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

April 27, 2000

Dear Ms. Thurman:

We appreciate that you will be attending the Washington, D.C. AIDS Ride 5 this June. Our Executive Director, Craig Shniderman, has informed me that you may be accompanied by an assistant. I believe his name is Ron. We are in the process of booking accommodations and would like to send this person a packet describing the choices available. I would greatly appreciate you providing us with a contact address and, if possible, a phone number.

I can be reached at 202-863-1840. Alternatively, my fax number is 202-488-1521 and email, dpalmer@foodandfriends.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dean Palmer'.

Dean Palmer
Executive Assistant

Sarah T. Holewinski

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Subject: Sandra Thurman

Hello Dean!

This is Sarah from Sandy Thurman's Office. As she is currently on travel, I wanted to get back to you regarding your very kind fax of April 27th.

Unfortunately, Sandy (and I) just recently had to come to the decision not to do this ride this year. Sandy has been designated to lead another delegation to Africa, which leaves her out of the country for the majority of May (about 22 days of exhaustive travel in 4 countries). In addition, she will be participating in the International Conference on AIDS in South Africa, causing her to leave the country yet again only 2 days after the Ride for another two weeks of international travel.

Sandy held out to the last on doing this Ride until we actually showed her the calendar and how difficult it would all be to pull off. It was a difficult decision to make....She's an incredibly strong woman, as we have seen...
but i think this would just about do her in!

I know that she will want to talk with Craig about her decision next time they are together - however, would you let him know the situation? As always, Sandy is ready and willing to do anything she can to support the Ride, and Food and Friends....just let us know what you may need, whenever you may need it.
Please
give everyone her regards....

Thanks Dean - take care!

Sarah Holewinski
(395-1441)



November 18, 1999

Sandy Thurman
Director
White House Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place, NW
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Thurman:

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and clients, I respectfully extend an invitation for you to visit Food & Friends during this year's Thanksgiving service. **As you know, Food & Friends is the only organization in the Washington, DC metropolitan area that provides home delivered freshly-prepared meals and groceries to persons living with AIDS and their family members.** So far this year, Food & Friends has carefully prepared and delivered over 660,000 fresh meals and groceries to residents living with AIDS throughout the metropolitan area.

Thanksgiving at Food & Friends is our most important day. We prepare close to 2,000 traditional Thanksgiving meals and package them for volunteers to deliver to our clients' homes so that they can enjoy the traditional holiday feast with their loved ones. Over 200 volunteers come down to our facility at 58 L Street, SE on Thanksgiving Day to help us carry out that tremendous service; more than one hundred others assist our chefs the days before Thanksgiving.

Over 900 men, women and children living in the Washington, DC metro area depend on Food & Friends for meals and groceries each day. We currently provide service to over 215 children under the age of 18; 93 of them are HIV positive themselves. As you know, the demographics of HIV show that it remains a disease affecting increasing numbers of women, people of color and individuals who are living in abject poverty -- those who are traditionally undeserved by other community resources. The financial burden of AIDS - particularly due to the high costs of complicated medical therapies - is devastating for a family of any income level.

We already count you as a friend of Food & Friends and, therefore, we would be honored for you to be our guest for Thanksgiving. We anticipate the presence of other local political leaders, as in prior years.

We would be pleased for you to join us on any of the following days:

- **Wednesday, November 24th:** We will prepare and package family-style Thanksgiving meals all day long, from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. We would be honored to have you as our guest at anytime on Wednesday.
- **Thursday, November 25th – Thanksgiving Day:** Our chefs and volunteers arrive at 5:00 a.m. to prepare 2,000 Thanksgiving meals for home delivery throughout the entire Washington, DC metropolitan area. Again, please accept our invitation to schedule your visit anytime Thanksgiving Day.

The contact person for your visit will be Fay Slattery, Deputy Executive Director. Her directs line is (202) 863-0523. Her pager number is (202) 490 5166.

We look forward to hearing a response from your office about arranging your visit. Again, we remain grateful for your support of Food & Friends. Thank you again, Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Craig".

Craig Shniderman,
Executive Director

Cc: Bill Goldstein, President, Board of Directors