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Dear Ms. Gebbie:

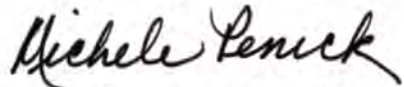
The purpose of this correspondence is to formally request your participation as the lead presenter in a public awareness HIV AIDS Summit, or a surrogate representative, if your personal schedule does not permit. This request is being made on behalf of the District of Columbia Delta Life Development Corporation (Delta Life), a non-profit public service organization composed of members of the Washington DC Alumnae and the Federal City Alumnae chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. As a founder and president of Delta Life, I have the charge to coordinate the aforementioned Summit. A Delta Life fact sheet is enclosed for your information.

The event will be conducted on Saturday, January 29, 1994 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at noon. The location will be the American Red Cross National Headquarters building located at 2025 E Street, N.W. in the second floor auditorium. An audience of 125 to 150 persons is expected ranging from teenagers to senior citizens. Youngsters from various local high schools are being encouraged to participate and the adults will be from public service organizations.

To accommodate the diverse group and to meet the goal of public education and awareness, the Summit has been planned to provide a comprehensive overview. It is anticipated that you will speak to the global issues and the U.S. social policy response taking approximately thirty minutes. Other topics will include AIDS minority education efforts, high school awareness programs, coalition building to reduce the impact of the increase of HIV AIDS and successful program activities presented by youth.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated, as I look forward to hearing you speak. If you require additional information, please contact me on 202-727-6161 (w) or 202-332-3799 (h).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Penick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Michele Penick, Ph.D.

Enclosure

DELTA LIFE

- o The Delta Life Development Program concept was initiated under the leadership of our 17th National President, Soror Mona H. Bailey.
- o The Delta Life Development concept called for local chapters to undertake activities to provide services to citizens of the community for the purpose of aiding and improving the quality of their lives.
- o The District of Columbia Vicinity Area Wide Council of Presidents and representatives from those undergrad and graduate chapters met in 1981 to plan program implementation and coordination.
- o The majority of local chapters within the District vicinity agreed to assume this program charge within their respective jurisdictions.
- o Federal City Alumnae Chapter and Washington, D.C. Alumnae Chapter sorors convened a steering committee to implement DST's Life Development Program concept as a joint venture.
- o The steering committee defined its thrust as providing supportive services to the youth within D.C. and became incorporated as the DCDLDC in the District of Columbia in March, 1983.
- o Twenty members serve as board of directors, nine designated from each chapter plus the two chapter presidents, which oversees the corporation.
- o The DCDLDC coordinated A Call to Action in Support of the Black Single Parent: Summit II, as set forth by National President, Soror Hortense G. Canady, featuring Soror Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) as the keynote speaker in May, 1983.
- o The DCDLDC received a \$8,500.00 grant award from the D.C. Office of Criminal Justice/Plans & Analysis as a joint venture project with Metropolitan Baptist Church to conduct juvenile delinquency prevention activities within Ward 2 in January, 1985. Continued funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 was awarded for 1986 project activities.
- o Summit II Continued was conducted as part of the National Council of Negro Women's (NCNW) Black Family Reunion in September, 1987 with the DCDLDC coordinating a speakout on teen pregnancy prevention.
- o The DCDLDC achieved its primary goal for 1987-88 by receiving a 501 c (3) non-profit tax exempt status from IRS.
- o The immediate goal of the DCDLDC is start-up of its teen parent and youth at risk project and to acquire a Delta Life facility from which to operate the program.