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THE NATIONAL TEEN SUMMIT

Background Information

The National Teen Summit was created in 1990 by BKG Youth in conjunction with Peterson's Guides. At the first summit, 50 students spent a weekend in New York City discussing the teen experience. The result was *Greetings from High School*, written by Marian Salzman and Teresa Reisgies of BKG Youth. Former vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro addressed the delegates at the farewell breakfast.

The second Teen Summit was held in November 1991 in Princeton, N.J. at the Princeton Day School. More than 100 teenagers gathered for four days to discuss volunteerism and youth empowerment. Summit topics included social issues and public policy, animal rights, gay and lesbian rights, the AIDS debate, dating and sexual pressure, the environment, the abortion debate, censorship, and world peace. Guest speakers included folk singer Raffi and NASA shuttle commander Ron Grabe.

The Third Annual National Teen Summit was held in January 1993 in New York City. Produced in conjunction with The CityKids Foundation. That year's event was devoted to fighting racism and intolerance. The summit offered teens the opportunity to communicate across racial, cultural, and socioeconomic barriers about racial issues, and to discuss their experiences and perspectives on racism in order to foster a youth movement committed to encouraging racial tolerance nationwide. Delegates had the opportunity to participate in a star-studded CityKids Speak event "Healing the Rainbow," held at the Paramount Theater on the final night of the summit.

BKG America 1993 Milestones

- Created daily viewer-feedback system for Whittle Communications' Channel One, providing timely reactions from students and teachers who see this newscast in school; deliver a report each schoolday by noon (Pacific time) to assist programming executives in developing the next day's show; created and manage student and teacher panels nationally and in Oakland County, Michigan
- Chosen to serve as "Teen Visionary" for PepsiCo; assisted in creation and production of a series of Pepsi televised message spots that aired on Channel One, Whittle Communications' daily in-school program that reaches nearly 10 million high school students nationwide
- Created and implemented a seven-city qualitative study of "Generation X" for Conde Nast as part of its effort to position *Details* as *the* magazine for 20-somethings
- Identified and recruited 350 young trendsetters in five cities nationwide to serve on proprietary research panels for LEVI'S; conducted comprehensive study of the transition from boy to guy
- Chosen to serve as Nintendo of America's back-to-school and holiday spokescompany; created and conducted nationwide contest for kids in grades three through eight; worked with children nationwide to develop the S.M.A.R.T. (Super Mario All-Stars Report Team) Platform, a call to action presented by contest winners to elected officials in Washington, D.C., including President Clinton and Vice President Gore
- Created Kodak's first poll of family life in America; conducted poll nationwide and publicized and promoted the results, with Marian Salzman serving as television and print spokesperson in conjunction with Kodak's holiday initiative targeted at families
- Created and conducted quantitative studies for Citizen Watch, Cosmepak, Kodak, MasterCard, and Nintendo of America
- Created "The State of Femininity Poll" for *Esquire* magazine
- Wrote *Kids Can Do* (to be published by William Morrow/Avon Books in 1994)
- Hired by MasterCard to develop job-search guide for college students and recent grads; this guide will be distributed free of charge to college students nationwide

- Retained by *Vibe* magazine to create white paper on the hip-hop culture and its impact on young people ages 18–24
- Produced and organized third annual National Teen Summit, in conjunction with the not-for-profit CityKids Foundation; sponsored by Clearasil with MasterCard, the summit concluded with a performance at New York's Paramount Theater that featured such celebrities as Demi Moore, Bruce Willis, Roger Daltry, and Michael Bolton
- Marian Salzman makes 40 "back-to-school" television appearances in 30 markets to publicize results of Nintendo of America's Super Mario All-Stars Poll (created and conducted by BKG Youth); topics covered include kids' wishes for the world, personal heroes, and national and international concerns
- Marian Salzman appears on national television shows "Oprah" and "The Today Show" to discuss the phenomenon of "wiggers"—white kids who have adopted African-American culture, fashion, etc. as their own
- Marian Salzman appears on "Nightline" to discuss the youth marketing implications of the child molestation allegations against singer Michael Jackson
- BKG Youth announces strategic alliance between its wholly owned subsidiary, BKG America, and America Online; beginning in 1994, BKG America will have exclusive right to conduct online market research via AOL

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•Calls For Summit Applications•

USA Today
Syndicated Nationally
Ann Arbor News
Ann Arbor, Mich.
News Tribune
Tacoma, WA
Bakersfield Californian
Bakersfield, Calif.
Times
Hammond, IN
News Tribune
Woodbridge, NJ
Lexington Herald-Leader
Lexington, KY
Detroit Free Press
Detroit, Mich.
Detroit News
Detroit, Mich.
Kentucky Enquirer
Cincinnati, OH
Plain Dealer
Cleveland, OH
The Oregonian
Portland, OR
Lansing Times
Lansing, IL
Calumet Times
Lansing, IL
Billings Gazette
Billings, MT
Gazette
Cedar Rapids, IA
Herald Palladium
St. Joseph, MI
Pioneer
Big Rapids, MI
Black Hills Pioneer

Spearfish, SD
Lansing State Journal
Lansing, MI
Reporter
Fond Du Lac, WI
Commercial Appeal
Memphis, TN
Uinta County Herald
Evanstown, WY
Journal Opinion
Bradford, VT
Kent County Daily Times
West Warwick, RI
Fallon County News
Baker, MT
Idaho State Journal
Pocatello, ID
New Era
Lancaster, PA
Cincinnati Enquirer
Cincinnati, OH
Birmingham News
Birmingham, AL
Norfolk Daily News
Norfolk, NE
Flint Journal
Flint, MI
Fairbanks Daily-News-Miner
Fairbanks, AK
Wetzel Chronicle
New Martinsville, WV
Leader
Tremonton, UT
Peninsula Clarion
Kenai, AK
Monroe Evening News
Monroe, MI
Grove Sun
Grove, OK
Providence Journal
Providence, RI
Evening Bulletin
Providence, RI
Asheville Citizen-Times
Asheville, NC
Ann Arbor News
Ann Arbor, MI
Flint Journal
Flint, MI

Mesa Tribune
Mesa, AZ
Bolivar Commercial
Cleveland, MS
Prince George's Journal
Lanham, MD
Woodward News
Woodward, OK
Nevada Appeal
Carson City, NV
Utah Basin Standard
Roosevelt, UT

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Detroit Free Press
Detroit, Mich.
November 26, 1993

This could be your chance to make a real difference. In an effort to make the world a better place and to get people to understand what teenagers are all about, a National Teen Summit is being held in Ann Arbor Feb. 12-16, 1994.

You could be one of 80 people in grades 9-12 chosen to participate and draft plans to tackle the big issues. Education. Racism. The economy. The environment. Urban violence. AIDS.

This application must be postmarked no later than Dec. 28. If you want to be part of the host committee, you'll need to get your application postmarked by Dec. 15.

Applications for the National Teen Summit, sponsored by the makers of Clearasil, will be judged on content, creativity and your ability to express yourself. You don't need to be an honor roll student. All you need is to be interested in changing the world.

Your housing, meals and transportation to and from the summit will be paid. (If you live within 60 miles of Ann Arbor, you'll get a \$100 travel stipend and will be expected to find your own round-trip ride. Others will be flown to Metro Airport, met by summit staffers and shuttled to Ann Arbor.)

Not bad, eh?

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Bakersfield Californian
Bakersfield, Calif.
November 23, 1993

Clearasil seeks thinkers, doers for annual Teen Summit

NEW YORK — On February 12-16 in Ann Arbor, Mich. Clearasil will be bringing together the best thinkers, doers, and creators in the teen world for this fourth annual National Teen Summit.

The theme of this year's summit is "Youth Power: It we don't do it, who will?" and the delegates' mission will be to develop creative plans for change.

The Clearasil National Teen Summit is accepting applications from high school students nationwide who wish to serve as delegates, announced Marian Salzman, president of BKG Youth, organizer of the four-day event.

Delegates will be selected by a committee of their peers on the basis of application answers and a personal essay.

A total of 80 delegates representing every region of the country will be selected. The delegates will be flown to Ann Arbor compliments of Clearasil for four days of intensive workshops and seminars that will focus on harnessing the power of America's teens by examining and understanding both individual power and the collective power of today's youth.

All students in grades nine through 12 are invited to apply to The Clearasil National Teen Summit.

Interested teen may request an application by calling, toll-free, 1-800-856-7650. To be eligible, applications must be postmarked no later than December 28, 1993. Delegates and alternates will be notified by mid-January 1994.

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USA Today
Syndicated Nationally
November 16, 1993

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TEENSPEAK: Eighty of the top teen thinkers in the USA from grades nine through 12 will get a chance to discuss issues affecting their lives Feb. 12-16 at the Clearasil National Teen Summit in Ann Arbor, Mich. Among heady topics: racism, the environment, urban violence and AIDS. Call 800-856-7650 for an application; deadline's Dec. 28. *332*

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for requesting an application to The Clearasil National Teen Summit, which will be held February 12-16, 1994 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

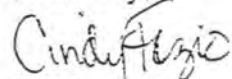
This year's summit marks the fourth year that BKG Youth has organized the National Teen Summit, and we're confident that it will be just as amazing as the three previous summits. In past years, Teen Summit delegates have authored books (including *Greetings from High School* and *150 Ways Teens Can Make a Difference*) and have met with such leaders and celebrities as former vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, singer Michael Bolton, actress Demi Moore, and astronaut Ron Grabe. The Teen Summit has been featured on CNN, MTV, Whittle Communications' Channel One, and in newspapers nationwide. Delegates typically are profiled in their local and regional newspapers and frequently are pictured on television over the course of the summit.

The theme of the fourth annual National Teen Summit is "Youth Power: If we don't do it, who will?" Workshops and seminars will focus on harnessing the power of America's teens by examining and understanding both individual power and the collective power of today's youth. We'll discuss problems that are confronting your generation—including racism and intolerance, the economy, the environment, urban violence, and AIDS—as well as other issues that have an impact on your lives. We want delegates to come away feeling as though they truly can make a difference on important issues.

Please remember that, to be eligible for consideration, your application must be postmarked no later than December 28, 1993. If you are chosen as a delegate, all summit expenses, including housing, meals, and transportation to and from the summit, will be paid by Clearasil. All arrangements will be made by BKG Youth, the creator and organizer of the National Teen Summit. Applicants will be notified of their selection status by mid-January.

I hope I've answered your questions about the summit. I look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,


Cindy Fazio

The Clearasil® national teen summit

**FEBRUARY 12-16, 1994
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN**

The goal of The Clearasil® National Teen Summit is to bring together the best thinkers and doers and creators in the teen world so that they can harness their positive energy and get to work on solving the problems that hinder us all.

About the Summit: In a move to celebrate the efforts of teens who are taking responsibility—not only for themselves, but also for their families, their schools, their communities, and the world—Clearasil is once again bringing together teen leaders to help build a better world. Over the course of the four-day Teen Summit, the fourth annual event of its kind, teens will draft plans and programs to help members of their generation “get it together.” Teachers and college students will participate as facilitators and chaperones, and special guests will share their thoughts and experiences with the delegates.

The Application and Selection Process: Delegates to the summit will be selected on the basis of their applications. To be considered, your application must be postmarked no later than December 28, 1993. Your application and essays, upon submission, shall become the exclusive property of BKG/Michigan, Inc., to be used for any purpose, including publication, without claim of authorship or compensation. Selection will be based upon the content of your personal essays, your creativity, and your ability to express yourself. You needn't be active in school activities to apply, but we are searching for delegates who are committed to making our world a better, more productive place.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City, state, ZIP: _____

Telephone: () _____

Age: _____ Sex: M F

School address: _____

School city, state, ZIP: _____

School telephone: () _____

Grade (year in school): _____

Grade point average (4=A; 3=B; 2=C; 1=D): _____

Name of guidance counselor or adviser: _____

Signature of applicant: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

■ Please give us the names of three people whom you believe will recommend you, without reservation, to attend The Clearasil National Teen Summit. One should be another teenager, and two should be adults other than your parents.

Reference ①

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, state, ZIP: _____

Telephone: () _____

Occupation/grade: _____

In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? _____

Reference ②

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, state, ZIP: _____

Telephone: () _____

Occupation/grade: _____

In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? _____

Reference ③

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, state, ZIP: _____

Telephone: () _____

Occupation/grade: _____

In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? _____

This year, there will be three types of delegates to the National Teen Summit: national delegates at large; state delegates (one from each state); and a local host committee (from greater Detroit, MI).

Do you live within 60 miles of Ann Arbor, Michigan? Y N

THE CLEARASIL NATIONAL TEEN SUMMIT APPLICATION

Instructions: Please read the directions carefully before you begin.

Please complete the following sentences in the space provided:

- 1 The greatest thing about being a teen is _____
- 2 The lamest thing about being a teen is _____
- 3 If I could invite any celebrity to my house for dinner, I'd invite _____
- 4 My hero is _____
- 5 The three words I would use to describe myself are _____
- 6 The accomplishment I'm most proud of is _____
- 7 My greatest ambition is _____
- 8 My greatest concern is _____

On separate paper, please answer the following questions. If you believe that you can better answer any of the questions using another media form—artwork, audiotape, videotape, etc.—please feel free to make this substitution.

- I) Please answer the following question in 350 words or fewer: If you were given the opportunity to speak with President Clinton about the most pressing issues facing your generation, what three issues would you choose to discuss with him and what specific advice would you give?
- II) Please tell us in 100 words or fewer what you would like to accomplish if you are selected as a delegate to The Clearasil National Teen Summit.
- III) In 350 words or fewer, please complete one of the following questions:
 - A) People in their late 30s and 40s are known as baby boomers. People in their 20s are known as Generation X. Please tell us 1) what label you think would be most appropriate for your generation, and 2) what you hope your generation will be most remembered for.
 - B) Adults always claim that teenagers are irresponsible. Tell us three reasons why you think that this isn't so, using personal experiences to illustrate just how responsible you and/or your friends are.
 - C) Describe an experience that changed your life and explain why it has had such an effect on you.

This information will be used for demographic analysis only and will not in any way affect the selection of summit delegates.

How would you describe yourself?
(please circle one)

- Caucasian, white (non-Hispanic)
- American Indian/Native American or Alaskan native
- Puerto Rican
- Chicano
- African American, black (non-Hispanic)
- African American, black/Hispanic
- Chinese-American
- Japanese-American
- Korean-American
- Other Asian/Pacific Islander
- Other (please specify): _____

Religion: _____

Father's occupation: _____
Mother's occupation: _____
Number of people in your household: _____
Number of natural siblings (including adopted siblings): _____
Number of half and step-siblings: _____

Please circle one:

- I live with both my parents
- I live with my father only
- I live with my mother only
- I live with neither parent

I live in:

- A house
- Other (please specify): _____
- An apartment

I live in:

- A city
- A rural area
- A suburb

Please list awards and honors you have won and offices you currently hold in school and community organizations.

Please send your completed application, postmarked no later than December 28, 1993, to: The Clearasil National Teen Summit, c/o BKG Youth, 79 Fifth Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10003. Telephone: (212) 807-4078.



THE ALISON GERTZ FOUNDATION
345 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10022
(212) 371-1335

Steve Lee
c/o Kristine Gebbie
Executive Office of the President
750 17th Street NW, Suite 1060
Washington, D. C. 20503



January 20, 1994

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Dear Mr. Lee,

Per our conversation, here is some information about the National Teen Summit. Sponsored by Clearasil, the Summit is in its fourth year of bringing together the student leaders of the country to discuss what they feel is the salient issue of the year. This year the teens picked AIDS, and Love Heals has been picked to coordinate the panelists who will speak to the young people.

We would be honored if Ms. Gebbie would join the presenters. I know there may be a schedule conflict, but it will truly be a major media event, with the President possibly speaking as well.

I am sure the teen delegates would benefit greatly from hearing her. The delegates will be doing much more than listen: they will leave the Summit with action plans for fundraising for AIDS education and be armed with postcards to send to their local members of Congress.

Other confirmed speakers include Joey DiPaulo (a fifteen-year-old living with AIDS, who has visited with President Clinton) and Pam Shaw (a woman living with AIDS, infected as a teenager). Vice President Al Gore will also be participating in the summit. Invited, but not yet confirmed, are First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe and the actress Penelope Ann Miller.

The dates of the Summit, which is in Ann Arbor, are February 12 through February 16, but the presentations will almost definitely occur on February 14. Of course, if permitted, Ms. Gebbie's travel and expenses will be covered by the sponsors of the Summit.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call me or my associate Karen Sobel. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best wishes,

Dini von Mueffling

Dini von Mueffling
President & Executive Director

*Issue of priorities -
this seems useful
(how many will be
there?)
could I do a day trip?*

*This would be difficult to
do. I'd suggest reports
2/9-11 Portland
2/11-13 New York
2/14 DC
2/16-17 Phila/Newark.*

*Update: They suggested an
"America-on-line" (computer)
Teen AIDS Summit 2/14*

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January 12, 1994

Ms. Dini von Mueffling
Executive Director
Love Heals
The Alison Gertz Foundation for AIDS Education
345 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Dear Dini,

This coming February, the best thinkers, doers, and creators in the teen world will come together for the fourth annual National Teen Summit. Their purpose: to develop creative plans for change, plans that can be implemented by teens nationwide. The theme of this year's summit is "Youth Power: If we don't do it, who will?" Sponsored by Clearasil, the summit will take place February 12-16, 1994 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

We would be honored to have Love Heals organize a day of presentations and workshops at the summit. As you well know, today's teens are at particular risk of being infected with HIV. Education is not enough; these teens need to be motivated to take the steps necessary to protect themselves—and their partners—from the virus. One of the challenges we all face in reaching this population is the adolescent sense of invulnerability, the "it can't happen to me" mindset. That's why we believe that it is absolutely critical for representatives of this generation to hear the story of Ali Gertz. We need to reach these kids now, not only with information but with a powerful message that it is up to them—as individuals and as a generation—to put a stop to the spread of AIDS **now**.

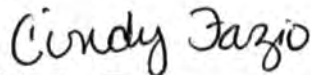
As we've read through the summit applications, we have been heartened to see how many of these teen leaders are already committed to combating AIDS. What they need from us now is an understanding of how they can take the information they have—and will receive at the summit—and bring it back to their schools and communities. We're convinced that peer-to-peer education is our best weapon against the spread of AIDS among adolescents. We hope this gathering of teen leaders will be an important step in that direction.



Media coverage of the summit will serve to broadcast Love Heals' message to an even broader audience. In past years, summit delegates and speakers have been featured on CNN and MTV and in such leading newspapers as the *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, and the *Washington Post*. This year, the *Detroit Free Press*, a Knight-Ridder newspaper, will be serving as the designated voice of the Teen Summit. Channel One, which reaches nearly 10 million teens every schoolday, has also expressed interest in covering this year's summit. We feel that this is an extremely important opportunity to reach out to these millions of teens, and we hope Love Heals will be able to play a part in it. We also hope that the summit delegates, their schools, and communities will be able to help Love Heals establish the 1-800-4-NO-AIDS hotline by raising the much needed start-up funds and by bringing awareness to their communities. (Dini, please see the enclosed application submitted by Suzy Sticka from North Dakota.)

Thank you so much for considering this request. I've enclosed background information on the summit, as well as some sample applications. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Fazio".

Cindy Fazio

Executive Vice President

The Clearasil® national teen summit

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Name: Amanda Hebel

Address: W6393 Westwind Rd.

City, state, ZIP: Plymouth, WI 53073

Telephone: (414) 892-7246

Age: 15 Sex: M F

School address: 125 Highland Ave.

School city, state, ZIP: Plymouth, WI 53073

School telephone: (414) 893-6911

Grade (year in school): 10

Grade point average (4=A; 3=B; 2=C; 1=D): A

Name of guidance counselor or adviser: Mrs. Pruess

Signature of applicant: Amanda Hebel

Signature of parent/guardian: Thomas Hebel

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Reference ①

Name: Amy Rindfleisch

Address: 125 Highland Ave.

City, state, ZIP: Plymouth, WI 53073

Telephone: (414) 893-6911

Occupation/grade: English Teacher / High School

In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? 2 years as teacher

Reference ②

Name: Nicole Kapellen

Address: 834 Fairview Dr.

City, state, ZIP: Plymouth WI 53073

Telephone: (414) 893-8172

Occupation/grade: Grade 10

In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? Friend - 11 years

Reference ③

Name: Debra Gentine

Address: N6743 Sportsman's Ln.

City, state, ZIP: Plymouth, WI 53073

Telephone: (414) 892-4681 Work 414-893-5961

Occupation/grade: Guidance Counselor

In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? daughter's friend
5 yrs.

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- 6 The accomplishment I'm most proud of is making the high honor roll since 6th grade
- 7 My greatest ambition is to touch people's lives with my words of the heart. I want to be happy and live life with people whom I love & love me.
- 8 My greatest concern is violence. I shouldn't have to live in fear. I'm captive in the United States of America, where freedom rings?!

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- ☐ Chicano
- ☐ African American, black (non-Hispanic)
- ☐ African American, black/Hispanic
- ☐ Chinese-American
- ☐ Japanese-American
- ☐ Korean-American
- ☐ Other Asian/Pacific Islander
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Religion: Roman Catholic

Father's occupation: tech school instructor

Mother's occupation: X-ray technician

Number of people in your household: 3

Number of natural siblings (including adopted siblings): 2

Number of half and step-siblings: —

Please circle one:

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Academic Achievement Award
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forensics

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I.

I think one of the most important issues facing my generation is violence. This issue must get urgent attention. Not only is it harmful physically, but also mentally. Violence today presents a stereotype of poor, inner-city, minority neighborhoods. What the stereotype fails to show is that violence is affecting everyone. Somehow the idea of life is being destroyed by the popularity of lethal weapons. I think the governing body needs to put a stop to the availability of weapons. If the violence continues it will manifest itself into a frenzy of firearms. Who knows who will be in control?

Along with violence comes values, human values. Have they vanished? I believe it is time youth, with the help of Clinton, restore our value system. Family values are out of focus when a father commits armed robbery to feed his family, then goes to prison and receives better care than the family he's left behind. In the long run, my generation will be absent of values and literally paying for it.

A disease, that is killing a population, is on the rise. AIDS is becoming a part of every town in every corner of the country. It is estimated that when I become an adult I will know someone who is infected with the HIV virus. I think Clinton needs to grasp this issue and run with it.

The solution comes down to one thing with these three issues... education. It begins in the home where the TV entertains for hours. In August 1992, The Wall Street Journal recorded 1,846 acts of violence during a single day of TV. The sickening factor is that the

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most acts of violence are shown on cartoons. Being a part of the media (working on the newspaper) it is our job to instill sound moral beliefs in children. Or at least set good examples of them.

Teach kids about manners and respect. Teach them how to be safe and protect themselves from such murders as AIDS.

If President Clinton doesn't start listening to the voices of this generation, there will be no voices of the next generation to hear.

JH

II.

I sit panicking about the future of my world. I want to make a difference. I want to be a part of the solution.

I feel sheltered, in a small town, from the road ahead. At this convention I'd want to come away feeling secure in the power of my generation. I'd like to know I'm not alone with my hopes and fears. Most of all, I'd like to take a step toward a better future. I want to dare to understand the challenges I face. From understanding comes accepting and teaching others to dare to make a difference.

Jyk

III.C.

I'm only 15 and a sophomore in high school. I've had my eyes opened to a new world of experiences and decisions. One of the most heart breaking choices I've made was to have sex.

I had morals and values. I had lectures and lessons. Sometimes they cannot, in my case, stop the force of my heart, in his, hormones.

I'm filled with regret and I'd take it back if I could. It has changed my entire outlook on myself, school, and safety. It is a decision I'm learning from, but never wanted to. It's helping me grow and form opinions.

I know that my heart is too precious to risk, but he made it seem so hard to lose. I can't explain the impact it had on me. I hope I get a chance to tell other girls what I experienced.

I'm quite a dreamer and poetic thinker. I always speak from the heart. These are the words I wrote about six hours after I altered my life...

The Night the Virgin Cried

III.C

The night the virgin cried
is the night her morals died
She was forced to believe
his love would be true
no one would know,
not even a clue.

The night the virgin cried
is the night her resistance was tried
In position he was ready
while she lay confused and alone
knowing her love
he could disown.

The night the virgin cried
the truths she spoke all lied
She let her curiosity get the best of her
now filled with guilt and regret
she knew
this was something he'd never get.

The night the virgin cried
he said he loved her as they sighed
It could be true
Or she could be mistaken
but her virginity
he had surely taken

The night the virgin cried
she committed spiritual suicide
For the tears she wept
dripped from the heart
one more tear
and it'd all fall apart.

The night the virgin cried
she cried for his love,
the love she'd been dreaming of.

The night the virgin cried
he traced the scar to her face
and rescued her with one final embrace.

EGH

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School telephone: (617) 595-1630

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Grade point average (4=A; 3=B; 2=C; 1=D): 2

Name of guidance counselor or adviser: Mr. Richard Chavaler

Signature of applicant: Christine Dennison

Signature of parent/guardian: Thelma J. LeBlanc

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Reference ①

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In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? 3 years
Acting T.V. Productions Teacher, Television Production Club advisor

Reference ②

Name: Jennifer Flynn

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City, state, ZIP: Lynn Ma.

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Occupation/grade: Peer Leader Advisor

In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? 1 1/2 years
I have been Christine's advisor

Reference ③

Name: Gabrielle McClain

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City, state, ZIP: Lynn, MA 01905

Telephone: (617) 592-8149

Occupation/grade: Senior in high school

In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? 3 years
Fellow peer leader

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- 4 My hero is my peer advisor, Jennifer Flynn
- 5 The three words I would use to describe myself are hard-working, fun, and creative
- 6 The accomplishment I'm most proud of is my work as an HIV/AIDS prevention peer leader
- 7 My greatest ambition is to graduate from College and make movies that influence peoples ways of thinking
- 8 My greatest concern is the rate AIDS is spreading through society, especially my generation

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- ☐ Japanese-American
- ☐ Korean-American
- ☐ Other Asian/Pacific Islander
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Religion: none

Father's occupation: Oil Burner Service man

Mother's occupation: Receptionist

Number of people in your household: 3

Number of natural siblings (including adopted siblings): 2

Number of half and step-siblings: 4

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- 1) Outstanding Peer Leader and Educational Material Development Award
- 2) Outstanding Volunteer
- 3) Regional Folda Hittin Creativity Writing Award
- 4) I am involved in several community organizations and scholastic extra-curricular activities.

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If I were given the opportunity to speak with President Clinton about the most pressing issues facing my generation, I would speak to him about AIDS, violence, and youth employment.

I would start of discussing the state of AIDS affecting myself, and my peers. I would tell him about my work as an HIV/AIDS peer educator and how strongly I feel that programs such as the one which I am involved with, should be implemented around the country. Trained teenagers from community organizations would go into the schools and community and teach HIV/AIDS prevention to their peers.

Concerning the issue of violence, I would talk about teen dating violence, gangs, and racial violence. I would discuss the idea of peer mediation, which they are trying to implement into my high school. This program takes the two conflicting parties and gives them each a chance to talk, before things escalate into a fight. I would suggest he try to implement these programs into every high school in America.

Then I would move on to the issue of youth employment, or shall I say, lack of it. First I would thank him for

developing a program where the youth can do community service and receive money for college. I would then ask him to appeal to the business community for youth employment. So many youth want to work and can't find any, so they hang around on the streets and get into trouble. I would also ask him to increase the community service program so that teens like myself, who spend time volunteering, could receive much needed financial assistance to continue our educations.

Although I feel that there is really no label for my generation because of its diversity, if I had to sum us up, I think "The Generation of Hope" would best represent us.

Some adults call us the "Nowhere Generation" but this is far from the truth. With so much hope, how can we go nowhere? We have to do something right, don't we?

There are a lot of teens out in the community doing positive things. No-one sees that though. All they see is the negative images, the few teens out there causing trouble.

All of this will change though, because we have hope. We have hope to find a cure for AIDS. We hope to stop the violence. We hope to be better off than our parents. We will be remembered for the fact that everyone doubted us and we proved them wrong and achieved everything we strived for.

As a delegate to the Clearasil National Teen Summit, I would like to unite youth from around the country to show adults that we do care about our future, and that we are the future. We need to show them that we're going to prove them, and their stereotypes that teenagers are hopeless and lazy, wrong.

Also, I would like to learn what other youth around the country are doing to improve their communities and share what I am doing in my own. I would then take these ideas back to my many community organizations and try to implement them.

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Grade (year in school): 10

Grade point average (4=A; 3=B; 2=C; 1=D): 4

Name of guidance counselor or adviser: Sister Rosemary

Signature of applicant: Jessica Zimmerman

Signature of parent/guardian: Mona Zimmerman

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Name: Sister Mary Catherine Barron

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In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? Teacher/Homeroom

Reference ②

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In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? cousin - 14 yrs

Reference ③

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Occupation/grade: STORES CLERK

In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? FRIEND OF THE FAMILY 12 YRS

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Religion: Catholic

Father's occupation: Antique dealer
 Mother's occupation: art teacher
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I think three issues I would bring to President Clinton's attention would be:

People need to be more aware of the environment. They should practice the three "R's" - Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle for a better future for their children. There should be recycling centers in every community. Recycling should be a part of everyone's life. If each person in America took time to recycle, it could save the earth, and make for a brighter tomorrow.

America is supposed to be the "land of opportunity", yet there are so many homeless people, unemployment, and bad living and working conditions. In my community, I am saddened by the many homeless people on the streets. The economy has to improve. It's bad when only huge companies benefit, and little businesses suffer. It's hard to make a living nowadays. There should be more job opportunities for the homeless- maybe even just doing community services. Every community should have homeless shelters, and living and working conditions should be made to satisfy the needs of more people.

One of the worst fatal diseases of today, is A.I.D.S., and there definitely needs to be more awareness and education. Schools should set up programs teaching kids at a young age, what the facts are. Then they will have this knowledge embedded in their minds, and if they are ever faced with a situation, they will make the right decision. Children should learn how they can and can not get A.I.D.S.. Sometimes people fear something they don't understand, and kids should be taught the truth. Education is the key that unlocks the doors of the future.

If I am selected as a delegate to The Clearasil National Teen Summit, I would try to initiate spin-off programs of the summit in as many local schools as possible. I would set up community service projects for the homeless and the elderly, such as holding food and clothing drives, and visiting shut-ins. I would try to set up hot lines for child abuse, and other problems facing teens, and drug awareness groups. I would also set up community clean ups and recycling centers at school.

An experience that changed my life was when my father was in a car accident last year. He had massive head damage, and wasn't supposed to live through the night. My mother basically lived at the hospital, and I had to take on all of the responsibilities at home. I had to take care of my brother, make meals and lunches for school, do my homework and studying, help my brother with his homework, take care of our pets, and do household chores, all on my own. I was constantly moved from one person's house to another.

Sometimes I was ready to just give up, but my mother's strength encouraged me to get through that horrible time. People from everywhere came together in prayer and support. I was only a kid myself, and I was faced with adult responsibilities. I had to become an adult within a short period of time.

This experience affected my life, because for me, any challenge now, isn't half as bad as the one I had to face. I am more responsible, and can take on my own problems more easily. I also have a stronger faith in God, because He allowed my father to live. I had never experienced something so terrible, but I do think that this experience made me a better person. I don't take life for granted. Life is a gift given to us by God, and it can be taken away at any moment. I now try to live my life to the fullest. That is why I strive to do my best in everything I do.

This experience has also made me a stronger person. People know they can come to me for advice when they have a problem, or a death in their family, because they know that

I survived what I had to go through. I can give them words
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School city, state, ZIP: East Amherst New York 14051

School telephone: (716) 626-8400

Grade (year in school): 11

Grade point average (4=A; 3=B; 2=C; 1=D): B

Name of guidance counselor or adviser: Kathy Boerner

Signature of applicant: Cara Cheskin

Signature of parent/guardian: Barbara Cheskin

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Name: Amy Puzio

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City, state, ZIP: Williamsville New York 14221

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Occupation/grade: Student / 11th grade

In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? Close Friend 8 yrs

Reference ②

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Occupation/grade: Teacher / Youth Leadership Advisor / Coach

In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? Student / Athlete 5 yrs

Reference ③

Name: Jill Manzola

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City, state, ZIP: Getzville 14068

Telephone: (716) 688-4033

Occupation/grade: Head of Extended Day

In what capacity and for how long have you known this person? Employer / Employer 2 yrs

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Religion: Jewish

Father's occupation: Investment Advisor

Mother's occupation: videographer

Number of people in your household: 5

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Part of a peer educating program through school.
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Active in school

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.ESSAY #1

7:30a.m.. The sun is rising, and snow is falling, as I walk through the doors of Williamsville East High School in a suburb of Buffalo, New York. It is the start of the holiday season and yet, everyone seems to have mixed emotions. For a year, all I have heard about is the new religion policy: a controversial implementation new in our district. As I enter my youth leadership class, the debate begins immediately. The religion policy finally went into effect this year. It limits the students and faculty in thier expression of certain religious aspects in the halls of the districts 13 PUBLIC schools. As the discussion heats up, I listen intently. Being a religious minority myself, I feel it is very important to participate and to try and help people who don't understand that not all the fun of the holidays are being taken away, and to prevent prejudicial remarks from being made. Since the policy has become an issue, I have been subject to remarks, not intentionally directed at me, but ones I felt were uncalled for and prejudicial.

To me, religious prejudice is one of the most important issues that affects our generation. With an opportunity to speak with President Clinton, I would explain my situation and the situation in my school, as it applies to the rest of the nation. I would illustrate to him that this is a great policy which helps to keep all students feeling comfortable, by not being bombarded with one religion's perspective only.

I would also advise President Clinton to watch the World Evening News with Peter Jennings where our school is being featured, and to consider this policy as a nationwide regulation for all Public schools. Not making one religion the "bad guy," which is happening in my district. I believe this is one step to ending the war of prejudice.

I would also choose AIDS awareness as a pressing issue to discuss with President Clinton. AIDS awareness programs have definitely begun, and have been very informative to the general public, but something needs to be done in the public schools. Students living in a little suburb still think, "it won't happen to me". I would advise the President that he should try to set up a nation wide AIDS awareness week just for the schools, at least once a year. This week would consist of a different activity/program each day educating the students with hope of trying to make a difference.

Gun control. It seems that everyday I am hearing or reading about a killing or suicide involving students. No, nothing has happened in my "perfect" school, but I am just waiting for some kid to pull a gun on his rival. Something needs to be done to stop guns from being obtained. Yes, the Brady Act is being passed, but it won't go in effect for a couple of years. Something needs to be done NOW!

Maybe awareness programs would also be a valid solution for gun control. I do believe these programs will work. Since I am a student, I feel I have a grasp on what will make people listen.

My solutions might not be the best, but they sure are a start. These issues are essential to society, future generations, and most importantly-to my generation!

Essay 2

Every child's dream is to be a famous actor, or a singer, or a musician, or a professional athlete. And of course, you can't forget President of the United States. I never dreamed of becoming these people. Sure it crossed my mind, but I was never really good at any of those things, even though it wasn't from a lack of trying. I am one of those kids that just wants to do the right thing: make my family and myself proud, and most of all-to help other people. I feel that is my main purpose in life: to do good for others. It's simple, but makes me happy.

If I was selected to be a delegate to the Clearasil National Teen Summit, I would do what I do best, help make a difference in the lives of my generation. I have always wanted to take a stand on issues, but never knew the best way how. Hopefully by being selected, I will be able to use all the good qualities I possess to meet new people and improve society and my generation.

Essay 3

Letter B

"Get a job". "Take out the garbage". "Empty the dishwasher". These are some examples of things parents say to their irresponsible teen-agers. The perception of teen-agers today, and probably always, is that they are the most irresponsible people on earth. Some say eventually most of them will grow out of it, and yet others don't. I beg to differ on that one. If you met my friends, that statement would quickly be retracted.

Yes, there is laziness, but is that the same as irresponsible? I don't think so. Everyone is lazy in one form or another, and I will admit I am lazy (sometimes), and so are my friends, but we are far from irresponsible.

My family consist of five people with three children, so obviously I am not the only one that my parents have to look after. My parents have given my brother, sister, and I so much. We are not spoiled (maybe a little), but they always want to give us the best. So, I figure the least I can do is to help them out as much as possible. I just turned 16 at the end of the summer. I have ~~been~~ baby-sitting since the age of twelve, and working with my mom since the age of thirteen. This previous summer at the age of fifteen and sixteen I held three jobs. I worked at a day camp for children, an icecream shop/restaurant, and with my mom when she needed me in her video business (which was basically every weekend).

I did this and gave up a lot of my free time because, why should my parents pay for everything? Why should I sit home and watch soap-operas and sit in the sun? It is very important for me to keep busy, and buy things for myself as much as possible, not just that big expensive items, but even the small necessities. I also presently work at a day care center during the school year. My friends, who feel the same way I do, also work during the summer and are currently holding jobs.

It's not just working that makes my peers and me responsible; it's the good things we do for others, the way we care about people, and our friendship. I have done a lot of volunteer work in my community and feel so good about helping others.

She was the baby-sitter for our family, and we knew her for twenty-one years. We called her "Lady", because my brother was too young to pronounce her real name. She was more than a baby-sitter, she was a friend, a loved one. My sister, brother and I liked to think of her as a grandmother. After she stopped sitting for us, we kept very close ties with her. She was old and not very healthy. When my sister was home, we alternated calling her, so one of us would have talked to her every day. When she left for college I called "Lady" everyday to say, "Hello, I love you". But most of all it was to see if she was o.k. All of her family lived away, so we were the ones that looked after her. Every time her phone didn't answer, I jumped, hoping that the T.V. was too loud or she was in another room and

could not hear the ring. So my sister and I would sit up late at night pushing redial, or calling the other family she baby-sat for to see if they heard from her. The time eventually did come when she was not o.k. and she had to be rushed to the hospital. If I did not call her then who would have known? She died this summer, but I hope my love and caring helped her live a little longer, and made her a little happier just to know that I was thinking of her. She had a big impact in my life.

I have a group of about fifteen really good girl and guy friends who would do anything for each other. It was a couple of weeks ago and the first snowfall had just begun. My family had just received new couches. We had a little problem with the delivery men, and we had to carry the couches by ourselves. My brother and sister were in college, so that left my dad with a bad back, my mom, and me. There was no way we were going to be able to lift three hundred pounds by ourselves. So I asked three of my guy friends to help, and they were more than willing. The couches did not show up on time, so one of my friends came once, and then came back again and waited an hour until they came. He called the others who lived down the street to come back. He is the type of person you would never think would ever help and is so irresponsible, but he just took total control and organized everything, just to help his friend. My parents were so impressed by him and the others, although they had met him several times before and made the same generalization as everyone else. That day, however, they could not stop raving about what great friends I have. It is not just this specific group. This

is just an isolated incident. It is all of my good friends. These examples could go on forever.

As for me, I hate to brag, but I have been told this by my family, friends, and employers: I am the type of person that would drop anything to help. I hate to admit that is true, but it is just the type of person I am

"Don't judge a book by it's cover," is something I would say to anyone that characterizes every teen-ager in the irresponsible category, because I hope I have just proven that not everyone fits in it. I would also have to agree that there are a lot of teen-agers that have the same outlook on life as my friends and I.

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Name of guidance counselor or adviser: BEE PEERY

Signature of applicant: Alissa Malek

Signature of parent/guardian: Marilyn Malek

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Alissa M. Malek
Papillon NE ABE 17

The opportunity to speak with President Clinton would be one of great importance for me. This opportunity would give me the chance to talk with him about three of the most important issues facing my generation - AIDS, drug and alcohol abuse, and violence.

With the HIV virus spreading most rapidly in people of my age group, the information about this virus is obviously not reaching my peers. In many schools, both faculty and parents are unwilling and scared to discuss information such as protection from and prevention of the HIV virus and AIDS disease. I would advise President Clinton to enforce guidelines that would force schools to offer information and protection for all students. Some people may say that this would only give students the idea for sex but the idea, which many adults don't realize, is already there.

The next subject I would discuss with President Clinton is teenage drug and alcohol abuse. Many teenagers find drugs and alcohol the only way to have a good time. I would ask President Clinton to set up stricter fines and consequences for those minors that are caught with drugs and alcohol. We need to find a way to help our teenagers have fun without getting high and solve their problems without running to alcohol to try to forget them. It has been proven that the longer one waits to try drugs or alcohol the less of a problem one will have with them. It would be great to see the problem of drugs and alcohol be erased forever.

Finally, I'd like to discuss the issue of violence with President Clinton. Teenagers are killing each other for reasons as dumb as shoes and clothes. We need to implement programs to keep our teenagers off of the streets. I'd ask President Clinton to visit the worst areas and offer help and support to those areas.

These three problems-AIDS, drugs and alcohol, and violence-are causing my generation to kill others and themselves because of their ignorance. We need to inform our teenagers and reform our country.

The main thing I would like to accomplish by attending the Teen Summit is to set up a network of people all across the United States. This network can be used to find out the major problems facing different areas and the ways of solving these problems that are most successful. This network can also be used to find advice on solving your own community's problems. I would like to find ways of helping other communities while networking with people who would be willing to help community. Networking is my major objective as a participant of The Clearasil National Teen Summit.

Many times, adults think that teenagers are irresponsible. When adults stereotype teenagers into an "irresponsible group", I feel both parties are short changed. In both my personal and community lives, I find I am a very responsible person. Being responsible for my finances, college, and the drug-free youth of my area are three examples that follow.

In the fall of my ninth grade year my father became unemployed. This caused me to become responsible with my own financial matters. That spring, when I was fifteen, I got a job. From that point on, I have paid for all of my own clothes, entertainment, and car expenses. Because of this, I have also been forced to limit my college choices because of cost and I have started submitting scholarship applications halfway through my junior year, since I will be financing my college education myself. Though this may not seem like much, it is a lot for a teenager to handle. When I look at a lot of my friends, I see people who spend what they don't have and expect "mommy and daddy" to dig them out of the hole they created for themselves. With the unfortunate situation that has come upon my family, I find myself not only more responsible about my financial and college situations, but more responsible about my life.

A year ago last fall, some friends of mine and I were sitting around discussing our options for New Year's Eve. It seemed our only choice was to drink. That's when the drug-free students of the Metro-Omaha Area chose to change things. My friends and I called local businesses asking for donations, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha Religious House donated their home for our use. My friends and I took it upon ourselves to be responsible for finding an alternative way to spend New Year's Eve. Once again, the area drug-free students are planning a party, and I am the head of the committee. I find being responsible for area students spending New Year's "drug-free" gives me a natural high.

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If I had the opportunity to talk with President Clinton, I would definitely talk to him about AIDS. I would ask him what is he doing to help the people who have AIDS, and probably tell him that stronger action NEEDS to be taken or else there will be no one left to hear his message. I would ask his advice on what he thinks small communities like mine should do to educate people, since everyone doesn't want to talk about it here in Dickinson. They can't even teach an AIDS awareness class in my high school, since all of the parents would object.

The next issue I would ask Mr. Clinton about is guns in school. There isn't a problem with them in my school. but everyday, kids are being shot, or even killed in their own school, which should be a safe place. I would have him activate a plan to reduce the number of guns in school, so we can feel safe in school. A lot of kids do bring knives and other things to my school, and I am afraid that someone is going to have to be hurt before the administrators will do anything about it. It is very sad that it takes a tragedy to open everyone's eyes to this serious problem.

The last thing I would discuss with the president is drugs. Many people do drugs even in my town of 18,000 people, and they are a very serious problem everywhere in the United States. I think the kids know they are dangerous, but still they continue to do them, since it "makes them feel good". Even with the tragedy of River Phoenix dying from them, the people just thought "Oh,,,that's such a shame to happen to such a talented actor, but it will never happen to me." I think that if anything can be learned from River Phoenix is that it can happen to ANYBODY, and that it will continue to kill people, yet no one will stop. Mr. Clinton should create some sort of plan to punish offenders, and try to eliminate drugs as much as possible.

These three problems are very serious, and I would like to discuss them, and actually get an honest answer.

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Everyone in my town is so close-minded, that if I was selected as a delegate, I would finally have the opportunity to get opinions on hot issues, and be able to give my opinion, as well. Nobody ever wants to talk about issues in my town, because they figure if we talk about them, they will start happening. But the one thing that they don't realize is that they are already happening. I would very much like to attend the Clearasil National Teen Summit, so that I can meet a variety of different types of people with OPEN MINDS!!! I feel like I am the only one in Dickinson who wants to discuss problems, and help find the solutions.

This summit will help me organize my thoughts so they can become actions. I would like to start an AIDS awareness class or group for our community, since there is, in fact, people who have AIDS in Dickinson, who probably need somewhere to turn for strength. This summit will teach me all about helping others, which is needed here.

I sincerely hope that I am selected as a delegate, and I promise you that I won't be a waste of space. Thank you!

In October of this year, I attended an AIDS seminar. It was held at Dickinson State University. The seminar was three people who had AIDS, or were HIV positive speaking about all of the feelings, problems, and attitudes given and felt by people. They each got up and told their story of how they contracted it, and how people have treated them since they came out. It was the most interesting seminar I have ever went to. Many people didn't go because they were afraid of people with AIDS, but I think that people need to learn that they are, indeed, people, just like you and me. In fact, I invited my good friend to go along with me, but she made up a lame excuse about a previous commitment that she had to go to, while in fact she was too scared to be in a small room with ill people.

This seminar has opened my eyes very wide, and I have realized that every single person in the entire world needs education about this disease before it is too late. They need to know that you can touch someone with AIDS, and that you wont catch it. Many people are ignorant about this saying that it isn't here in Dickinson, but it is. They will realize it is here once they catch it.

Dear Marian,

I just recieved the letter & News letters concerning the summit. I'd like to be on either the National Steering Committee or a host committee.

I learned a lot at the summit but not only about major issues but also about other people. Hearing other peoples views have helped me become more open-minded. I hope I've helped make people more aware of other people with disabilities. I don't want people to say "oh, that poor disabled person" or think that just because some one may have a brace of some sort thier brain doesn't work. I think I've helped people realize that just because my legs don't work doesn't mean my brain doesn't work. I also hope people realize that everyone is handicapped, no matter how small it is. It might be having glasses or braces on your teeth & for some people it may not be so obvious because its

With in themselves. I hope people can try to understand other people & their problems by being there for a person & trying to help even if it just means listening. I wish that everyone could be in "the other person's shoes" before we start putting each other down just so we would know what it was like to be the other person. If we were all just a little more understanding then there wouldn't be so much fighting. The world is full of misunderstood people. I'd love to help in any way I can. Thank you for the great opportunity.

Sincerely,
Late Kennedy

Feb 10, 1992

Dear Marian,

you said something about telling you what I contributed to the summit. I thought I would tell you what it gave to me, because it really changed my life, as well as the lives of my parents, friends and teachers.

When I came to this summit I knew recycling was important. In our house we reuse or recycle every thing we can. The thing is, in our small community, the schools don't have any recycling programs. I was just waiting for someone else to do something. When I got back I started talking to people, a lot of teachers were interested and now we have paper recycling in our classes.

What surprised me the most was the



presentation by Amnesty International. I thought human rights were important, but I didn't think about them in depth. I was shocked by what they said, and it showed me I could do something to help. So I'm starting a local group at my high school.

This summit gave me a new outlook, and it gave me the power to make a difference. I hope I've expressed my gratitude.

Carrie L. Belisle



Dear BKG Youth,

What a great 4 days! I didn't want to come home. Everyone was so helpful & they were all ready to listen. I met so many great people - so many different people - so many intelligent people. Some of our discussions amazed me. The topics were as varied as abortion & A.I.D.S., & each talk just blew me away. At my school we talk about who's dating who, & who's wearing what. But here it was so different. We were talking about the fate of the world and the human race.

Some people that I met I knew I would see in later life. The boy from Ohio will probably be President some day.

The first day I was there, It was like I already knew everyone. You could eat dinner with someone new each night, and it wouldn't matter.

The workshops were great, especially when the delegates were free to share stories, answer & ask questions, &

give suggestions on what we can do to stop the problems, fears, & pressures that plague our own lives. I learned that everyone is faced with problems much like my own, and I also learned how lucky I am & that my problems could be a lot worse. It's almost like I live in a protective little capsule, because I don't face the issues of A.I.D.S, drugs, or rape etc every day. Racism is certainly an issue I'm not often exposed to out here in South Dakota. From hearing some of the other delegates stories, I feel that I'm trapped in a Brady Bunch episode & I can't get out! After hearing their stories, however, I'm not so sure I wanted to!

On the entertainment side of things, Improvidence was certainly a highlight. I would have stayed there all night if I had had the chance. Thank, for me, whoever arranged for them to come.

I was looking forward to the keynote speaker, but I'm glad he never showed up! There is no way on Earth he could have topped what the delegates themselves put together. To tell the truth, I had never given so many standing ovations in my life. It was great hearing one final song, one final thank-you, or one final good-bye from the people I met. I was amazed at the hidden talents of so many of the delegates. It was truly an amazing time.

It was really a comedown for me to get back into my normal school routine. Back to who's dating who, & who's wearing what. But to tell the truth, I don't think things will ever be the same. I am looking into setting up a HI-TOPS program, and I'm helping my school to start recycling. I'm making a difference in my town, something that probably wouldn't

have happened, had it not been for the Teen Summit.

Thank you so much for giving me the invaluable chance to experience the past week. I would love to help with next year's summit, if you want any teens to help. You've made a difference in my life & also my community's.

Once again, thanks!

Susan M. Happel

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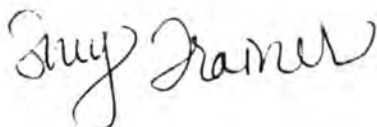
P.S. For some strange reason, I have acquired the nickname "Save the World Susan." I think I could grow to like it.

While at the National Teen Summit, I had many memorable and rewarding experiences that made a deep impression in my lifestyle. Not only did the Summit give me a chance to meet concerned teens from all over the country, but the friendships made will continue to grow. I feel I made a difference just by being there. Even if I had not opened my mouth once during the Summit, my presence showed what creative young minds can accomplish. However, I did open my mouth very often. I portrayed my opinions to others and acknowledged theirs with the same magnitude of respect that I hoped I was receiving. The Summit not only made me more aware of the many social and environmental problems, but it encouraged me to take part in the growth of my community, which I have successfully been doing. I feel my contribution, if nothing more, was my offering of a different view on the many topics discussed and the chance for the many urban teens to partially grasp the variation of our lifestyles.

When I return to the Summit next year, I will be a prime example of what one can accomplish when they are inspired. Since I have returned from the Summit, I have played a major role in the start of school district-wide recycling program which includes seven elementary schools, a junior high and high school. I have also worked to outlaw the use of any styrofoam products in our school. I, along

with the school's Environment Club, will be traveling to each elementary presenting a skit to promote environmental awareness. We are also planning an Earth Day rally and various other activities in the community. At the next Summit, I hope to encourage others to become more involved just as I have been. I will be in college next year, and I would love to help others find out more about what the Summit has to offer. I think the Teen Summit is a very promising experience for anyone, and I would be honored to help with the planning and organization in any way possible. Please let me know if I could assist you in any way. Thank you, and please stay in touch.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Trainer".

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