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HEALTH PROMOTION AND EDUCATION
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

March 9, 1998

White House Office on AIDS Policy
ATTN: Sarah
808 17th Street NW, Suite 820
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Sarah:

Thanks for returning my phone call from last week. I'm the Program Manager for the SC AIDS Training Network, the South Carolina contractor for the Southeast AIDS Training and Education Center in Atlanta. I serve on the Executive and Planning Committees for the Annual SC STD/HIV Conference, which is always held in the fall of the year. It is sponsored by our state Department of Health and Environmental Control, our Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, the SC AIDS Training Network, the SC HIV Network (a Red Cross-CDC project), AIDS service organizations in our state, and other agencies and organizations. Approximately 600 health professionals and allied health personnel attend each year. Last year we also provided approximately 50 scholarships for persons with HIV Disease. The conference lasts three days, and this year it is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st through Friday, October 23rd.

I have been fortunate to hear Ms. Thurman's presentations and suggested that she be a keynote speaker for this year's conference. Accordingly, I have been tasked with finding out her availability for the days of the conference. At this point, we are seeking several keynote speakers and have some flexibility in scheduling. We will have keynote address opportunities on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Last year, our keynote speakers were Dr. Abraham Verghese, Jeannie White-Ginder, and the Rev. Norma Jennings (from Wash., DC). Each of these individuals presented a keynote address and also conducted an informal conversation/question and answer session as a concurrent session offering, either preceding or following their presentation. We would love to have Ms. Thurman as a keynote speaker, and certainly understand that her calendar is quite busy and demanding. We will, of course, be willing to work with her to suit her schedule. If she is available during this time, we can work out any details regarding her presentation and any logistical arrangements that are necessary.

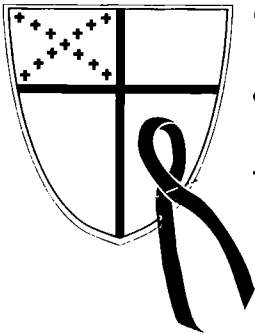
Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I will be out of town from Wednesday, March 11th through March 15th, attending the National AIDS Education and Training Centers Workshop in New Orleans. Please feel free to leave me a message at (803)777-4788 or fax any pertinent information to me at (803)777-6290. Our next Planning Committee meeting is March 26th. Again, thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan L. Fulmer". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Susan L. Fulmer, MPH, MS, CSPP
Program Manager/Assistant Director
SC AIDS Training Network

cc: Allen Wutzdorff, Chair, Conference Planning Committee



E P I S C O P A L
C A R I N G R E S P O N S E
T O A I D S

The Episcopal Carling Response to AIDS (ECRA) provides support and services to those affected by HIV/AIDS regardless of religious affiliation, or lack thereof.

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&
TEENS FOR AIDS
PREVENTION (TAP)

Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director
White House Office on National AIDS Policy
808 17th Street, NW
Suite 820
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman,

The Episcopal Carling Response to AIDS and AIDS National Interfaith Network have agreed to organize a 1998 World AIDS Day Observance. A brainstorming session was held on Monday, 23 March with members of various congregations and HIV/AIDS Service Organizations. The consensus of the persons gathered was that it was not so important to have a "healing service" like the one held last year at Church of the Epiphany. Instead, it was suggested that an event like a candlelight vigil or a "Concert for Hope" be held on the eve of World AIDS Day. Our next step is to invite targeted individuals from specific HIV/AIDS organizations to come together to further explore these possibilities.

Please note that we would very much like to have your participation in whatever event is decided and planned. Without a specific event to invite you to, we would like to ask that you join us on Monday, 30 November, the eve of World AIDS Day. You would add tremendously to the occasion both as the Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy as well as a person who has been involved and concerned with the fight against HIV and AIDS since the epidemic began. We will keep you informed of further developments. If someone from your office would be available to attend our next meeting, please have them join us at the DC CARE Consortium conference room on Wednesday, 29 April at 6:30 p.m. DC CARE is located at 733 15th Street, NW, Suite 620.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in our work.

Sincerely,

- Chip

Chip Heath
Director of Special Events and Training

733 Fifteenth Street, N.W., Suite 315 • Washington, D.C. 20005-2112
(202) 347-8077 • FAX (202) 628-0234

3640 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., S.E., • Washington, DC 20032-9307
(202) 562-5488 • FAX (202) 562-5499

WORLD AIDS DAY BRAINSTORMING SESSION

Monday, 23 March 1998

7:00 pm

A. Welcome/Introductions

B. Overview of past Healing Services/World AIDS Day Services

C. Brainstorming:

- i. Why? (Purpose: who is this event for? why are we doing it?)
- ii. Who? (Sponsorship: who will organize it? who will pay for it?)
- iii. Where? (Location: where should the event be held?)
- iv. When? (Time/Date)

D. Follow-up plan

E. Future meeting(s)

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FAX Number: (202) 632-1096

Date: March 10, 1998

To: Ms. Sarah Holewinski

From: Rosmary Lofton

Re: Ms. Sandy Thurman

Number of pages to follow: 2

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in the age of AIDS"

Metro TeenAIDS Jubilee Center

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Washington, DC 20003-5577

Telephone: (202) 543-9355 FAX: (202) 543-3343

Visit our web site at: www.metroteenaids.org

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sarah Holewinski
FR: Rodney Lofton
DA: March 10, 1998
RE: Ms. Sandy Thurman
cc: Daphne Rankin

Dear Sarah:

On behalf of the Virginia HIV/AIDS Network, I would like to extend an invitation to Ms. Sandy Thurman of the White House on HIV/AIDS, to speak at the 3rd Annual HIV Update Conference in Richmond, Virginia. The conference is scheduled for August 3-5, 1998 at the Holiday Inn, Koger Center South.

We are requesting Ms. Thurman's appearance on Tuesday, August 4, 1998 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We are asking Ms. Thurman to speak on the World AIDS Conference (The Geneva Update).

It is our hope that a speaker of Ms. Thurman's stature will include this conference in her schedule. On behalf of Virginians, we are positive that Ms. Thurman will pass on vital information in our continued fight against the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

I am faxing over to you a sample flyer for the conference. Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (202) 543-9355 ext. 406.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Rodney Lofton

Eliz Rozats
540-328-8000 x185

VHAN

Virginia HIV/AIDS Network

presents its third annual

HIV Update Conference

Mark your calendar!!

**August 3 - 5, 1998
Holiday Inn, Koger Center South
Richmond, Virginia**

**For further information contact:
Betty Whittaker
540-985-3542**

CEUs available

Memorandum

To: Sandy Thurman
From: Tony Braswell
Date: 3-4-98

Hey Sandy

We are working with Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network on a conference in August - IN SAVANNAH.

If you have the opportunity, they would like to have you speak as the keynote address of the conference. The date is August 10, the speech would be at 9:00 am.

I am only asking for them. It would be great if you could do this for them - Shane Shook (one of our case managers who I believe you worked with) is very active with this organization. They also have a good group represented from Grady.

Again, I am only passing this along at their request. It will certainly not be a problem if you cannot squeeze this in.

Hope you are doing well - and I hope to see you soon (Sharon says you look GREAT!!)

NOTE -

* PAGE 2 + 3 ARE FOR THE ORGANIZATION - NOT NECESSARILY FOR THE EVENT

Day Two: August 11, 1998

8:00 Breakfast (*Provided by Conference*)

8:30 General Session : Mental Health — Dr. McDaniel (Confirmed)

9:45 General Session : AIDS Fraud — To Be Announced

10:15 General Session : Complementary Therapies - _____ ()

11:15 BREAK

11:30 Breakout Session: *Number TWO*

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| (1) <u>Substance Abuse - _____</u> | () |
| (2) <u>Financial - Russ Waller & Judy Krulick _____</u> | (Identified) |
| (3) <u>Case Management - Alyson Levy & _____</u> | (Invited) |
| (4) <u>Grief and Loss - _____</u> | () |

12:30 Lunch (Provided by Conference) HIV Comedian — Todd Pridgen (Confirmed)

2:00 General Session : Womyns Issues — Unknown

3:00 General Session : Reconstruction — Mark King (Confirmed)

4:00 Wrap-up Session / Collection of Evaluations - Shelly Moorwessel (Confirmed)

4:30 END OF CONFERENCE

August 10, 1998

8:00 Registration and Breakfast (Provided by conference)

* 9:00 General Welcome/Plenary Session/Keynote Speaker Speaker TBA

9:30 General Session : Treatment Issues — Alissa Greene (Identified)

10:45 BREAK

11:00 General Session : Adherence Presentation — Linda Gates (Confirmed)

12:15 Lunch: (provided by conference) No speaker

1:45 Break Out Session: Number ONE

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| (1) <u>Legal Issues - Robert Bush</u> | (Identified) |
| (2) <u>Children/Pediatrics - Elizabeth Klein</u> | (Confirmed) |
| (3) <u>Diversity - Gardenia Ruff</u> | (Confirmed) |
| (4) <u>Oral Health - Dr. Judy Rosenquist</u> | (Identified) |

2:45 BREAK

3:00 General Session : Ethics — Lawrence Marley (Confirmed)

4:00 Close/Wrap-up: Shelly Moorwessel

* SAVANNAH MARRIOTT - WATERFRONT

Anyone is Fair Game...

Promoters of fraudulent AIDS products target not only people who are already infected with HIV, but also prey upon the fears of people who are at risk for infection. Some examples of their products include:

- plastic covers for public telephones and toilets which are supposed to act as barriers to HIV infection. These types of products contribute to irrational fears that HIV can be spread by casual contact.
- anti-virus creams - to be used instead of a condom to prevent HIV infection. Claims that these products are effective during sexual contact are not proven. These products discourage safe-sex, a practice which does help prevent HIV infection.

For More Information on HIV Treatment or Prevention

Georgia AIDS Info-Line
1-800-551-2728

National AIDS Information
Clearinghouse
1-800-458-5231

Clinical Trials Information
1-800-TRIALS-A

Help Prevent AIDS Fraud

You can help to protect yourself and others from AIDS fraud by reporting suspect products or services.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration
60 Eighth Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30309

Georgia AIDS Therapy
Information Network (GATIN)
4060 Peachtree Road, Suite D-126
Atlanta, GA 30319
1-800-551-2728
(Georgia AIDS Info-Line)



GATIN was formed in 1990. The members are representatives of local AIDS organizations and government agencies. Our goal is to educate the community about the dangers of AIDS fraud and to increase the ability of individuals to make informed decisions about their health.

GATIN gratefully acknowledges the contributions of the California and Colorado AIDS Fraud Task Forces in the development of this pamphlet.

What you need to know about

MIRACULOUS CURE

Amazing Breakthrough

Fast, Natural, and Painless

...because ignorance
can be as deadly
as the disease.

What is HIV/AIDS Fraud?

HIV/AIDS fraud is the promotion of an AIDS related product or treatment known to be false, unproven or potentially harmful.

AIDS Fraud is Dangerous!

When people are confronted with a desperate illness like AIDS, they are often willing to try almost anything that 'promises' to help. Some of these alternative treatments may be helpful or at least harmless, but others can be very dangerous, even deadly. For example:

- immune system "booster" capsules were promoted as a remedy, but were found to contain heavy metals such as lead and chromium that can cause anemia, central nervous system problems, and kidney failure; and
- one product being brought into the U.S. from the Caribbean turned out to be contaminated with HIV and hepatitis B viruses.

The use of products or services that don't work may delay you from getting proper medical care. Even though there is no cure for AIDS, there are treatments that have been proven to extend life and improve the quality of life in persons with HIV infection or AIDS.

How to Identify AIDS Fraud

If you are looking for treatments for AIDS or HIV infection, protect yourself.

You should question any treatment that:

- claims to prevent or cure AIDS or HIV infection. Right now there is no cure.
- is promoted as "miraculous", "fool-proof", "revolutionary", "painless", or makes other fantastic claims
- sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- claims to have been discovered by a "foreign doctor" and/or is advertised as "tested in another country".
- is an experimental drug treatment that you have to pay for. (It is very rare for patients to be charged for experimental treatments or drugs.)
- uses personal success stories to sell the product. Personal success stories are not proof that a product or treatment works.
- is sold as a "cure" for other illnesses such as cancer or arthritis in addition to AIDS.
- uses big scientific-sounding words or other medical mumbo-jumbo in it's advertisements. While it may sound sophisticated, it is pure nonsense.
- claims to enhance your immune system.



The Choice is Yours

You must make the final choices about your health care and the management of your HIV infection. Don't take anything for granted. Use the information in this pamphlet to help you make wise choices, avoid wasting time and money, and find the best possible care for yourself and others.

Important Questions To Ask

- Can you give me some additional information about this product to take with me while I think about it?
- What are the risks and side effects of this product, is it worth the risk, and what do I have to give up in order to use it?
- Is the product or treatment approved by the Food and Drug Administration for this usage and if not, why?
- What are the credentials and motives of the persons who are promoting this product, what do they have to gain?

Remember that not everyone who promotes an AIDS treatment or product is financially motivated. They might actually believe their product provides help, or at least provide hope, even though it is worthless or harmful.

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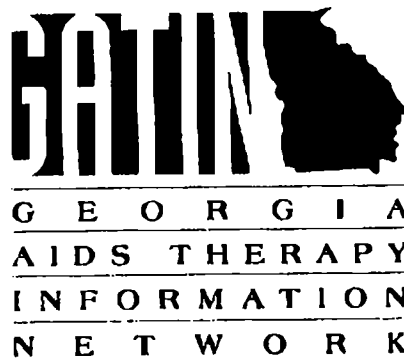
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Viatical Settlements ■ Financial Planning for the Seriously Ill ■ Insurance

March 11, 1998

Sandra L. Thurman, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th Street NW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Sandy:


Positive Impact, a local institute for HIV-related mental health programs, is hosting Dr. Joycelyn Elders for two special events on Friday, April 3. The purpose of the Former United States Surgeon General's visit is to help bring attention to Positive Impact's new multi-cultural training initiative for its many, capable volunteer practitioners.

This special day begins with a luncheon for mental health practitioners and students at the historic Trolley Barn downtown. Then, from 5:30-7 p.m., Alston & Bird is hosting a reception for Dr. Elders. To make the most of this occasion, we need to put together a Host Committee, and that's where you come in.

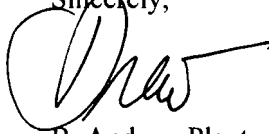
For a minimum donation of \$100, I would like you to join me on the Host Committee. Then, ask your friends and colleagues to either join us in "getting the word out" this way, or to consider buying a \$50 ticket to the reception. Like you, if they choose to join the Host Committee a ticket is included.

Alston & Bird is providing a fine evening, Outwrite Books will provide books and an opportunity for Dr. Elders' autograph, and the guest of honor will, as always, provide thought-provoking remarks on the continuing AIDS pandemic.

I'm sure you'll agree that the importance of mental health care escalates the longer we all live with AIDS. So, join me in welcoming Dr. Elders to Atlanta and in making all of Atlanta's communities more aware of the important work of Positive Impact.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at drewplant@benefitsamerica.com or 404-233-5411, or Positive Impact at 404-885-9040. I've also created the attached reply form to make your commitment even easier. Fill it out, throw it on the fax and then come meet the dynamic Dr. Joycelyn Elders!

Sincerely,



B. Andrew Plant
Communications & Client Services

Positive Impact, Dr. Joycelyn Elders and You

Positive Impact, Inc.
An Institute for HIV-Related Mental Health Programs

Reception Hosted by Alston & Bird LLC

Book Signing Sponsored by
Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse

Host Committee Chaired by



- ☐ Yes, I'll take my place on the Host Committee to welcome Dr. Joycelyn Elders in a reception at Alston & Bird* and let Atlanta know about the good work of Positive Impact:
- ☐ I've indicated how I'm sending my \$100 contribution below.
 - ☐ This is great! I've elected to make a higher contribution, as indicated below.
- ☐ Sorry, I won't join you on the Host Committee, but I would like to:
- ☐ Purchase a \$50 ticket
 - ☐ Make a contribution, as indicated below, but not attend
- ☐ This isn't for me, but good luck.

Thank you for your partnership!

Please mail this form to Positive Impact, Inc., 828 West Peachtree Street, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30308, or, if paying by credit card, fax this form to Positive Impact, 404-885-1204.

Name _____	Phone _____
Address _____	Fax _____
Address _____	E-mail _____
Address _____	
Address _____	# of tickets _____
I'm including:	Amount \$ _____
☐ check or money order (payable to Positive Impact, Inc.)	
☐ MC ☐ Visa ☐ Amex	Exp. Date _____
Credit Card # _____	Host Committee Members will
Name on card (please print!) _____	receive one ticket; a second ticket
	is available upon request.
Signature _____	☐ Two tickets, please.

If faxing, no cover sheet is necessary. Send to: 404-885-1204

Tickets will not be mailed. Please visit the Will Call table at the reception.

* Alston & Bird is located in One Atlantic Center, 1201 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30309.

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Macon,	GA	

WESLEYAN

First for Women

March 15, 1998 ²

Ms. Sandy Thurman
Director of White House Office of National AIDS Policy
White House Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th Street NW
Suite 820
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman:

We met many years ago at various Bradley family functions. My husband, Steve Cohen, and Howard Bradley were best friends in high school and college. I have followed your career through Howard and your Aunt Joy, and I am so pleased to learn of all your accomplishments. I know your presence would have a powerful impact on our students at Wesleyan College where I now serve as Academic Dean of the College.

I am writing to invite you to be the 1998 commencement speaker for Wesleyan College on Saturday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m. I know that you are a graduate of Mercer University, and I know that you are somewhat familiar with Wesleyan. Chartered in 1836, Wesleyan is the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women. The first woman ever to receive a bachelor's degree received it at Wesleyan in 1840. Now, over 160 years since its founding, Wesleyan continues as a selective, nationally ranked woman's college committed to the liberal arts as the very best education for life.

Throughout its existence Wesleyan has been a pioneer in higher education, and our history is characterized by curricular and co-curricular innovation. Ten years ago Wesleyan was the first woman's college to launch a ubiquitous computing program in which all students are given a computer with which they can integrate technology into every course experience. We pioneered the academically focused freshman seminar program in the mid 1980s. Early in the decade, Wesleyan integrated academic and student affairs linking the curricular and co-curricular experiences of our students in meaningful ways. For eight years, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Energy and Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the College has conducted a summer math and science institute for middle school girls from all over the country to encourage girls at this critical time in their lives to continue to pursue mathematics and science.

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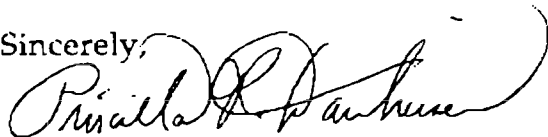
This Spring at Wesleyan College marks the beginning of a renewed commitment to health and wellness. We are preparing a grant proposal to the American Association of Colleges and Universities to fund a project to more fully integrate the study of HIV/AIDS into the Wesleyan curriculum and co-curriculum. We have committed to implementing a wellness program which unites the academic and student affairs areas of the college and faculty and students in an effort to encourage and practice wellness education on our campus. Our new President, Nora Kizer Bell, is a bio-ethicist who speaks nationally on the subject of AIDS. We believe liberal education can do much to increase awareness of issues of health and the human condition.

You will be interested to know that for ten years Wesleyan students have tutored illiterate adults in exchange for tuition waivers. In those ten years, over 500 students have taught over 2000 adults to read in our innovative lead community service project originally funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Post-secondary Education. Our students have been recognized nationally by FIPSE for their commitment to volunteerism, community service, and civic responsibility. It would be an honor to have you speak to our 1998 graduating class to inspire them to consider lives of service to benefit others.

In recent years Betty Friedan, Betty Ford, Ellen Goodman, Haynes Johnson, Eugenia Zuckerman, Jane Fonda, Bunney Sadler, Shirley Chisholm, Rosalyn Carter, Elizabeth Dole, and Virginia Hamilton have spoken at our college. I know that your presence at Wesleyan could make a significant difference in the lives of our students. The areas of health and human services cross every academic discipline. Your words would be so important and inspirational to our graduating seniors.

I am enclosing information on the College for your review. Our students very much want you to be with us. The College will cover all expenses associated with your travel. We can also offer an honorarium. As you know, we are conveniently located fifty minutes south of the Atlanta airport, and I would love to invite Joy, Brad, Ann, Howard, and their families to be with us as guests of the College for the commencement exercises and the luncheon which will follow. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Priscilla R. Danheiser
Dean of the College

PRD/jha

WESLEYAN COLLEGE

MACON, GEORGIA



The College

Wesleyan College, chartered in 1836, has the distinction of being the world's first college chartered to grant degrees to women. The College was founded by a group of Macon citizens and the Methodist Episcopal Church in order to give women the same educational rights and opportunities available to men. And more than 160 years later, Wesleyan remains dedicated to the education of women.

Wesleyan is a four-year, Methodist-related, liberal arts college. Approximately 500 women are enrolled; they come from as many as twenty states and six other countries. The buildings of the College, located on a 200-acre wooded campus, are constructed of brick in the Georgian style. Facilities include tennis courts, soccer and softball fields, a lake with a jogging trail nearby, a gymnasium with a heated pool, equestrian stables, and an outside hunter-jumper course. Construction of phase one of a \$1.5-million multipurpose athletic facility is completed. The five residence halls have lounges, study parlors, kitchenettes, and laundry areas. Student services include an orientation for incoming students, an on-campus health center, an academic center, and career planning and placement services.

Most of the extracurricular activities of Wesleyan's students are coordinated through three Activity Councils. The Council on Social Activities plans concert-dance weekends, mixers with nearby colleges, fashion shows, holiday trips, and special dinners. The Recreation Council coordinates competitive activities in basketball, soccer, softball, swimming, and individual sports. Wesleyan is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III. There are intercollegiate basketball, equestrian, soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball teams. The Council on Religious Concerns encourages religious life on campus and sponsors activities that involve students with community life. Students help in local institutions such as the Georgia Academy for the Blind, the Methodist Children's Home, and neighborhood schools and churches. They also participate in interest clubs, student publications, performing arts groups, honor societies, and professional fraternities. A number of College traditions are perpetuated by spirited but friendly competition among the four classes.

Wesleyan offers the Master of Arts degree in middle-level science and middle-level mathematics.

Location

Wesleyan is located in a suburb of the beautiful, historic city of Macon, Georgia, the third-largest city in the state. Macon is the cultural, educational, medical, and economic leader of middle Georgia. Five educational institutions are within a 60-mile radius of the Wesleyan campus. Located at the junction of U.S. Highways 1-75 and I-16, Macon is easily accessible by public and private transportation. Metropolitan Atlanta is about an hour's drive to the north, and the Wesleyan campus lies within only a few hours of the Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida beaches and the mountains of north Georgia. The city offers varied entertainment and many cultural opportunities. Concert Association and Symphony Orchestra performances are held on the Wesleyan campus, and several events during the annual Cherry Blossom Festival involve the College.

Majors and Degrees

Wesleyan College offers twenty-two areas of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts (A.B.) degree. The Bachelor of Arts is offered in American studies, art history, biology, business administration (concentration in accounting or management), chemistry, communication, education (early childhood, middle grades, and secondary), English, history, history/political science, international business, international relations, mathematics, music (performance emphasis—piano, organ, and voice), philosophy, psychology, religion, sociology, Spanish, and studio art. Self-designed interdisciplinary majors are also available.

There are preprofessional programs in dentistry, engineering, law, medicine, and veterinary medicine. Double majors are available in many areas, and students may select a minor program of study in a number of departments offering this option.

Wesleyan offers a dual-degree program in engineering in cooperation with Georgia Institute of Technology, Auburn University, and Mercer University. Three years of study at Wesleyan and two years of study at Georgia Tech, Auburn, or Mercer lead to an A.B. degree from Wesleyan and a B.S. degree from the other institution.

Academic Program

Wesleyan provides a challenging academic environment coupled with individualized attention. The College's goal is to prepare students for a lifetime of learning and change. Each major program contains general education requirements for breadth of learning and major field requirements for career and/or graduate school preparation. All degree programs require the completion of 120 semester hours with a cumulative average of C (2.0) or better. Each student is assisted by a faculty adviser and a peer counselor in the selection of academic experiences that lead to personal and career fulfillment.

Through Wesleyan's Computer Focus Program, each entering full-time student receives an Apple Macintosh computer that she may keep upon graduation. The use of computers has infiltrated the entire curriculum and supplemented the liberal arts education process. The networked campus is connected to the Internet, which gives each student access to a world of information from her dorm room.

Credit by examination and exemption from required courses are possible with acceptable scores on the Advanced Placement (AP) and College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests or acceptable grades in high school-college joint enrollment courses. Students may also exempt courses by taking departmental examinations. Credit for the International Baccalaureate is considered for higher level examinations on a course-by-course basis. Thirty semester hours of credit is the maximum a student can receive by exemption through AP, IB, CLEP, or departmental exams.

The College operates on an early semester plan. First semester classes begin August 27, 1997, and end December 12, 1997. The second semester begins January 15, 1998, and ends with graduation on May 2, 1998. There is a May term and one abbreviated summer session.

Off-Campus Arrangements

Students who maintain high academic standing for their first three semesters at Wesleyan may qualify to take their junior

year abroad at an institution approved by the College. Wesleyan has exchange agreements with the University of Sofia, Bulgaria; International Christian University, Japan; and the American Institute for Foreign Studies, which provides study abroad opportunities in Australia, Austria, China, France, Great Britain, Italy, Mexico, Russia, and Spain. Off-campus opportunities in Macon are available through the Internship Program, which places students with area businesses, community agencies, health organizations, arts groups, and the media. Summer internships can be arranged through the Governor's Intern Program, in a student's hometown, and in other locations. Academic credit given for off-campus experiences varies.

Academic Facilities

Willer Memorial Library has more than 159,000 volumes and subscribes to 603 periodicals. There are 26,050 items in microform and 6,500 tapes and records. (Wesleyan's membership in three consortia allows students access to the holdings of fifty libraries through interlibrary loan.) The library has informal study areas, individual carrels, a language lab, seminar rooms, and a listening room. The Georgia Room houses 4,500 rare volumes and treasures of Americana. The Porter Fine Arts Building serves as a cultural center for the campus and community. It houses the music and theater departments, and, in addition to classrooms, offices, and studios, it contains two art galleries and a studio theater. Its Porter Auditorium has a seating capacity of 1,200 and contains one of the largest pipe organs in the Southeast. Taylor Hall houses laboratories and classrooms for science and math. This building includes state-of-the-art laboratory equipment, a computer lab, and an electronic classroom. Tate Hall contains classrooms for the Humanities, Social Science, and Education divisions. The art department is located in a 10,000-square-foot building designed exclusively for teaching the studio arts.

Costs

Tuition for 1997-98 is \$14,000. Room and board cost \$5300. The activity fee is \$200. Students should keep in mind the additional cost of books, supplies, travel, and personal expenses.

Financial Aid

Students seeking financial assistance are required to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form may be obtained from a high school counselor or from Wesleyan. Any student who demonstrates financial need is qualified for some type of assistance.

Wesleyan offers no-need scholarships to incoming first-year students on the basis of academic ability, leadership, or special talents. These scholarships range from \$1500 to \$12,500 per year. Transfer fellowships are available based on cumulative grade point average and hours earned. Minimum requirements are a 3.0 GPA and 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours.

Wesleyan participates in the Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Family Education Loan programs. Residents of Georgia may apply for the Georgia State Tuition Equalization Grant and Hope Grant, which provide up to \$4000 a year to a student who attends a private college in the state and has at least a B average. Georgia Student Incentive Grants are also available, as are certain loans, other scholarships, and part-time employment. Approximately 90 percent of Wesleyan's students receive financial assistance through scholarships, talent awards, grants, loans, part-time employment, or Georgia State Tuition Equalization Grants.

Faculty

The academic program at Wesleyan is guided by an exceptionally able, dedicated, and caring faculty. The 40 full-time profes-

sors hold degrees from eighty-seven different colleges and universities; 85 percent have earned doctoral or terminal degrees. In addition, there are 12 part-time faculty members. The student-faculty ratio is 10:1. No courses are taught by graduate assistants. Faculty members serve as academic advisers and help students plan their academic program. Many professors participate in extracurricular activities with students on campus.

Student Government

Wesleyan's Student Government Association, through an agreement with the president and faculty of the College, governs the student body with emphasis on responsibility and freedom. An honor tradition, based upon the concept that individual freedom is a right founded on responsibility, is inherent in campus life. Violations of student government regulations are handled through a system of judicial processes with a system for appeals.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to Wesleyan must submit a completed application with a \$25 application fee, official academic transcripts, official SAT I or ACT scores, an evaluation written by an English teacher, a recommendation from a guidance counselor or principal, and an essay. The completion of a minimum of 16 academic course units in a secondary school is required. Wesleyan feels that a campus visit is extremely beneficial, and visitors can be full participants in campus activities. An interview is strongly recommended. Candidates for early admission must complete twelve academic courses, and an interview is required of them. Applications from transfer and international students are welcome. Credit for work below a grade of C cannot be transferred, and a minimum score of 550 on the Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of international students. Wesleyan accepts qualified students without regard to race, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, or handicap.

Application and Information

Wesleyan has a rolling admission plan, and decisions concerning acceptance are made on an ongoing basis. Full consideration is given to each application as soon as it is completed. High school seniors are encouraged to apply during the fall of their senior year. The application deadline for early decision is November 1 and for regular decision is March 1.

For additional information or to request an application form, students should contact:

Dean of Admissions
Wesleyan College
4760 Forsyth Road
Macon, Georgia 31210-4299
Telephone: 912-757-5206
800-447-6610 (toll-free)
E-mail: admissions@post.wesleyan-college.edu



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March 16, 1998

Ms. Sandy Thurman, Director
Whitehouse Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th Street, NW, Suite 820
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Sandy:

It was great to talk with you on Friday. I am looking forward to being your date at the annual National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy awards dinner.

This year the dinner will be held at the Park Hyatt Hotel at 6:00pm, on April 29th. The Park Hyatt is located at 1201 24th Street, NW.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Kathleen E. Toomey, M.D., M.P.H.
Director
Division of Public Health

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WESLEYAN

First for Women

March 24, 1998

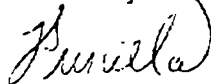
Ms. Sandy Thurman
Director of White House Office of National AIDS Policy
White House Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th Street NW
Suite 820
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman:

I spoke with your office early last week and learned that you have a speaking engagement at Emory, Friday the 7th of May. I would like to reiterate that the College will be happy to make flight arrangements that will allow you to return to Washington later in the day on the 2nd, the day of the commencement ceremony, or on the 3rd if you prefer.

In short we will make any arrangements that will make it possible for you to address our graduates and their families the morning of May 2nd. Our students and faculty are so excited about the possibility of your being their commencement speaker.

Sincerely,



Priscilla R. Danheiser
Dean of the College

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WESLEYAN

First for Women

March 15, 1998

Ms. Sandy Thurman
Director of White House Office of National AIDS Policy
White House Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th Street NW
Suite 820
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman:

We met many years ago at various Bradley family functions. My husband, Steve Cohen, and Howard Bradley were best friends in high school and college. I have followed your career through Howard and your Aunt Joy, and I am so pleased to learn of all your accomplishments. I know your presence would have a powerful impact on our students at Wesleyan College where I now serve as Academic Dean of the College.

I am writing to invite you to be the 1998 commencement speaker for Wesleyan College on Saturday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m. I know that you are a graduate of Mercer University, and I know that you are somewhat familiar with Wesleyan. Chartered in 1836, Wesleyan is the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women. The first woman ever to receive a bachelor's degree received it at Wesleyan in 1840. Now, over 160 years since its founding, Wesleyan continues as a selective, nationally ranked woman's college committed to the liberal arts as the very best education for life.

Throughout its existence Wesleyan has been a pioneer in higher education, and our history is characterized by curricular and co-curricular innovation. Ten years ago Wesleyan was the first woman's college to launch a ubiquitous computing program in which all students are given a computer with which they can integrate technology into every course experience. We pioneered the academically focused freshman seminar program in the mid 1980s. Early in the decade, Wesleyan integrated academic and student affairs linking the curricular and co-curricular experiences of our students in meaningful ways. For eight years, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Energy and Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the College has conducted a summer math and science institute for middle school girls from all over the country to encourage girls at this critical time in their lives to continue to pursue mathematics and science.

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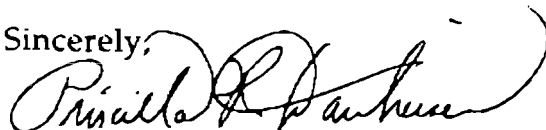
This Spring at Wesleyan College marks the beginning of a renewed commitment to health and wellness. We are preparing a grant proposal to the American Association of Colleges and Universities to fund a project to more fully integrate the study of HIV/AIDS into the Wesleyan curriculum and co-curriculum. We have committed to implementing a wellness program which unites the academic and student affairs areas of the college and faculty and students in an effort to encourage and practice wellness education on our campus. Our new President, Nora Kizer Bell, is a bio-ethicist who speaks nationally on the subject of AIDS. We believe liberal education can do much to increase awareness of issues of health and the human condition.

You will be interested to know that for ten years Wesleyan students have tutored illiterate adults in exchange for tuition waivers. In those ten years, over 500 students have taught over 2000 adults to read in our innovative lead community service project originally funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Post-secondary Education. Our students have been recognized nationally by FIPSE for their commitment to volunteerism, community service, and civic responsibility. It would be an honor to have you speak to our 1998 graduating class to inspire them to consider lives of service to benefit others.

In recent years Betty Friedan, Betty Ford, Ellen Goodman, Haynes Johnson, Eugenia Zuckerman, Jane Fonda, Bunny Sadler, Shirley Chisholm, Rosalyn Carter, Elizabeth Dole, and Virginia Hamilton have spoken at our college. I know that your presence at Wesleyan could make a significant difference in the lives of our students. The areas of health and human services cross every academic discipline. Your words would be so important and inspirational to our graduating seniors.

I am enclosing information on the College for your review. Our students very much want you to be with us. The College will cover all expenses associated with your travel. We can also offer an honorarium. As you know, we are conveniently located fifty minutes south of the Atlanta airport, and I would love to invite Joy, Brad, Ann, Howard, and their families to be with us as guests of the College for the commencement exercises and the luncheon which will follow. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Priscilla R. Danheiser
Dean of the College

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Black Women's Health Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 31089 Capital Heights, MD 20731 (301) 808-0786, Fax (301) 808-0963

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March 23, 1998

Ms. Sandra Thurman

Director, White House Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Thurman,

As President/CEO of The Black Women's Health Council, Inc. of Prince George's County, MD., I am writing to share information with you about our AIDS service organization. I hope that after you have reviewed the enclosed materials, you will consent to be a special guest at our forthcoming HIV/AIDS Community Medical Seminar. We are pleased that through our collaborative work efforts with Black ministers this first seminar will be held in one of the largest Black Baptist churches in the County.

We are an organization which has served the HIV/AIDS community for the past ten years, and are creditably known throughout the metropolitan region as a community based business which provides superior service to clients and patients with courtesy and commitment.

During these past ten years, we have watched the AIDS epidemic take different directions. Unfortunately, it is now the number one killer of child-bearing age (25-44) African American women, and the number one killer of African American gay and bisexual men. The new therapies are available; however, it is becoming increasingly obvious to us and other AIDS providers that this population is not overwhelmingly accepting or complying with the rigorous medical regimes they require. For this reason, we have developed a first of what we intend to be several one day medical seminars. Each seminar will be presented at the community level in a setting in which the participants are relaxed and comfortable and the environment is conducive to their

"Reaching Out and Embracing the Community"

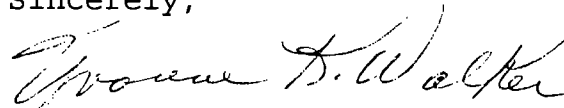
learning more information about these life-saving drugs. We intend to demonstrate the positive results which can result from full compliance with the daily rigid requirements these drug therapies demand.

I hope that you will review the enclosed flyer on the seminar and the information about the Council, and that your schedule will allow you to participate in our opening session.

If you would care to discuss this program and our organization in further detail, I can be reached at the Council's office (301) 808-0786, or my office (301) 429-1857 daily between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

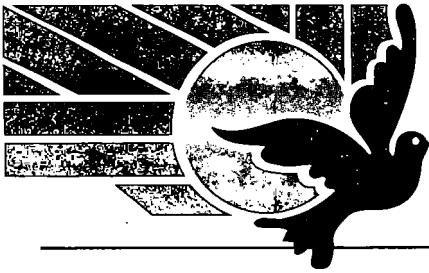
Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Yvonne K. Walker".

Yvonne K. Walker

Enclosures



St. John's Horizon House

Caring for People With AIDS

Methodist Regional Hospital System

580 West Eighth Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32209
(904) 798-8555
Fax (904) 798-8554

March 31, 1998

Honorable Sandra Thurman, Director
The White House Office of AIDS Policy
808 17th Street NW, Suite 820
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman:

We enjoyed meeting you and hearing your very timely presentation at the 10th Annual AIDS Update Conference. Our invitations to attend the luncheon for you at 11:30 a.m. on Monday April 20, 1998 arrived this morning from our colleagues at the Northeast Florida AIDS Network (NFAN). You can be sure we will be there and are delighted to have been included in this gathering of key agency representatives.

On behalf of all of the St. John's Horizon House residents, staff, and volunteers we are keeping our fingers crossed that you can find about 10-15 minutes to visit Northeast Florida's only supportive housing program for people with HIV/AIDS. Your visit would give you a first-hand look at one of our nation's most remarkable residences for people with HIV/AIDS and -- more importantly -- afford you an opportunity to make a personal connection with about 50 of the bravest and most wonderful people in the community.

We are enclosing a packet of information about St. John's Horizon House as well as a map showing its location relative to the NFAN Board Room which is just across the street from us. Gene Copello's assistant, Jimmy Maxwell, advises that your schedule on April 20 is somewhat inflexible due to Secret Service requirements. Of course we will understand if you can't work in a short visit with our residents, but it would mean so very much to them that we wanted to extend an invitation in hopes that somehow you'd find a way to make this possible.

Sincerely,

Donnelly Rembert, Executive Director
Methodist Medical Center, Funding Resources

Monica Costello, Director
St. John's Horizon House

cc: Mr. Marcus E. Drewa, FACHE
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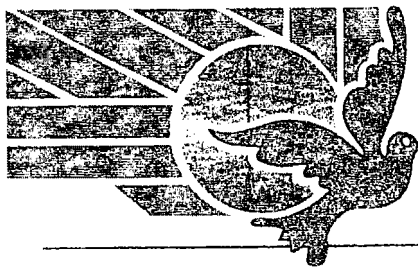
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April 1, 1998

Honorable Sandra Thurman, Director
The White House Office of AIDS Policy
808 17th Street NW, Suite 820
Washington, D.C. 20006

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Dear Ms. Thurman,

On behalf of the residents and staff at St. John's Horizon House, we are writing to thank you for your hard work and devotion to the cause of ameliorating the burdens of HIV in communities across America.

We would be incredibly honored and thrilled if it is possible for you to visit our home at St. John's Horizon House and wanted to extend a very heartfelt and personal invitation to you from all of us here.

We also understand how busy you are and the fullness of your schedule, so either way we hope to see you in Jacksonville and will gratefully keep you in our prayers.

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Is There Life After HIV?

Monica Costello

Discussions about HIV/AIDS have changed from dismal talk of the dying process, to eradicating the virus and curing once infected people! There are exciting medical breakthroughs using protease inhibitors to reduce the virus to undetectable levels. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported a 13% decline in deaths among people with AIDS during the first six months of 1996, compared to the first six months of 1995. Excitement over the new advances in medication to treat HIV/AIDS is widespread among the medical profession and those infected and affected by HIV.

While encouraged by this progress and dream of a cure in the near future, I am also concerned that we will forget the other important issues the AIDS epidemic has brought into focus and the scars it has left behind. Before the new medications, a person living with HIV was focused on advance directives and funeral plans, but must now rethink his/her future. As encouraging as that may sound to most of us, it can be terrifying to someone who has made no plans for the future, has been disowned by family, lost jobs due to illness, cashed in all savings and life insurance policies and watched many friends die. In addition, a person with HIV has lived with rejection or fear of rejection due to the disease, as opposed to similar illnesses, such as cancer, that elicit support and sympathy.

When discussing the progression of events related to HIV with those affected, some compared the disease to the Vietnam war. Many lives were lost and those fighting were shunned. They survived, only to come home to face rejection. They received little support for the pain they endured and friends they lost. Even with the promising new medications, many are unable to tolerate the side effects and the medications are not effective in suppressing the virus for everyone. Those that do take these medications may have difficulty following the demanding daily regimen of up to twenty pills per day that often require specific time and diet procedures for compliance.

My awareness of this phenomenon has deepened and grown over the last ten years of my professional experience. I witnessed the "before" bleak outlook as a counselor and clinical director of a substance abuse facility. A number of the patients were HIV infected and had little motivation to recover. Their treatment usually focused on their desire to die sober. Most recently, as director of a facility for people with HIV and AIDS, I have seen the remarkable "after" in which the new protease inhibitor medications and support groups have assisted infected individuals to become more productive, active,

and confident than they ever thought possible. It is unfortunate that it took this virus for them to have the opportunities to discover their many talents. The following are stories of the lives of individuals faced with hope and uncertainty as they begin their new opportunity at life with many of the underlying issues still present.

Bertha reports how, "HIV saved my life." After losing two sisters to AIDS in 1991 and 1992, she still believed it could not happen to her. She was using IV drugs and prostituting to pay for drugs. She was diagnosed in 1993 but refused medication and continued the same lifestyle. It wasn't until 1995, after a fight with her daughter, that she realized she had to do something about her problem. With the help of her case manager, she entered substance abuse treatment, where she stayed for five months. She remained drug and alcohol free for 11 months before she began missing Narcotics Anonymous support meetings and relapsed. After a four-week binge, she admitted to her sponsor that she had relapsed and began her recovery again. She has been clean now for one year and realizes that if she uses again, she will lose everything. She sees others on the street and realizes, "That could be me. I would either be in jail or dead if not for my recovery." The blooming tree outside her window reminds her of all of the people she loved that have died. Her life is very different now. She is on seven committees in the community and states, "I feel like a citizen again. I used to volunteer to do things but never followed through. I am responsible now." She was involved in a church all her life, but feels connected for the first time. She is back in school and working part time. Her past relationships were all with alcoholic and addicted men until she met "James" at St. John's Horizon House last year. They became romantically involved after he had a pizza delivered to her on her birthday. They were married this summer.

James came to St. John's Horizon House last July. He had no use of his hands and could not care for himself. He walked with a cane and weighed 145 pounds. His T-cell count was 17. He came here to die and made plans for the time he would not be able to make decisions for himself. He had given up hope, thinking he would die in a few months anyway. He was angry and bitter, having been rejected and feared by acquaintances and friends. He had contemplated suicide one month earlier, going as far as putting a loaded gun to his head. He was brought to a psychiatric unit and then to St. John's Horizon House. With support, he began eating and taking his medica-



Walter M. works out to maintain a healthier lifestyle.

Monica Costello is Director of St. John's Horizon House, which is a caring home-like environment for people with HIV and AIDS, located at Methodist Medical Center.



**Bertha and James
were recently married.**

tion as prescribed. He became involved in his church. Despite some neuropathy, he is now able to care for himself. He met Bertha and they were recently married. His T-cell count is over 500 and he now weighs 256 pounds. James is involved in the resident work program at St. John's Horizon House. He also conducts AIDS prevention and aware-

ness presentations to high risk groups in the community. James contributes his amazing recovery to the emotional support and healing. "I had the medications before. I just didn't take them because I didn't care. It seemed no one wanted to be near me and they were afraid they would get sick."

David told me when he sat down in my office that he was going to be brutally honest. He was. He discovered he was HIV positive in San Francisco in 1987 when his partner was diagnosed with Kaposi's Sarcoma. He resisted getting tested as he did not feel ill and had no symptoms, but with his partner's encouragement, reluctantly agreed. When the results proved he was HIV positive, his whole world collapsed. He decided to tell friends and coworkers immediately, hoping to avoid the news being spread "through whispers at the coffee pot." His employer was supportive and shared that he had family members who were also HIV positive.

David became most emotional when talking about his partner. They had been together for one year before they were diagnosed. David describes Antonio as the only person who ever loved him despite all the walls he attempted to put up. "He loved me like no one else was able to." He watched Antonio die in 1991 after experiencing a progression of infections, including meningitis, wasting syndrome, and a brain tumor. Caring for him brought fears of what was to come for David and he began to drink heavily in attempt to deal with his feelings. He attempted suicide for the sixth time in 1995 by overdosing on pills. He was found by his case worker three days later, unconscious in a closet. When he regained consciousness in the hospital, his life began to change and he knew, "God was not ready for me yet." He realized that he would have to deal with all of his issues and repressed memories, including rape by a male baby-sitter at age seven, if his life was to change. He began attending Alcoholics Anonymous on a regular basis where he felt accepted by the recovering community and was able to disclose his HIV status without judgment.

David decided to move to St. John's Horizon House two years ago. Over time, he learned to participate in social activities with other residents. He also enrolled in the resident work program and joined the substance abuse committee. Despite setbacks with his health, including vision loss, he is determined to work full time again. He is currently working with vocational rehabilitation to "develop skills I can use blindfolded."



**David is learning about
his many medications.**

Until recently, he avoided intimacy because he didn't want anyone to go through the dying process with him. Now he is working on issues of self-love and self-worth. He states, "There is light at the end of the tunnel and it's not a freight train." He imagines himself at 90, remembering the scars his life has inflicted. He will always remember the many friends who have died from AIDS and even greater number who have died from drug and alcohol addiction. He still faces the barriers that make recovery difficult for gay people, including the lack of alcohol and drug free social events and organizations, and fear of rejection by family, friends and religious organizations.

Walter F did not always live a gay lifestyle. In fact, he was engaged to be married, but says he loved the woman too much to put her through the problems he knew would eventually emerge. He remembers the early 80's when there was much secrecy and the topic of AIDS was taboo. Even close knit groups did not discuss the subject, partially to protect those who were infected. Walter shared the confusion of the time when little was known about AIDS except that many gay men were infected. He watched as many of his friends began getting sick and felt it was inevitable he would, too. He compares his feelings to those of the captain of a ship that is sinking, as if contracting the virus would make him part of a special group that would die together. He hung on to some denial by not getting tested and telling himself he would be different. He finally submitted to a test when he was contemplating having a child with a lesbian friend and did not want to take the chance of infecting her or the child. She was with him when he got his results, and although he thought he was prepared, he remembers feeling like a bomb hit him. His family was supportive as he slowly broke the news to them.

An HIV support group helped Walter find the positive in his life. He felt connected even though the group consisted of an assortment of "tough guys" from jail, gay men, and middle class heterosexuals. He traveled and did the things he had always put off. Feeling a need to express the emotions he was experiencing, he wrote a play called "Me and My Virus." As



From the play "Dialogue Between Me And My Virus"

the play begins, the main character awakens in a roach-ridden, rat infested, dilapidated motel overrun with drug addicts, hookers and pimps, illustrating the lowest moment in his life. Six months later, in a support group, he is able to identify with the tribulations of others and sees how this disease effects people of all races, ages, genders

and social strata. The final wall is broken at the end of the play and the character speaks directly to the audience, intending to convince them they are part of the solution.

The original play was written in 1992 and has been performed in churches, schools, hospitals, correctional institutions and corporate offices. Walter recently wrote a sequel, focusing on new issues related to the new medical advances and his own improved mental and physical health. Walter has hope for an AIDS free society but is not ready to celebrate yet. He is relieved that there are new promising medications but can't forget those who did not have the opportunity to take advantage of them, and wonders why he was spared. He is grateful to the disease for the enlightenment it has given him but sad for the loss of friends and the opportunity to have a child. He is a kind, compassionate man who could give a child the love so many never receive.

Much progress has been made by bringing attention to social issues as a direct or indirect result of this crisis. Many have become more aware and accepting of homosexuals and the struggles they have endured. People have become more responsible with increased awareness of all sexually transmitted diseases. The use of condoms has become accepted, if not expected. Supportive programs have been developed and funded to help people with AIDS get medical and substance abuse treatment and adequate housing. As people with HIV grew healthier, programs were developed to help those who could, return to work. If we discover a cure, at what point will we then forget those in need until the next crisis emerges?

Listening to infected people share their stories, it is impossible not to feel the pain they have endured. Studies show that personal contact and a relationship with a person with AIDS creates more compassion and desire to help. Those who made direct contact had less blame and less avoidance of people with AIDS. As long as we can ignore the reality, it can be someone else's problem. There are very few people who have not been affected by this epidemic in some way. Media coverage has increased awareness and opened discussion about AIDS. A survey done shortly after Magic Johnson's announcement that

he had AIDS reported that approximately half of those questioned stated their attitude towards people with AIDS changed after hearing the announcement (Herek, 1997).

I believe that society has become more accepting of those living with the virus. We now have an opportunity to improve communication and understanding between people of diverse races, sexual orientations and socio-economic backgrounds. Herek and Capitanio hypothesized that: "Prejudice (unless deeply rooted in the character structure of the individual) may be reduced by equal status contact between majority and minority groups in the pursuit of common goals." This epidemic has brought many diverse groups together and increased our knowledge and acceptance of alternative lifestyles. Continued education not only about AIDS, but understanding the syndrome of self-defeating behaviors such as substance abuse can help us all to prepare for a more challenging and hopeful post-AIDS society. Understanding the issues of the survivors and affected friends and family can bring greater open-mindedness towards those we have chosen to ignore or judge in the past. Many now have the chance of years of productive life ahead of them!

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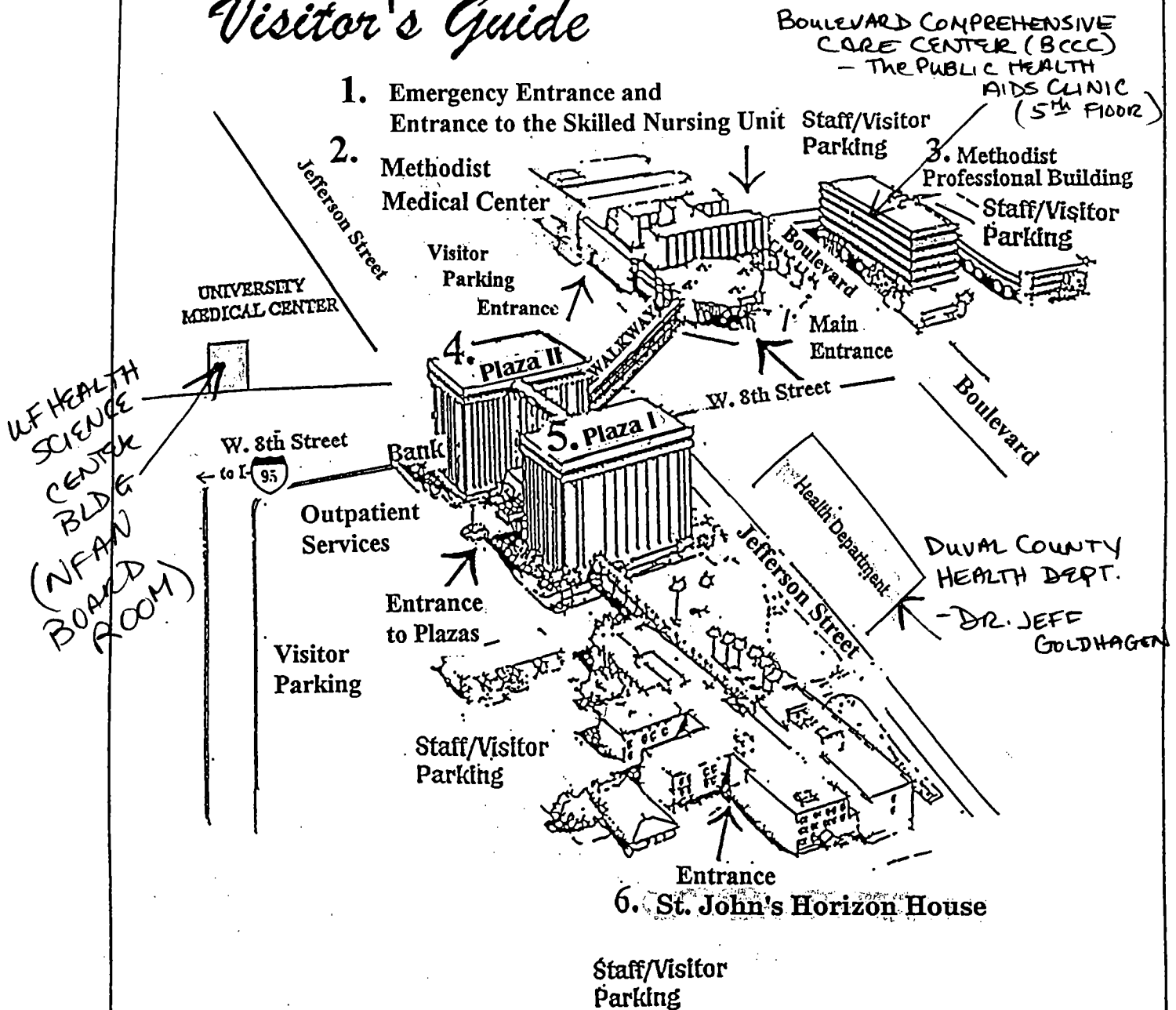
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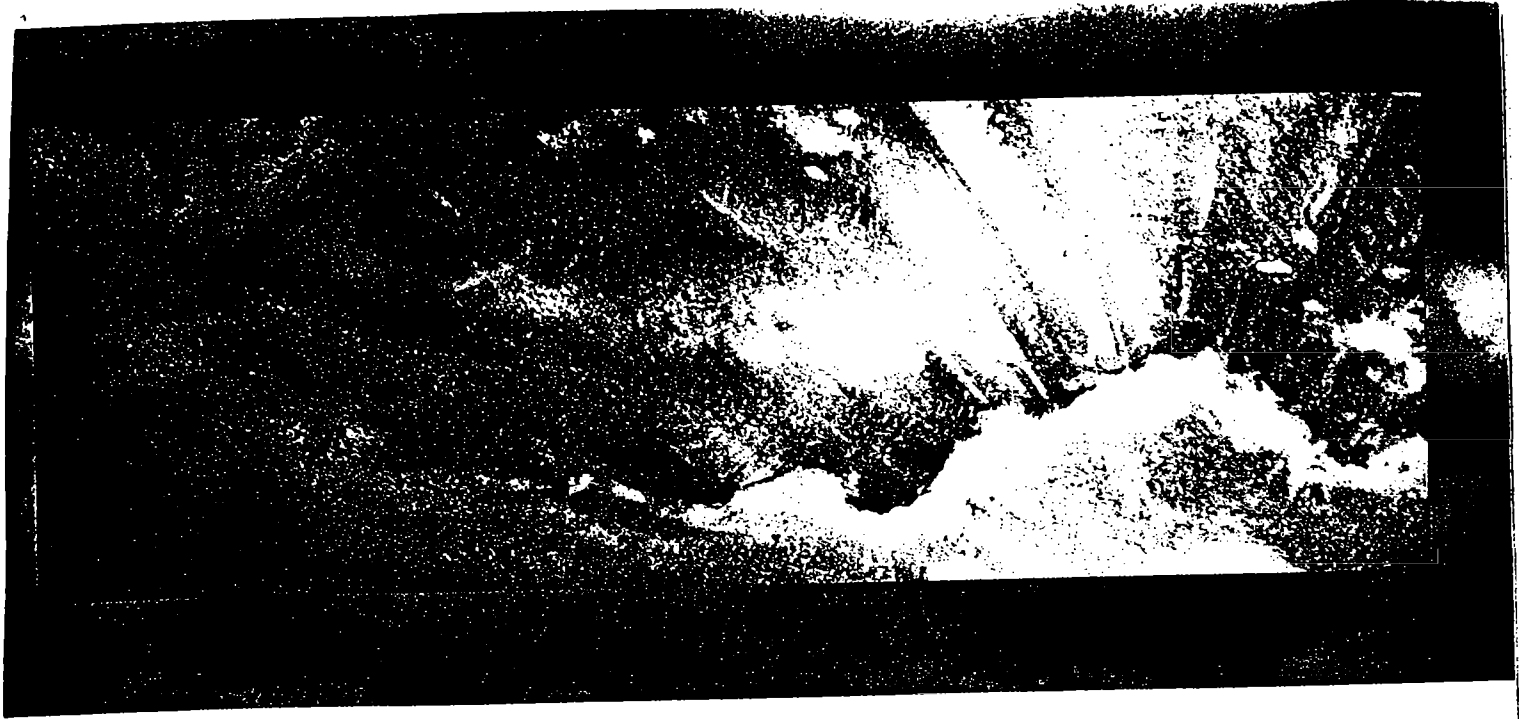
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The Sun Rises on AIDS Care

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IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, IT HAS STRUCK SOMEONE YOU KNOW. A CO-
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OVER THE PAST DECADE,
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THE VIRUS THRIVES IN A HOTHOUSE ATMOSPHERE
OF MISUNDERSTANDING AND DREAD. THOSE NOT
INFECTED WITH THE DISEASE MAY SHUN THOSE WHO ARE
INFECTED, HOPING THEN THEY WILL BE SAFE. CUT OFF FROM CONTACT
WITH OTHERS JUST WHEN SUPPORT IS NEEDED MOST, PEOPLE WITH HIV MAY
BE OSTRACIZED FROM SOCIETY AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE BEST MEDICINE IS LOVE
AND SUPPORT WHICH, IN THE CASE OF AIDS, TOO OFTEN IS DENIED.

Now, for those unable to continue living at home, there is a solution.

After years of planning, Northeast Florida will have a unique resource: a supportive, affordable setting in which people with HIV/AIDS can live as independently and productively as possible. St. John's Horizon House, a cooperative effort of Methodist Medical Center and St. John's Episcopal Cathedral's AIDS Task Force, is an alternative to costly nursing home or inpatient hospital care. St. John's Horizon House residents will live in newly renovated private apartments located in a building adjacent to Methodist Medical Center, which previously was the site of Brewster Hospital.

St. John's Horizon House residents will be able to choose from many activities, both on- and off-site, including art therapy, creative writing, aerobics and guest speakers. A full range of services, including 24-hour caregivers, home health and home hospice, will be brought to residents as the need arises, maintaining an optimal

level of care. Nearby hospitals and clinics will meet the emergency and acute medical needs of residents.

St. John's Horizon House project director, Donnelly Rembert, has watched the need for a "home away from home" increase steadily over the past eight years. "In 1986, there were fewer than 60 cases of AIDS reported in Jacksonville. We knew most of the people and their families on a first-name basis," she comments.

Today, however, with more than 2,500 cases reported locally and thousands more Northeast Florida residents infected with HIV, Rembert believes this support is needed more urgently than ever before. "I am really proud of the leadership role Methodist has taken and am thrilled to have been given such a challenging opportunity," Rembert adds.

Marcus E. Drewa, FACHE, president of Methodist Medical Center, wanted to use the building that previously housed Brewster Hospital to make a positive impact on the Northeast Florida community. Deciding to take an aggressive stand in the healthcare community, the Methodist board of directors offered the landmark facility as a residence for AIDS patients.

"Quite simply, extending help to those in our community infected with the HIV virus was something we *had* to do. This virus does more than cause sickness in an individual. It also begins to rob a person of independence and spirit. We hope to keep that spirit burning in each resident of St. John's Horizon House," explains Drewa.

His vision is shared by an active board of directors, comprised of community and religious leaders. A volunteer advisory committee, dedicated volunteer staff and project director serve the needs of St. John's Horizon House residents with respect and compassion.

A little more than a decade since the discovery of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection has already spread to an estimated 14 million people worldwide. In the United States, an estimated 1 million people currently are infected with HIV.

- The cost of one AIDS case from diagnosis to death is approximately \$105,000.

- AIDS is the fourth leading cause of death in males in the 25 to 45 year age group in the United States.

- AIDS is the fourth leading cause of death among females in the same age group.

- Florida ranks third in the nation with number of reported AIDS cases.

- One in 100 persons in Florida is infected with HIV. In Northeast Florida this means about 10,000 people are infected and most are unaware of their status.

- In Duval County, approximately 21,000 people are HIV infected.

- It is estimated that Duval County will have over 5,000 cases of AIDS by the year 2000.

Disturbing statistics, all. The latest statistics on AIDS indicate a disease that is only growing in its destruction. Yet, statistics are only numbers. To truly measure the disease's impact, listen to those living with, and fighting, AIDS.

Sue has AIDS. But, "No one gives you AIDS, you go out and get it," Sue states, further echoing her wish to accept responsibility for her own health and family. Currently, her T-cell count is 95. A normal T-cell count is 1,200.

Mary, a member of the St. John's Horizon House volunteer advisory committee, is rapidly becoming more outspoken on the need for open lines of communication on this subject. She is a funny, bright, young mother. She is also HIV-positive. But Mary doesn't have time for regrets, or "what ifs." As an active community volunteer, she helps others with an HIV positive diagnosis come to terms with life. And Mary *has* come to terms with life. By working to help others, she moves beyond her situation. "I'm just interested in helping people," she explains.

Or as David, a person living with AIDS explains, "Dealing with AIDS is an attitude." And his attitude has been consistently upbeat. Although his T-cell count is zero, David keeps fighting and winning. His mother has been very supportive of him, but the seriousness of his struggle really hit home when he recently came down with a respiratory infection. David's doctor asked the mother to no longer smoke in the house with David, as he was too open to infection. Now, she smokes outside.

Donna Zimmerman, program director for AIDS Care and Education at Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida, explains, "It's a disease that affects

what we do, not caused by who we are!" in speaking for HIV-positive individuals. While this statement is true for the majority of those HIV infected, an alarming number of individuals have contracted the virus through birth.

Babies are infected by an HIV-positive mother while in utero or through breast milk. According to the *New England Journal of Medicine*, HIV-positive pregnant women may substantially decrease the risk of transmitting the virus to their child if the mother takes AZT during pregnancy.

- Florida ranks second in the nation in the number of pediatric AIDS cases.

- There are approximately 10,000 to 20,000 HIV-infected children, and approximately 7,000 infants are born annually to HIV-infected women in the United States. It is estimated that by the year 2000, 10 million children globally will have been infected.

- Overall, there is a 22 percent increase in HIV-infection rates of all Florida pregnant women.

- Since 1981, nearly 5,000 U.S. children under the age of 13 have been diagnosed with AIDS. Of these, 2,615 have died.

- By the year 2000, an estimated 80,000 children in the United States will be "AIDS orphans," because one or both of their parents will have died from AIDS-related causes.

The facts are horrifying, staggering in their impact, yet difficult to digest. But these numbers translate into people—people who have the disease or those who have not yet been diagnosed, and friends and family members of anyone who has the disease.

"AIDS is a health concern," says Drewa. "As health-care providers we are entrusted to the community to care for people. We are not concerned with how or why they got the virus, only that they are sick and need us. We want to help them."

St. John's Horizon House will offer a supportive environment, along with the friendship and camaraderie of other patients facing the same issues. Many activities will be available to St. John's Horizon House residents, along with a full range of specialized services.

Upon becoming a resident, each individual will be assigned a specially trained caregiver who will assist the resident for the duration of his or her stay. >

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David Andress, acting district AIDS coordinator (for district IV), stresses the need for independence and productivity for these residents. "It is very important for people with AIDS to receive a whole range of medical, social and spiritual assistance. They want to continue living as full a life as possible."

Always mindful of the uncertainty and fear of the disease, Mary is aware of the many obstacles to providing assistance and feeling compassion to individuals who are HIV positive. But as she explains, "We are all people, really. It's hard not to care about others, even if you are infected. It makes me feel better to help!" ☐



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Sarah Holewinski
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The White House
Fax: 202-632-1096

Re: Humsafar Trust Benefit, May 2, 1998

Dear Ms. Holewinski:

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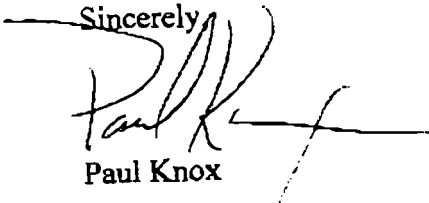
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- We would like to include Ms. Thurman's name and title as part of our Host Committee list.
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I look forward to speaking with you further and am available to answer any other questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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