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Sandra:
Dear Ms. ~~Thurman~~:

As you well know, persons and organizations working in the HIV/AIDS arena share a basic mission: to prevent the further transmission of HIV, and to improve the quality of life of persons living with HIV. Indeed, health departments, federal agencies, community-based organizations, AIDS service organizations, volunteer groups, and academic researchers share this mission.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to visit the Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) at the Medical College of Wisconsin and present the keynote address at CAIR's Annual Conference, October 25 or 26, 1999. CAIR is the only National Institute of Mental Health-funded research center in the Midwest -- dedicated to the development and evaluation of more effective approaches for HIV prevention. Full effort of approximately 20 multi-disciplined Medical College faculty with expertise in behavioral medicine, psychology, public health, epidemiology, and medicine and 50 dedicated staff is devoted to the scientific study and evaluation of HIV prevention interventions. Our efforts have led to the development of improved HIV prevention approaches for AIDS vulnerable community populations including inner-city disadvantaged women, gay men, the homeless, and the chronic mentally ill.

CAIR has particularly focused attention on intervention strategies that can assist communities in developing the capabilities of preventing AIDS in their own neighborhoods. One example of current research that we are conducting with the support of NIMH is evaluating interventions designed to help mobilize teens in inner-city public housing developments toward protecting their community and their families from AIDS and other social health problems.

The Annual Conference will gather 250-300 community partners, healthcare professionals, and others interesting in learning more about the issues and advances in HIV prevention and treatment. We would be honored to have you share your extensive experiences in HIV prevention and AIDS policy in a keynote address to the conference. We would be delighted to tell you more and meet you in person to express our gratitude for your interest, your support, and your exemplary leadership in the fight to stop the spread of AIDS.

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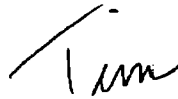
CAIR will, of course, cover expenses for your trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and will provide you an honorarium of \$750. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 414-456-7700 if you require any additional information. Our Conference Coordinator, David Rompa, can also be reached for detailed information about the conference at: 414-456-7732, or via E-Mail at <drompa@mcw.edu>.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,



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