahan has named John Birch as chairman of the State Board of Mediation. Birch, 55, of Kansas City, replaces Francis Brady, who resigned. Carnahan's office announced Thursday. Birch is a former member of the Missouri House. Carnahan also announced that Lewis Glendon Ullery of Lee's Summit had been named to the Gaming Commission. Ullery, 65, replaces Erwin Mall, whose term expires. Ullery retired last year from the Missouri Highway Patrol after 27 years. Donald Gann of Ozark and Earl Greenwell of Shelbyville were named to the Missouri Ethics Commission. They replace John Gowan and Ervin Harder, whose terms have expired.

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By ALAN BAVLEY
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Chuck Davis, news director for a local radio station, bought the magic dog and then the next seven as part of the 30 he purchased for his staff.

Owner L.B. Newey has kept the price at three chili dogs for \$1 since he started. In 1988, the store sold 44,191 chili dogs. By 1997, the number of annual dogs sold swelled to 152,864.

The store keeps a daily record of dogs sold. Newey won't reveal the recipe for his chili, but he did say he doesn't plan on raising the price of his dogs.

KANSAS

Emu roundup: State troopers needed backup to bring in a fugitive: an emu, 4½ feet tall, 80 pounds, running down the highway in Wellington, Kan., during rush hour.

The flightless Australian bird escaped from an unidentified place Wednesday morning and led Kansas Highway Patrol and Kansas Turnpike Authority officers on a mile-long chase.

Troopers finally captured the animal with the help of a bird handler from the Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita, about 20 miles north.

"They were really happy to see us," said bird curator Jon Seltz.

Seltz and two other zoo employees found troopers in their cars shepherding the emu off the highway near a fence. The birds are capable of running up to 30 mph.

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The White House said for the first time this month that needle-exchange programs effectively prevented the spread of the disease among intravenous drug users and did not encourage illegal drug use.

But the administration backed away from lifting a ban on federal money for such programs. And on Wednesday, the House of Representatives reinforced that ban by voting to bar funding.

Thurman, who lobbied in favor of federal money for the programs, said the Clinton administration was walking a "political high wire" between AIDS advocates who support needle exchanges and critics who think the programs condone drug use.

"We made a huge step" in saying needle exchanges work, Thurman said. "We're in a good position to encourage local communities to do them with private, local or state dollars."

Thurman was in Kansas City for several meetings with AIDS service providers and patients from Kansas and Missouri. Many brought complaints that Midwest AIDS programs, particularly in rural areas, were slighted by Washington.

Accompanying Thurman at the meetings was Cornelius Baker, executive director of the National Association of People with AIDS.

Baker's criticism on the needle exchange issue was blunt.

"The president was a coward," he said. "Some of us have to stand up and say the president lost an opportunity to lead. A century from now we may still have this awful disease here, and we don't have to have it."



White House AIDS official Sandra Thurman, known informally AIDS czar, got a show of support from Marcos Williams (le Ray Anderson, both of St. Louis, during a visit to Kansas Thursday.

The refusal to fund needle exchanges is equivalent to genocide, he said, because a large number of the drug users at risk of AIDS are members of minority groups. More than half of new HIV infections nationwide are directly or indirectly the result of intravenous drug use.

AIDS spreads among drug users when they share contaminated hypodermic needles. Needle exchange programs try to discourage the practice by providing clean needles in exchange for used ones.

Locally run needle exchange programs operate in many cities, including Kansas City. An outreach worker from a private Kansas City health agency regularly visits several midtown locations to distribute needles and provide information on drug treatment.

About two dozen persons interrupted one of Thurman's meetings with cheers and signs proclaiming, "Sandy is our Hero," "Thurman Fighting for Our Lives," and "Czarina is in our Arena," a reference to her informal title of AIDS czar.

Thurman's position on needle exchange funding was opposed most strongly within the Clinton administration by Barry McCaffrey, the federal drug policy czar.

"In Washington, they were calling our little battle 'Czar Wars,'" Thurman said.

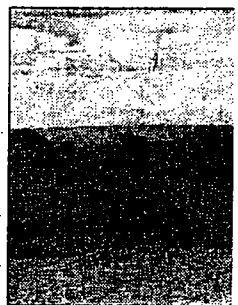
Baker said his organization

would lobby for McCaffrey's removal.

"McCaffrey is now our enemy," he said. "We've got everything we can to get rid of there."

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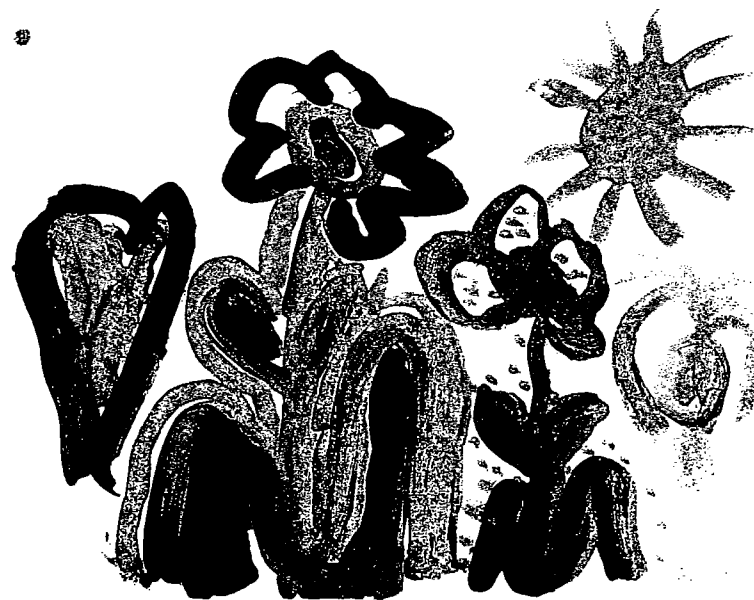
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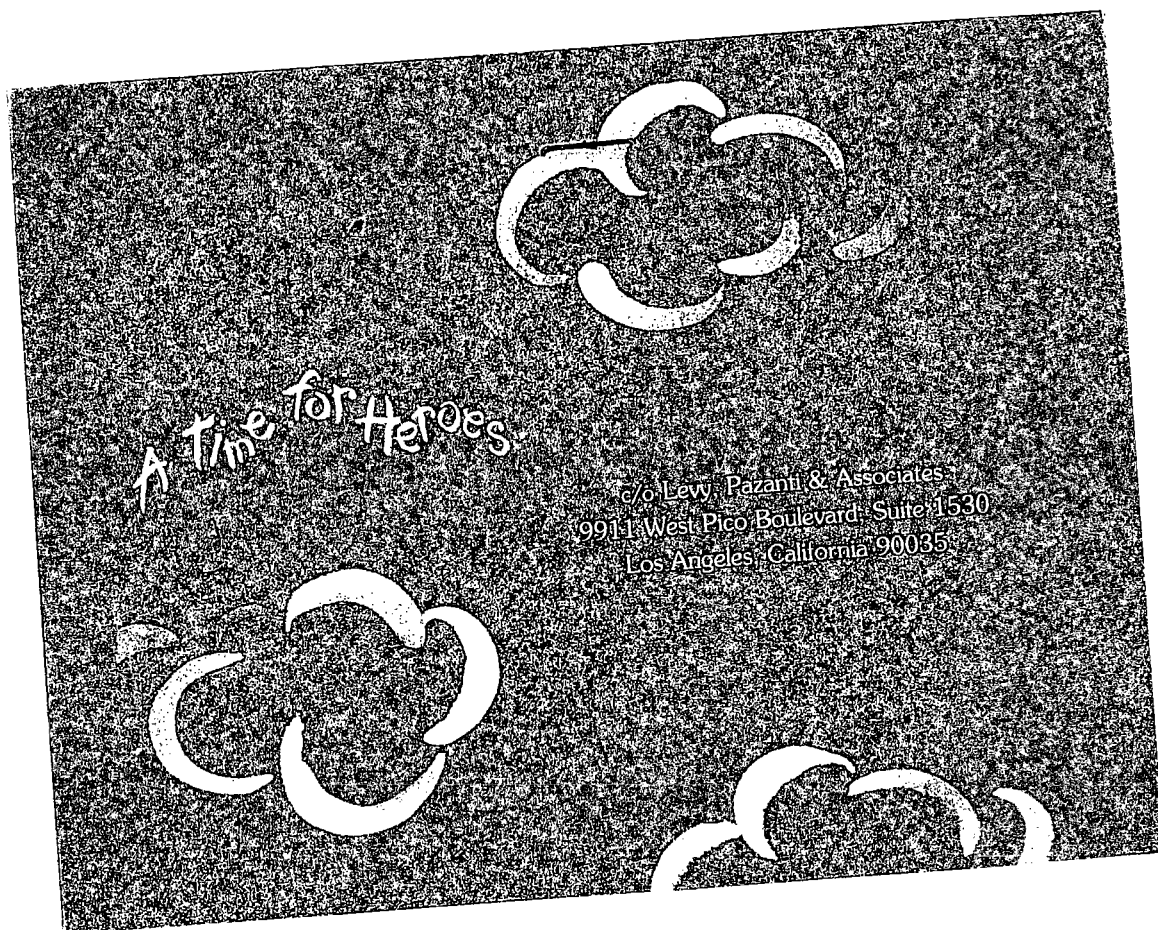
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May 5, 1998

Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place, NW
Suite 820
Washington, DC 20503

Sandy
Dear Ms. Thurman:

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to moderate a special forum 'Political Will in the Response to the AIDS Pandemic' at the NCIH 25th Anniversary Global Health Conference. The National Council for International Health is a non-profit, non-partisan membership association that was created in 1971 by the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the American Nursing Association, and six other national health organizations. Our mission is to monitor international health issues and advocate policies that help secure health for all worldwide.

The NCIH 25th Annual Conference, "Mobilizing Communities and Constituencies for Global Health" will be held in Washington, DC, June 25-27, 1998. Dr. Halfdan Mahler, former Director General of WHO, and Dr. Jack LeSar, Senior Vice President of the Academy for Educational Development, are serving as Conference Chairs. Dr. Nils Morten Daulaire, Senior Advisor, Agency for International Development, is also playing a key role in shaping the content and list of speakers for this event. The strategy of this year's conference is to propose a plan of action to mobilize communities and constituencies to become active members of the effort to attain 'Health for All.'

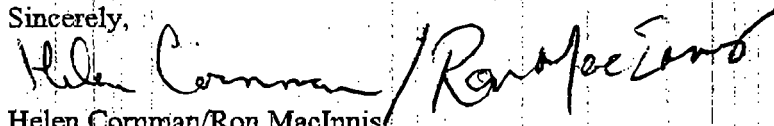
This conference is the single largest gathering of influential international health professionals outside of the World Health Assembly, with 1,500 to 2,000 participants from the US and from more than 70 countries around the world. The national media, broadcast and print are invited to our conference. The conference serves as a forum for national and international public policy announcements -- Vice President Al Gore used the forum to announce a major health initiative in 1996. While the NCIH Conference is strictly a neutral forum, we would be more than pleased to work with your staff to assure maximum visibility and international impact.

The NCIH Global AIDS Program will be sponsoring a noon-time plenary session on Thursday, June 25th entitled, 'Political Will in the Response to the AIDS Pandemic.' This forum will provide a venue for organizations and individuals working in international health to become more knowledgeable and active in the area of mobilizing community and governmental representatives around HIV/AIDS initiatives. As a moderator, you would be responsible for the smooth flow of the panel presentation. This includes allowing each presenter his/her fair share of speaking time and allowing time for a question and answer period. This luncheon session will be two hours long. We would like to limit the presentations to one hour, and allow 30 minutes for Q and A. There will 4-5 people on the panel, and we would like to allow them approximately 10-15 minutes each. It will also be important to encourage an open dialogue between the panelists and the audience.

The speakers include Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services (invited), to illustrate community initiatives by the Department of Health and Human Services; Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary of State (invited), to discuss current initiatives being facilitated by the State Department; Mead Over from the World Bank to discuss their recent publication, "Confronting AIDS: Public Priorities in a Global Epidemic"; Noerine Kaleeba, Community Mobilization Advisor from UNAIDS, examining existing community responses and strategies; and Seth Berkley, President, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, discussing strategies to involve governments and donors in the international vaccine initiative.

We would be very honored with your presence at the NCIH Annual Conference. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to your favorable reply.

Sincerely,



Helen Cornman/Ron MacInnis
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Dear Sandy:

Enoch and I hope you can spend an hour with our Board of Directors, at noon on June 4. We'd like you to provide about 15 minutes of overview and updates on key priorities you and the Administration are facing, plus a word or two about your expectations of the forthcoming international conference and Geneva. But most importantly: We'd love it if you spoke directly to us, and suggested two or three very specific things you'd love to see the National AIDS Fund do in the coming year.

The only complication is that our meeting is at the Landsdowne Conference center, which is fifteen minutes from Dulles! So, the drive out and back will be the logistical obstacle in saying "yes."

Thanks for giving us your best shot. I hope the trek to Russia is going well.

Cordially,

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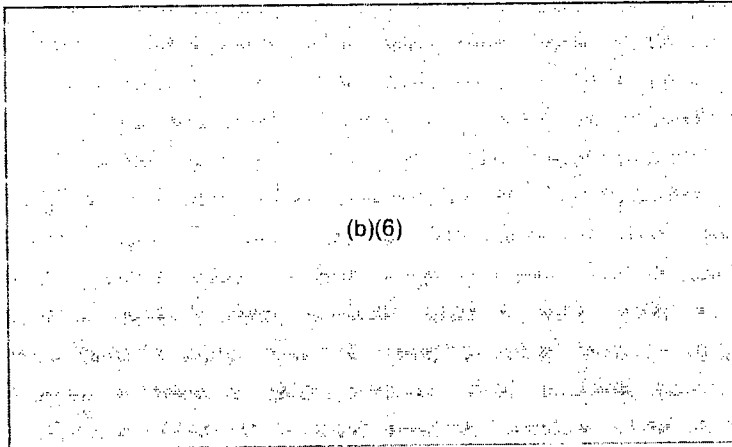
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RE my problem

FAX 202/456-2438 **Phone** 202/395-1441

Dear Ms Lewinsky,

As simply as possibly: My sister (now in her late seventies) and my 80-year old widowed brother have lived virtually next door to one another for the last thirty years. For reasons of health, and to be near her daughter and grandchildren, she is moving from the Chicago area to Palo Alto, CA, where she has been accepted as a Section 236 Rental in a HUD-connected facility that offers both independent and assisted living facilities, as well as a nursing home.

Although he has many ailments, and the sight of only one eye (which could be lost at any moment), my brother is semi-dependent upon her physically and totally dependent upon her psychologically. He applied to the same facility, but has been turned down because his income (as measured by HUD standards) is slightly over the limit because of his various assets. And, even if he takes steps to cut them, there seems to be a two-year look-back to prevent improper collection of a HUD subsidy.

If left to himself, there's a good chance he wouldn't be alive in two years. I cannot leave him alone where he is. I cannot put him in a nursing home (that he isn't quite ready for, physically) and leave him there to rot – even if he were willing. I cannot bring him to live with, or near, us; we're away more than we are here.

Yet I understand that the facility in question has space available almost instantly. Rent need not be a problem. I will gladly pay whatever the facility might charge. It's just that it's the only place where he can have a modicum of pleasure in his remaining years. So anything you or Sandy can do to get those very nice folks at HUD to ease up in some way will be greatly appreciated.

The facility is:

Lytton Gardens
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I look forward to hearing from you next week and, hopefully, meeting you the next time we're in DC. Meanwhile, if you feel you need additional information, or that I should speak to someone else, please don't hesitate to call me at (505) 821-9002.

Cordially,

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Dear Sandra Thurman:

The American Association for World Health (AAWH) has begun planning for World AIDS Day 1998. The National Advisory Committee for World AIDS Day will be meeting on Wednesday May 27, 1998, and we hope you will be able to join us.

Each year AAWH builds on its previous successes and improves the scope and reach of World AIDS Day efforts. The *Report on Activities in the United States* for World AIDS Day 1997 is under development, and feedback from the grass roots is encouraging, telling us to keep up the good work.

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) has designated the theme of the 1998 World AIDS Campaign as "Force for Change: World AIDS Campaign with Young People." This focus on young people is a continuation of last year's focus on children, and it emphasizes that hope for the future lies in our world's youth. During the Advisory Committee meeting, we will be adapting this theme for a U.S. audience.

In order to continue the success of the World AIDS Day education program and enhance its resources and reach, we need your guidance on the National Advisory Committee for World AIDS Day. The meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 1998, with resource material distribution targeted for August.

Wednesday, May 27, 1998

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Coffee will be available in the morning and lunch will be served at noon. We will discuss the development of the 1998 World AIDS Day Resource Booklet, as well as brainstorm ideas for both the slogan and graphic. As in the past, AAWH asks all organizations participating on the advisory committee for assistance with the distribution of the resource booklets and posters in the upcoming months by providing mailing labels of its networks. Participation on subcommittees should the need for any arise will also be requested of advisory committee members.

Please RSVP by Friday, May 22, 1998. We appreciate your interest in World AIDS Day and look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

With warmest regards,

Richard L. Wittenberg
President and Chief Executive Officer

National Advisory Committee for World AIDS Day

Planning Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 1998

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Please R.S.V.P. to the American Association for World Health by Friday, May 22, 1998, at (202) 466-5883