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A supportive and nurturing home for formerly homeless men living with AIDS.

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Sandra Thurman, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House
736 Jackson Place NW
Washington DC, 20503

November 5, 1999

Dear Ms. Thurman,

I am writing to thank you for the opportunity for Susan Johnson, RN, David Hilfiker, MD, and myself, to meet you on November 23rd, 1999 at 10:00 am to tell you about the mission of Joseph's House, to provide a caring home and exquisite medical care for men who are homeless and dying of AIDS.

I enclose materials that will give you an overview of Joseph's House, its philosophy and history, and how we are viewed in the larger community.

Thank you for your interest in the work we do and the men we serve.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia Wudel
Executive Director

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A PLACE THAT IS HOME • Around Joseph's House, they call Howard Janifer's room "The Icehouse." The room is as frigid on this late-January afternoon in Washington, D.C., as the outdoors. Howard



explains that he's used to the cold from his time on the streets. When asked how many years he lived there, he says, "A whole lotta winters—over 17."

But the room exudes the warmth of a place that is home.

A small altar at the foot of the bed holds a statue of Jesus, several rosaries, and a well-worn Bible, unusual for the thin, steel spike taped inside. Around the room are homemade candles, a walking stick Howard found on the beach, and his certificate of baptism, dated

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