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TO:
FAX:

Betty Curme
456-1210

Leanne
Do we
want to submit a
scheduling request
for this?

Please
advise
Thanks -
Anna

FROM: The Office of Edward A. Powell, Jr.
Acting Deputy Secretary
(202)273-4817
Fax (202)273-4878

810 Vermont Ave., NW
Suite 1004
Washington, DC 20420

Staff Person: Lily Connolly

Anna -

I think
we want to tie
this together
w/ the School
Safety Day
(if we do it.)

Leanne



Veterans Affairs
Washington DC 20420

Betty -

This is from my cousin. Mr
Lewis goes. You met last fall
promised to see the concert
in the White House got this week
Can you help? I really think
this would be a good event,
the President.

Frank

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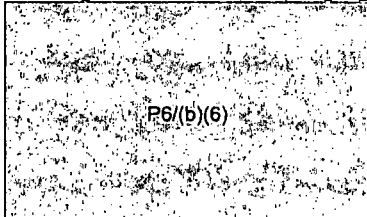
Student Pledge Against Gun Violence

FAX

8/31/00

TO: Deputy Secretary Ned Powell
(202) 273-4878

FM:

Mary-Lewis Grow *mlg*

mlgrow@microassist.com (e-mail)

Dear Ned,

In addition to the letters from the President of the NEA, Pres. of AFT, PTA, School Board Association, Nat'l Association of Student Councils + Secondary School Principals, I'm enclosing a copy of the letter written by Chicago's Police Chief, Terry Hillard, to all the Major City Chiefs.

Governor Christie Todd Whitman (NJ) is writing to all the state governors.

Thank you, dear!
Love, ML

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FROM :

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Aug. 31 2000 04:19PM P2

PATTY MURRAY
WASHINGTONCOMMITTEES:
APPROPRIATIONS
BUDGETHEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR
AND PENSIONS
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4704

August 14, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to encourage you to host an event in September to promote the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence. Student, Members of Congress, and representatives from the American Federation of Teachers, National Association of Student Councils, National School Boards Association, National PTA, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals want to present the Pledge to you and use this event to launch their efforts to get millions of more young people to sign the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence this year.

Last year, over 2 million young people signed a voluntary pledge promising never to bring a gun to school or use a gun to settle a dispute, and to use their influence to discourage peers from resolving problems with guns.

For the last four years, the U.S. Senate has unanimously passed a resolution, for which I've been the chief sponsor during three of those four years. This resolution calls on the country to observe a Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence and asks that the Student Pledge be distributed on that day as a means of underscoring the collective power of young people's individual decisions to end gun violence. For each of the last four years, you have reinforced the message of the Senate Resolution by issuing a Presidential Proclamation. This year I have again submitted the Resolution along with Senator Warner and 31 other Senators and I expect it to pass unanimously once again. It names October 17, 2000, as this year's Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence.

The premise behind the distribution of a common contract on a common day is that through their own life-saving decisions and actions, young people themselves - one by one and collectively by the millions - can dramatically reduce their risk of gun violence. Young people in particular are more likely to believe in the impact of their actions and decisions if they see them as part of a large concerted effort. A collective promise suggests power and a real potential for significant change.

It would be appropriate to have an event at the White House this year to celebrate the over 2 million young people who took the Pledge in 1999 and to call out to even more young people to take the Pledge.

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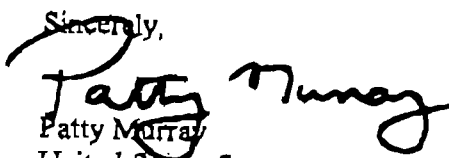
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A September date will be the most effective. It is the start of a new school year, and it will also give schools and communities time to build towards the observance. Too often young people are talked to as if they are a problem to be solved. A White House event in September will provide a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge them as important partners in the task of creating a safer future. Your encouragement, in particular, will illustrate to them that they matter and that their voices and commitments are honored at the highest level of the country.

I encourage you to host this event in September to roll out this year's Pledge and to celebrate the successes we've had in the past. I hope we can find time in our schedules to do this important event.

Sincerely,


Patty Murray
United States Senator

Attached: Letters from:

The American Federation of Teachers
The National Association of Secondary School Principals
The National Parent and Teachers Association
The National School Boards Association

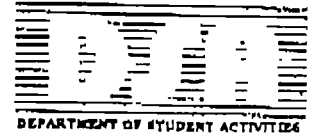
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letters from the
presidents of the
NEA
National PTA
and Chicago Police
Chief, Terry Hillard

FROM :

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

*Executive Board*

Board Member's Address:

August 14, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am sure that you remember the tragedy that occurred in your home state of Arkansas in March 1998, when two middle school students gunned down their fellow classmates in Jonesboro.

It was inconceivable that middle school students could be capable of this dastardly act yet they got the guns and did the deed. More school shootings followed that spring. When Mary Lewis Grow, the founder of the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence called our offices that May looking for the support and assistance of the National Association of Student Councils (NASC), it was evident that we needed to be involved. The NASC Executive Board unanimously voted to support the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence.

It is not metal detectors, school administrators, teachers or police that will solve this problem. It rests with young people themselves. They must learn to be more tolerant of those who are different than they are and be more inclusive. Student council leaders must be part of the solution and get their peers involved in solving this great problem of youth violence.

NASC helped the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence obtain more than two million signed pledges from students last year on the Day of National Concern in October. This year we ask your help in this cause by sponsoring an event at the White House in September to call attention to this problem and to highlight this year's Day of National Concern on October 17, 2000.

We know that this issue is one of great concern to you. Please join with students nationwide to support this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rocco Marano'.

Rocco Marano,
Director of Student Activities
& Secretary to the NASC Executive Board

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Claire Doran'.

Claire Doran
Student Co-Chair
NASC Executive Board

FROM :

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Aug. 31 2000 04:21PM P5

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August 14, 2000

President William Clinton
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500-0001

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for providing leadership on the important topic of protecting children and youth from gun violence. The 6.5 million member National PTA joins Senator Murray, parents, and students in asking you to continue this important work and host the September 2000 launch of the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence drive.

Due to the tremendous impact on the health and well-being of children and youth, gun violence is a serious public health issue, which requires the enactment of various prevention strategies. National PTA supports federal legislation that promotes the use of gun safety locks, restricts Internet gun sales, enforces federal and state minimum age requirements for handgun purchases, and establishes or expands awareness programs that educate parents, children, youth and community members about firearm safety.

This event will let America's youth know that millions of citizens across the nation care about their health and well-being. Your participation in this event will also signal a federal commitment to ending gun violence. Thank you again for making an important difference in the lives of all children. We hope that you will be actively involved in this year's event.

Sincerely,

Ginny Markell
President

FROM :

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NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Robert F. Chase, President
Reg Weaver, Vice President
Dennis Van Roebel, Secretary-Treasurer

Don Cameron, Executive Director

1201 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036-3290

August 10, 2000

Executive Office

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

On behalf of the National Education Association's (NEA) 2.5 million members, we urge you to support efforts to curb youth gun violence by hosting a bipartisan White House event this September publicizing the October 17th *Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence*. The ceremony would recognize the more than 2,000,000 young people who have already signed the *Pledge against Gun Violence* and would help encourage millions more youth to take the *Pledge*.

The members of the National Education Association are deeply concerned about the gun violence that threatens our students, our schools, and our communities. By signing the *Pledge*, students promise never to bring a gun to school or to use a gun to settle a dispute and to influence their friends to do the same. We believe this voluntary student pledge offers a wonderful vehicle for students to take affirmative, self-motivated steps to end the violence.

A bipartisan contingent of United States Senators already supports the *Day of National Concern* initiative. We hope many of these Senators and other elected officials will attend the White House event to send a strong, unified message against gun violence.

We thank you for your unwavering commitment to ending the senseless gun violence that has claimed too many innocent lives. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this critical issue and to joining with you to support the *Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence*.

Sincerely,

Bob Chase
President

FROM :

FAX NO. :

Aug. 31 2000 04:22PM P7



*Excellence and Equity
in Public Education
through School Board
Leadership*

August 3, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

On March 30, 2000, the Board of Directors of the National School Boards Association unanimously endorsed the Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence. As an organization dedicated to bettering the lives and education of our children, NSBA believes the voluntary student pledge is a wonderful approach since, in the final analysis, it is going to be students themselves who will be the main force in eliminating gun violence.

NSBA will encourage local school boards across the nation to participate in the October 17, 2000 Day of National Concern. We believe that holding a September pre-celebration event at the White House would greatly increase the visibility of this worthy effort. To that end, NSBA supports the proposal from Senator Patty Murray and her colleagues and ask you to give it your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Anne L. Bryant
Executive Director

ALB: mw

FROM :

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF SECONDARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPALS

August 8, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

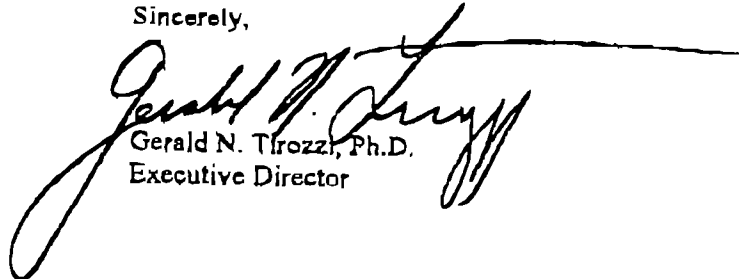
Though the number of violent incidents in schools continues to decrease and classrooms remain one of the safest places for students, there is no denying that gun violence is a national epidemic that negatively impacts the lives of many children and youth. That is why over 2,000,000 young people have signed the *Student Pledge Against Gun Violence*. We urge you to support these commitments by hosting a bipartisan White House event in September, to publicize this year's October 17 *Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence* and to launch this year's national *Pledge* drive.

By signing the *Pledge*, each student promises to never bring a gun to school, to never use a gun to settle a dispute, and to use influence with friends in order to keep them from using guns to settle disputes. I can think of no better tool for ending youth violence than the self-motivated, responsible approach offered by this action. Middle and high school students are especially influenced by friends and colleagues, and the *Pledge* supports and reinforces each individual choice to act peacefully with regard to disagreements.

While the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has strongly supported your commendable efforts to help end gun violence through legislative means, we envision the event as one that will not involve the sometimes divisive issue of politics. A bipartisan contingent of U.S. Senators already supports the *Day of National Concern* initiative. We hope many of them will attend the White House event in order to send a strong and unified message about the importance of self-motivated, non-violent action. It is our hope that the event will create a groundswell of interest, encouraging other young people around the nation to take the *Pledge*.

"Youngsters who are intimidated and fearful cannot be at ease; they cannot give education the single-minded attention needed for success." This statement appears in the NASSP school reform publication *Breaking Ranks: Changing an American Institution*. We believe the *Pledge* brings us one step closer to easing students' fears, and helps to create more effective learning environments for our children. I thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of the nation's students and hope you agree that a White House event would be an excellent extension of your work to end gun violence in the United States.

Sincerely,



Gerald N. Tirozzi, Ph.D.
Executive Director

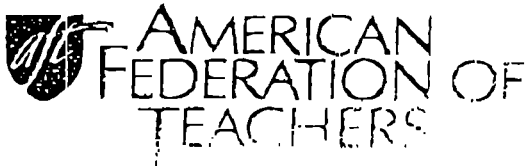
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promoting excellence in school leadership

FROM :

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777 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, NEW
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SANDRA FELDMAN

PRESIDENT

C. 2000-08-31

July 31, 2000

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

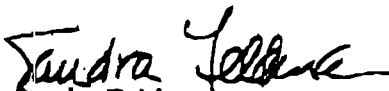
Dear Mr. President:

The American Federation of Teachers is an active coalition partner in the Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence. We believe that it is important for the AFT to support the efforts of the coalition and to support our members' participation in the Day of National Concern through their local unions.

Ready access to guns and gun violence are of great concern to the leaders and members of our organization. That is why our members have encouraged students to participate since the event's inception. And, it is why we are in favor of a White House event to honor those students who have taken part in the Day of National Concern. Such an event would give a tremendous boost to the coalition's efforts to encourage all students to sign the pledge and participate in this year's Day of National Concern.

We will continue to support the efforts of the coalition and, through our local affiliates, encourage school districts to promote and participate in this important campaign. We would welcome and encourage your participation in an event to launch this year's program.

Sincerely,


Sandra Feldman
President

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FROM :

FAX NO. :

Aug. 31 2000 04:23PM P10



Richard M. Daley
Mayor

Department of Police • City of Chicago
3510 South Michigan Avenue • Chicago, Illinois 60663

Terry G. Hillard
Superintendent of Police

August 4, 2000

Dear Chief of Police:

I am writing to you and enclosing information on an important national observance, one that I urge you to publicize in your own city. Since 1996, the United States Senate has passed a bipartisan Senate Resolution calling for a National Day of Concern about Young People and Gun Violence. In support of this, students across the country, in cooperation with law enforcement, were given the opportunity to make a voluntary promise that they "will never bring a gun to school, never use a gun to settle a dispute and use their influence with friends to keep them from using guns to settle disputes."

In the wake of the tragic school shootings in Littleton, Colorado; Springfield, Oregon; and Jonesboro, Arkansas, people are looking for constructive ways to address the issues of young people and guns. As Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, I believe that observing the National Day of Concern about Young People and Gun Violence provides an effective vehicle for leaders, educators and law enforcement to work together to assure that our schools remain a safe and productive environment conducive to teaching and learning.

Let me take the opportunity to tell you about Chicago's initiative on the Day of National Concern held last year. The Chicago Police Department, in coordination with the Chicago Board of Education, the Archdiocesan Schools and Lutheran Schools provided over 800,000 students the opportunity to sign the Student Pledge. Additionally, WBBM-FM Radio (B-96) provided an hour long live discussion about handgun violence. This year I had the pleasure of leading all the students in saying the Pledge. Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago, Paul Vallas, Chief Executive Officer of Chicago Public Schools, Senator Dick Durbin, Jim Ryan, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, and Dick Devine, Cook County State's Attorney also participated in the program. The coordinated efforts of the Chicago Police Department, the Board of Education and the participation of city leaders identified Chicago as the national model for the last four years. Chicago has been unique among participating cities in that law enforcement has taken the lead in coordinating these efforts to ensure student safety.

This year's Student Pledge is to be held on October 17, 2000. It is my hope that all of the major cities across the nation will join Chicago's effort in a collaboration between law enforcement and education. I believe that because of our position and leadership in government as well as our commitment to prevent gun violence in schools, we have the unique opportunity and ability to motivate law enforcement throughout the nation to partner with their respective school districts.

Enclosed is a package of materials concerning the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence. I believe that observing the "Day of National Concern" brings the issues of youth and gun violence to the forefront, thereby fostering awareness, discussion, and hopefully, pro-active measures by schools, law enforcement, parents and youth to prevent future gun violence.

Should you need additional information, please contact Commander Roberta M. Bartik, Youth Investigations Group at (312) 745-6005 or Fax (312) 745-6832.

Sincerely,


Terry G. Hillard
Superintendent of Police



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FROM: Todd Jones, U.S. Attorney, District of Minnesota

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September 13, 2000

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Re: The Annual Student Pledge Against Gun Violence

Dear President Clinton:

Long before the tragedy at Columbine High School, Mary Lewis Grow, of Northfield, Minnesota, was working to curb school violence. The initiative she started, called the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence, has steadily gained national momentum, resulting in more than 2,000,000 high school students signing the pledge last year alone.

This year the Student Pledge and corresponding day of national concern will take place on October 17. On that day, students in public and private schools across the country will stand together and pledge (1) never to carry a gun to school; (2) never to resolve a dispute with a gun; and (3) always use their influence to keep friends from resolving disputes with guns. Ms. Grow is hoping to register close to 3,000,000 Student Pledge signatures nationwide this year!

Here in Minnesota, the home of the Student Pledge, students are planning a variety of events. In Minneapolis, Mary Lewis Grow will partner with our office and a number of other groups to help the students at DeLaSalle High School host a Student Pledge program on October 17 that will feature health care professionals and young people who have personally experienced gun violence.

As a preview for this event, as well as other Student Pledge events taking place nationwide on October 17, this office and the individuals and organizations named in the enclosed letters, respectfully request that you consider hosting a brief Student Pledge kick-off event at the White House in late September or early October. As the enclosed letters indicate, Senator Murray, as well

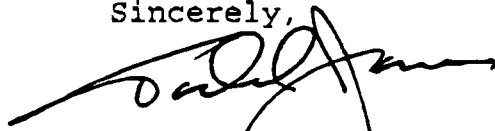
as people from a variety of education organizations, would be happy to participate in such an event. And, of course, our office would do whatever it could to assist.

A White House Student Pledge kick-off event could feature young people who have been affected by gun violence and could culminate with remarks from you, which could be taped and made available for the replay at October 17 Student Pledge activities in schools across the country. Even a few words from you would mean so much to young people in Minnesota and elsewhere, who, through the pledge, are realizing their collective ability to reverse the violence that has affected far too many of this country's youth.

If you are interested in a White House event and would like more information about the Student Pledge initiative, please have your staff contact Jeanne Cooney, of this office, at (612) 664-5611. Or, if you are unable to host such an event at this time but would like to make taped remarks for use in various October 17 Student Pledge activities around the country, please have your staff let Jeanne Cooney know that too.

The Student Pledge is endorsed by the American Federation of Teachers, the American Association of School Administrators, the American Medical Association, the National Council of Churches, the United States Congress, as well as your own office. All of us involved in the Student Pledge initiative thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Jones', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Todd Jones
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PATTY MURRAY
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United States Senate

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August 14, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to encourage you to host an event in September to promote the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence. Student, Members of Congress, and representatives from the American Federation of Teachers, National Association of Student Councils, National School Boards Association, National PTA, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals want to present the Pledge to you and use this event to launch their efforts to get millions of more young people to sign the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence this year.

Last year, over 2 million young people signed a voluntary pledge promising never to bring a gun to school or use a gun to settle a dispute, and to use their influence to discourage peers from resolving problems with guns.

For the last four years, the U.S. Senate has unanimously passed a resolution, for which I've been the chief sponsor during three of those four years. This resolution calls on the country to observe a Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence and asks that the Student Pledge be distributed on that day as a means of underscoring the collective power of young people's individual decisions to end gun violence. For each of the last four years, you have reinforced the message of the Senate Resolution by issuing a Presidential Proclamation. This year I have again submitted the Resolution along with Senator Warner and 31 other Senators and I expect it to pass unanimously once again. It names October 17, 2000, as this year's Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence.

The premise behind the distribution of a common contract on a common day is that through their own life-saving decisions and actions, young people themselves – one by one and collectively by the millions – can dramatically reduce their risk of gun violence. Young people in particular are more likely to believe in the impact of their actions and decisions if they see them as part of a large concerted effort. A collective promise suggests power and a real potential for significant change.

It would be appropriate to have an event at the White House this year to celebrate the over 2 million young people who took the Pledge in 1999 and to call out to even more young people to take the Pledge.

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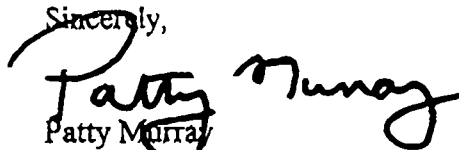
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A September date will be the most effective. It is the start of a new school year, and it will also give schools and communities time to build towards the observance. Too often young people are talked to as if they are a problem to be solved. A White House event in September will provide a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge them as important partners in the task of creating a safer future. Your encouragement, in particular, will illustrate to them that they matter and that their voices and commitments are honored at the highest level of the country.

I encourage you to host this event in September to roll out this year's Pledge and to celebrate the successes we've had in the past. I hope we can find time in our schedules to do this important event.

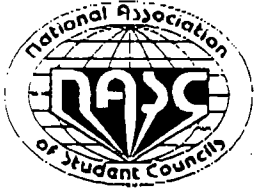
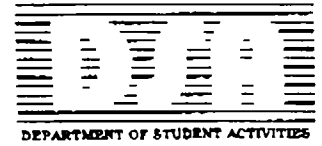
Sincerely,


Patty Murray
United States Senator

Attached: Letters from:

The American Federation of Teachers
The National Association of Secondary School Principals
The National Parent and Teachers Association
The National School Boards Association

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

*Executive Board*

Board Member's Address:

August 14, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am sure that you remember the tragedy that occurred in your home state of Arkansas in March 1998, when two middle school students gunned down their fellow classmates in Jonesboro.

It was inconceivable that middle school students could be capable of this dastardly act yet they got the guns and did the deed. More school shootings followed that spring. When Mary Lewis Grow, the founder of the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence called our offices that May looking for the support and assistance of the National Association of Student Councils (NASC), it was evident that we needed to be involved. The NASC Executive Board unanimously voted to support the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence.

It is not metal detectors, school administrators, teachers or police that will solve this problem. It rests with young people themselves. They must learn to be more tolerant of those who are different than they are and be more inclusive. Student council leaders must be part of the solution and get their peers involved in solving this great problem of youth violence.

NASC helped the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence obtain more than two million signed pledges from students last year on the Day of National Concern in October. This year we ask your help in this cause by sponsoring an event at the White House in September to call attention to this problem and to highlight this year's Day of National Concern on October 17, 2000.

We know that this issue is one of great concern to you. Please join with students nationwide to support this effort.

Sincerely,

Rocco Marano,
Director of Student Activities
& Secretary to the NASC Executive Board

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Student Co-Chair
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August 14, 2000

President William Clinton
White House
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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for providing leadership on the important topic of protecting children and youth from gun violence. The 6.5 million member National PTA joins Senator Murray, parents, and students in asking you to continue this important work and host the September 2000 launch of the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence drive.

Due to the tremendous impact on the health and well-being of children and youth, gun violence is a serious public health issue, which requires the enactment of various prevention strategies. National PTA supports federal legislation that promotes the use of gun safety locks, restricts Internet gun sales, enforces federal and state minimum age requirements for handgun purchases, and establishes or expands awareness programs that educate parents, children, youth and community members about firearm safety.

This event will let America's youth know that millions of citizens across the nation care about their health and well-being. Your participation in this event will also signal a federal commitment to ending gun violence. Thank you again for making an important difference in the lives of all children. We hope that you will be actively involved in this year's event.

Sincerely,

Ginny Markell
President



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Executive Office

August 10, 2000

The President
The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

On behalf of the National Education Association's (NEA) 2.5 million members, we urge you to support efforts to curb youth gun violence by hosting a bipartisan White House event this September publicizing the October 17th *Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence*. The ceremony would recognize the more than 2,000,000 young people who have already signed the *Pledge against Gun Violence* and would help encourage millions more youth to take the *Pledge*.

The members of the National Education Association are deeply concerned about the gun violence that threatens our students, our schools, and our communities. By signing the *Pledge*, students promise never to bring a gun to school or to use a gun to settle a dispute and to influence their friends to do the same. We believe this voluntary student pledge offers a wonderful vehicle for students to take affirmative, self-motivated steps to end the violence.

A bipartisan contingent of United States Senators already supports the *Day of National Concern* initiative. We hope many of these Senators and other elected officials will attend the White House event to send a strong, unified message against gun violence.

We thank you for your unwavering commitment to ending the senseless gun violence that has claimed too many innocent lives. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this critical issue and to joining with you to support the *Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Bob Chase". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Chase
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August 8, 2000

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Dear Mr. President:

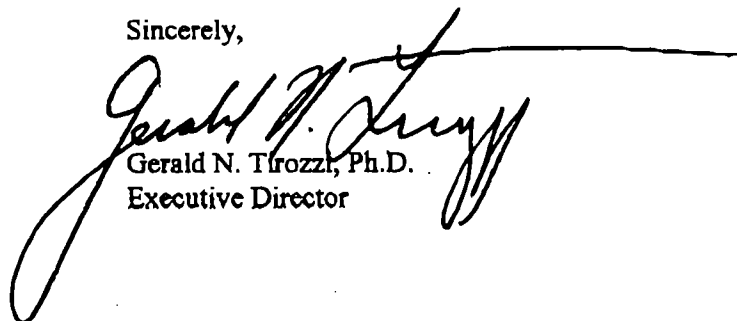
Though the number of violent incidents in schools continues to decrease and classrooms remain one of the safest places for students, there is no denying that gun violence is a national epidemic that negatively impacts the lives of many children and youth. That is why over 2,000,000 young people have signed the *Student Pledge Against Gun Violence*. We urge you to support these commitments by hosting a bipartisan White House event in September, to publicize this year's October 17 *Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence* and to launch this year's national *Pledge* drive.

By signing the *Pledge*, each student promises to never bring a gun to school, to never use a gun to settle a dispute, and to use influence with friends in order to keep them from using guns to settle disputes. I can think of no better tool for ending youth violence than the self-motivated, responsible approach offered by this action. Middle and high school students are especially influenced by friends and colleagues, and the *Pledge* supports and reinforces each individual choice to act peacefully with regard to disagreements.

While the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has strongly supported your commendable efforts to help end gun violence through legislative means, we envision the event as one that will not involve the sometimes divisive issue of politics. A bipartisan contingent of U.S. Senators already supports the *Day of National Concern* initiative. We hope many of them will attend the White House event in order to send a strong and unified message about the importance of self-motivated, non-violent action. It is our hope that the event will create a groundswell of interest, encouraging other young people around the nation to take the *Pledge*.

"Youngsters who are intimidated and fearful cannot be at ease; they cannot give education the single-minded attention needed for success." This statement appears in the NASSP school reform publication *Breaking Ranks: Changing an American Institution*. We believe the *Pledge* brings us one step closer to easing students' fears, and helps to create more effective learning environments for our children. I thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of the nation's students and hope you agree that a White House event would be an excellent extension of your work to end gun violence in the United States.

Sincerely,



Gerald N. Tirozzi, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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August 3, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

On March 30, 2000, the Board of Directors of the National School Boards Association unanimously endorsed the Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence. As an organization dedicated to bettering the lives and education of our children, NSBA believes the voluntary student pledge is a wonderful approach since, in the final analysis, it is going to be students themselves who will be the main force in eliminating gun violence.

NSBA will encourage local school boards across the nation to participate in the October 17, 2000 Day of National Concern. We believe that holding a September pre-celebration event at the White House would greatly increase the visibility of this worthy effort. To that end, NSBA supports the proposal from Senator Patty Murray and her colleagues and ask you to give it your full consideration.

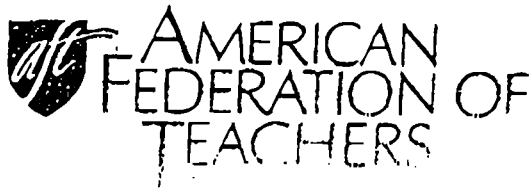
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July 31, 2000

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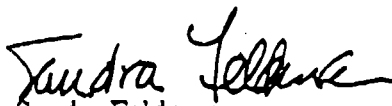
Dear Mr. President:

The American Federation of Teachers is an active coalition partner in the Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence. We believe that it is important for the AFT to support the efforts of the coalition and to support our members' participation in the Day of National Concern through their local unions.

Ready access to guns and gun violence are of great concern to the leaders and members of our organization. That is why our members have encouraged students to participate since the event's inception. And, it is why we are in favor of a White House event to honor those students who have taken part in the Day of National Concern. Such an event would give a tremendous boost to the coalition's efforts to encourage all students to sign the pledge and participate in this year's Day of National Concern.

We will continue to support the efforts of the coalition and, through our local affiliates, encourage school districts to promote and participate in this important campaign. We would welcome and encourage your participation in an event to launch this year's program.

Sincerely,


Sandra Feldman
President

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August 10, 2000

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Sincerely,

Bob Chase
President



Richard M. Daley
Mayor

Department of Police • City of Chicago
3510 South Michigan Avenue • Chicago, Illinois 60653

Terry G. Hillard
Superintendent of Police

August 4, 2000

Dear Chief of Police:

I am writing to you and enclosing information on an important national observance, one that I urge you to publicize in your own city. Since 1996, the United States Senate has passed a bipartisan Senate Resolution calling for a National Day of Concern about Young People and Gun Violence. In support of this, students across the country, in cooperation with law enforcement, were given the opportunity to make a voluntary promise that they "will never bring a gun to school, never use a gun to settle a dispute and use their influence with friends to keep them from using guns to settle disputes."

In the wake of the tragic school shootings in Littleton, Colorado; Springfield, Oregon; and Jonesboro, Arkansas, people are looking for constructive ways to address the issues of young people and guns. As Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, I believe that observing the National Day of Concern about Young People and Gun Violence provides an effective vehicle for leaders, educators and law enforcement to work together to assure that our schools remain a safe and productive environment conducive to teaching and learning.

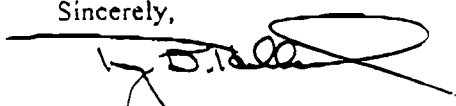
Let me take the opportunity to tell you about Chicago's initiative on the Day of National Concern held last year. The Chicago Police Department, in coordination with the Chicago Board of Education, the Archdiocesan Schools and Lutheran Schools provided over 800,000 students the opportunity to sign the Student Pledge. Additionally, WBBM-FM Radio (B-96) provided an hour long live discussion about handgun violence. This year I had the pleasure of leading all the students in saying the Pledge. Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago, Paul Vallas, Chief Executive Officer of Chicago Public Schools, Senator Dick Durbin, Jim Ryan, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, and Dick Devine, Cook County State's Attorney also participated in the program. The coordinated efforts of the Chicago Police Department, the Board of Education and the participation of city leaders identified Chicago as the national model for the last four years. Chicago has been unique among participating cities in that law enforcement has taken the lead in coordinating these efforts to ensure student safety.

This year's Student Pledge is to be held on October 17, 2000. It is my hope that law enforcement throughout the State of Illinois will join Chicago's effort in a collaboration between law enforcement and education. I believe that because of our position and leadership in government as well as our commitment to prevent gun violence in schools, we have the unique opportunity and ability to motivate law enforcement to partner with their respective school districts.

Enclosed is a package of materials concerning the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence. I believe that observing the "Day of National Concern" brings the issues of youth and gun violence to the forefront, thereby fostering awareness, discussion, and hopefully, pro-active measures by schools, law enforcement, parents and youth to prevent future gun violence.

Should you need additional information, please contact Commander Roberta M. Bartik, Youth Investigations Group at (312) 745-6005 or Fax (312) 745-6832.

Sincerely,


Terry G. Hillard
Superintendent of Police

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October 10, 2000

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cc: Stephanie Streett

Re: Invitation from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Lunch,
November 27 or 28, 2000

Dear John:

I've attached an article from this morning's *Washington Post* about the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

As we discussed last month, the National Board has invited the President to be the first recipient of the James A. Kelly Award for Advancing Accomplished Teaching. A copy of the original letter is attached.

After you saw the original invitation, you referred it to the Domestic Policy staff. Sally Mernissi, of the National Board, has discussed this invitation with both Barbara Chow, and with David Lussier, a White House Fellow, who seems to be the point person for education issues right now.

As I understand it, the President chose to accept the award at a lunch on either November 27 or 28, here in Washington. The National Board has reserved the National Press Club for both days. At the moment, the National Board is awaiting confirmation on one date or the other. Anything you can do to help them pin down the right day would be deeply appreciated, so that they can get announcements and invitations out to the teachers who will make up the bulk of the audience.

Thanks in advance for your help. I'll hope to see you at the lunch, if not before.

Sincerely,

Mike

W. Michael House
Partner

WMH/gpa
Enclosures

cc: Betty Castor, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

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May 24, 2000

President William J. Clinton
The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is comprised of over 18,000 top police executives in the United States, Canada and worldwide. Each year over 7,000 of our members and their distinguished guests gather together for a working conference that addresses the major issues facing law enforcement in the world today.

Recognized as the world's largest law enforcement conference, IACP is proud to be hosted in 2000 by the San Diego Police and Sheriffs Departments. It will be held over the dates of November 11-15, 2000.

Two of the most important elements of our conference are the General Assemblies held Monday and Tuesday, wherein top government and law enforcement officials address the IACP membership concerning timely issues in law enforcement. These forums offer an excellent opportunity to present personal views on law enforcement to those individuals directly responsible for their community's law enforcement needs.

On behalf of the IACP Board of Officers, I would like to extend an invitation for you to address our membership at either the First General Assembly, Monday, November 13, or the Second General Assembly, Tuesday, November 14, 1999. Both assemblies are scheduled to take place 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The IACP would be honored to have you participate in the 107th Annual Conference. We sincerely hope your busy schedule will allow your acceptance of this invitation, and look forward to a favorable response at your earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Robinson
President

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September 13, 2000

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Re: James A. Kelly Award for Advancing Accomplished Teaching

Dear John:

I am delighted to pass on to you a letter from our client, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, which invites the President to accept the first James A. Kelly Award for Advancing Accomplished Teaching.

The National Board's decision was reached with great enthusiasm and appreciation for the important role the President has played in fostering excellence in teaching during his two terms in the White House, and during his tenure as Governor of Arkansas.

As you can see by the attached letter, the National Board is willing to accommodate his schedule in making this presentation.

Please let me know if you need additional information. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Nancy

Nancy L. Granese
Governmental Affairs Advisor

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Enclosure

cc: W. Michael House, Hogan & Hartson, L.L.P.
Betty Castor, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

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The President
William Jefferson Clinton
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

It is with a distinct honor and pleasure that we write you today on behalf of the Members of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to tell you that you have been chosen to be the first recipient of the James A. Kelly Award for Advancing Accomplished Teaching. This award was created last year upon the retirement from the NBPTS of our founding President, James A. Kelly. We intend to award it periodically to an individual or an organization who provides clear, consistent and convincing evidence of their ability to foster Mr. Kelly's legacy of accomplished teaching.

You are the indisputable choice to be the first recipient of this award for there is no one in public or private life who has shown more commitment to promoting high standards for teachers and learning and specifically to promoting the growth and acceptance of National Board Certification for America's teachers.

We would like to present this award to you in a setting that would showcase our commitment to you and the significance of the award. We offer three options hoping that one will fit in your schedule. The first would be the occasion of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the nation's National Board Certified Teachers, which will be held in Orlando, Florida this October 20, 21 and 22, 2000. We expect an attendance of from 500 to 700 National Board Certified Teachers at this meeting. The second event would be our next NBPTS Board of Directors meeting to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 23-25, 2001. The third option would be a dinner or luncheon in Washington, D.C. scheduled on a mutually convenient date.

We hope you perceive this award in the spirit in which it is offered - our highest compliment - and that we can award it to you personally in the very near future.

With our best wishes,

Sincerely,

Betty Castor
Betty Castor,
President

Barbara B. Kelley
Barbara B. Kelley,
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MESSAGE:

Fern - As discussed. The President may remember Jim Kelly. Any of the three options is fine with the Board. If I need to send this on to anyone else, please let me know. It was hand-delivered to the White House yesterday.

Thanks, as always.



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The Oct. & Fed.
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event. When she gets
them can you do a
scheduling proposal?

week of Nov 27 - Dec 1st

↓ Monday in D.C. the 27th = ideal

NBPTS Schedule Request:

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has invited President Clinton to attend their annual meeting in Orlando, FL (Oct. 20-22) to receive the *James A. Kelly Award for Advancing Accomplished Teaching* in recognition of his support for the National Board both as Governor and as President (He mentioned NBPTS certification in his state of the union addresses in 1997 and 1998.) This is the first time this award has been given.

What is NBPTS?

NBPTS is a nonprofit organization governed by a 63-member board of directors, a majority of whom are classroom teachers, that established high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. The National Board continues to develop and operate a national voluntary system to assess and certify teachers who meet those standards. During the 1999-2000 school year, a record 9,506 teachers sought NBPTS certification and will receive their results at the end of November. Today, there are 4,804 National Board Certified Teachers in the United States.

What is the Award?

The James A. Kelly award is named after the founding President of the NBPTS who retired from his position at the end of 1999. It will be given periodically in the future to an individual or organization who provides clear, consistent and convincing evidence of their ability to foster Mr. Kelly's legacy of accomplished teaching. President Clinton has been selected to be the first recipient of this award because of his commitment to promoting both high standards for teachers and the growth and acceptance of National Board Certification for America's teachers.

Why should the President Attend?

This event would be an excellent opportunity for President Clinton to be publicly recognized for his efforts to improve teacher quality and meet his goal of placing a talented, dedicated, and well-prepared teacher in every classroom in the country. Secretary of Education Richard Riley will also be in attendance at this meeting along with 500-700 National Board Teachers. If this date cannot work for the President, NBPTS has also offered two alternative dates to present this award. The first is the NBPTS Board of Directors meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 23-25, 2001. The second would be a dinner or luncheon in Washington, DC scheduled at a time convenient for the President.



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February 1, 2000

Ms. Karin Kullman
Director of Communications and Events
Office of the Domestic Policy Council
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Ms. Kullman,

This year will be very historic for the Make-A-Wish Foundation® as the Foundation marks its 20th birthday and the granting of 80,000 wishes to children fighting life-threatening and terminal illnesses. Throughout the year, we will hold a series of celebrations and commemorations to honor the special children we serve and to thank all of those supporters who have given so much of themselves to make each wish a reality.

The premier event celebrating these remarkable milestones will occur on October 20, 2000 when we hold our annual black-tie gala featuring celebrity appearances, Make-A-Wish® volunteers from around the world, executives from top corporate sponsors, dedicated staff members, and of course children who have benefited from the Foundation's efforts. On this magical night, we will honor the very best of our supporters before this global gathering of approximately 700 people.

The theme of this year's gala will be "Hail to the Chiefs," a tribute to the Presidents of the United States who have granted so many children's wishes since 1980. We would be honored if President Clinton would appear in person to accept the 2000 Christopher James Greicius Award for Excellence in Wish Granting on behalf of himself and Presidents Bush and Reagan. His acceptance of this award would serve as the focal point of this truly inspiring evening featuring wish children and the generous supporters who donate their time, money and humanity to the cause of wish granting.

Since the Make-A-Wish Foundation was founded in 1980, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Reagan have given kindly of themselves to provide our wish children a one-of-a-kind, inspiring experience. President Clinton has been very generous with his time – making the children he has met feel like they are the most important and most special people in the world.

The black-tie gala will feature wish children telling their stories of triumph, and tributes to celebrity wish-grantors and top corporate supporters. Awards for wish-granting excellence and outstanding corporate sponsorship are presented by actual wish children. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Christopher James Greicius Award, presumably to President Clinton. The award is named for Chris Greicius (pronounced "gracious"), whose wish to be an Arizona state trooper inspired the creation of the Make-A-Wish Foundation in 1980. Preceding the presentation of the award to President Clinton, a video tribute to White House wishes will be played. The tribute will include the wish-granting efforts of former presidents Bush and Reagan, but will emphasize President Clinton's efforts.

The gala will occur on the evening of Friday, October 20, 2000 at the Pointe Hilton at Squaw Peak Resort in Phoenix. The award will be presented to President Clinton by a child who wished to meet him and the President will be invited to make remarks.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is truly an American phenomenon. It's about people, both famous and not-so-famous, coming together in communities all over this great nation for one purpose: To bring happiness to children fighting life-threatening and terminal illnesses by giving each and every one of these children something positive to think about besides the daily medical agonies that overpower their lives. As our Foundation marks its 20th birthday we take pride in knowing that our volunteers and supporters make a difference in this country every single day and we make that difference one child at a time and one wish at a time.

On behalf of the nearly 80,000 children who have benefited from the Make-A-Wish Foundation's special efforts, I would appreciate your assistance in formally inviting President Clinton to join this momentous occasion. If we can provide you with additional information, please contact Mr. Ralph A. Nappi, Jr., President, Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. at (301) 962-9474. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Van Ness", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Paula Van Ness
President and CEO

cc: Mr. Ralph A. Nappi, Jr., Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc.

The White House
Presidential Scheduling

(1315)

TO: Anna Richter (2M EOB)

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COMMENTS:

Please comment on the attached request from Michael Robinson inviting the President to address the International Association of Chiefs of Police's meeting on November 13-14, 2000 in San Diego, California. Please let me know if you will be submitting a scheduling proposal.

Anna — * * * *

I think we should
try to do this. He
addressed them
in '93 or '94 -- they
are the major police
chiefs organizations
and it could be good to
do a broad crime
speech w/ them.

— Leanne

Leanne, —

Is this something we
should try to get on his
schedule or should
we recommend a surrogate?

Please advise -

Thanks
Anna

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May 24, 2000

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500



Dear President Clinton:

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is comprised of over 18,000 top police executives in the United States, Canada and worldwide. Each year over 7,000 of our members and their distinguished guests gather together for a working conference that addresses the major issues facing law enforcement in the world today.

Recognized as the world's largest law enforcement conference, IACP is proud to be hosted in 2000 by the San Diego Police and Sheriffs Departments. It will be held over the dates of November 11-15, 2000.

Two of the most important elements of our conference are the General Assemblies held Monday and Tuesday, wherein top government and law enforcement officials address the IACP membership concerning timely issues in law enforcement. These forums offer an excellent opportunity to present personal views on law enforcement to those individuals directly responsible for their community's law enforcement needs.

On behalf of the IACP Board of Officers, I would like to extend an invitation for you to address our membership at either the First General Assembly, Monday, November 13, or the Second General Assembly, Tuesday, November 14, 1999. Both assemblies are scheduled to take place 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The IACP would be honored to have you participate in the 107th Annual Conference. We sincerely hope your busy schedule will allow your acceptance of this invitation, and look forward to a favorable response at your earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Robinson
President

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To Ann O'Leary 9/20

**The White House
Presidential Scheduling
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Christine Stanek

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COMMENTS:

Please comment on the attached request for the President to attend the Village Foundation's Literacy Summit on October 11-12, 2000 in Washington, DC. (I have forwarded a copy to Correspondence for handling of the honorary chair request.)



Repairing the Breach

*Ambassador Andrew J. Young, Co-Chairman * Dr. George Ayers, Co-Chairman
Dr. Bobby William Austin, President and CEO*

August 18, 2000

Mr. Bob Nash
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20500-0004

Dear Bob:

This letter is written to solicit your assistance in encouraging our President, The Honorable Bill Clinton, to serve as the Honorary Chair of our Literacy Summit which will be held on October 11 and 12, in Washington, D. C.

The Village Foundation received a grant from the U. S. Department of Labor and the W.K. Kellogg Corporation to Launch a National Literacy Campaign. In addition to the Secretary of Labor, the Campaign is co-chaired by Stedman Graham, Chairman of the Leadership Institute of Chicago, Robert J. Brown, Chairman of B&C Associates of North Carolina, and myself.

The Campaign kicks off a three-year initiative which focuses on literacy as the keystone to education, technology and new job skills, and on health and wellness issues. It will encourage the African American Community to become involved in enhancing literacy among African-American men and boys. While our focus is on African-American men and boys, the literacy campaign is for everyone. The Village Foundation has secured local organizations and institutions as Literacy Partners, to heighten community awareness to the need for literacy intervention and to encourage volunteerism. As well, educational leaders, major sports and entertainment figures, and national and business leaders will join us in kicking off this momentous occasion.

It would be an honor to have the President make a cameo appearance at the Summit. However, in the event that this is not a viable option, his endorsement of the initiative and the use of his name on our stationery as Honorary Chairman will provide us with just as much excitement and enthusiasm. I watched his speech at the Democratic Convention,

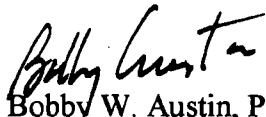
Mr. Bob Nash
August 18, 2000
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and it was masterful! His remarks, his delivery, and his timing were so perfect. He will certainly go down in the books as a President who contributed to the annals of history.

Bob, as you know, the Village Foundation is an umbrella organization that grew out of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation's African American Men and Boys initiative which I led while at Kellogg. Our aim is to lead a systemic approach to solving the complex problems facing African-American men and boys, and to re-engage those at the margins of society to become one with the larger society, if the widening breach among us is to be repaired. The effects of this successful re-engagement will provide an impact that reaches far beyond African-American men and boys. Economic and social cooperation combined with new opportunities will replace the conditions that have led to symptoms such as violence, drugs and crime, which crosses all race and ethnic communities.

I have enclosed a copy of our Annual Report for your information. Please let me know if you need additional information on our organization or programs. I await your immediate response. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Bobby W. Austin, Ph.D.
President and CEO

Karin K.

Pls respond to her.

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I assume we do not want
to do this.

Thank you -
S. Butler

To Deborah
9/18/00

Action: 9/21/00

Regret -
meeting w/ CJ a possibility -

KATHIE BERLIN

7-18-00

Project

Send to Scheduling?

Yes ☒

No ☐

cc: scheduling

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July 14, 2000

President William Jefferson Clinton
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It was great seeing you at the VH-1 "Save the Music" event at the elementary school. It's really one of my favorite clients, and certainly my introducing you and Hillary to John Sykes was one of my good deeds.

Thank you for taking the time to seriously read and call me back about the ALS research I gave you about my friend, Jenifer Estess who has ALS and who founded Project A.L.S. with her sisters. I feel about Jenifer as I did about Elizabeth Glaser when I introduced her to you and Hillary. Stem cell research will be the major change in medical therapy for the 21st century. And it is imperative that we begin human trials in your remaining months as President. It should be part of your legacy.

In the short time since you and I spoke about our scientists' breakthroughs in stem cell therapy, much has happened. Everything has been set in motion to initiate the first human trial for stem cell replacement. Donna Shalala is working to ensure the NIH sets forth stem cell guidelines by the end of the summer. Project A.L.S. is collaborating on a regular basis with the NINDS under the direction of Gerald Fischbach, and the FDA to finalize safety measure for Neural Stem Cell Replacement. This week in Gaithersburg, the FDA held an open hearing to discuss stem cell replacement. Project A.L.S. was asked by the FDA to attend and address the conference. And thanks to the help of Katie Couric, on August 1st, Project A.L.S. is meeting with FDA Commissioner, Jane Henney, and acting director of the NIH, Ruth Kirschstein, to move this process along.

As I told you, Jenifer testified in April with Christopher Reeve before Arlen Specter's Sub-Committee on Health, Labor and Education in support of federal funding of stem cells. After a successful meeting with Senator Specter, we received a much-needed endorsement for human trial of stem cells from Orrin Hatch and James Jeffords. And last week we had a conference call with Al Gore's health policy team in Nashville. We are doing all the right things.

This is what I need you to do. We would like you to host a White House event on Neural Stem Cell Replacement honoring the vast achievements of Project A.L.S. who have created a new paradigm for disease research. It would be a simple and elegant affair. During a press conference on the White House Lawn, you would announce this exciting new frontier in research. In the same fashion that the White House celebrated the completion of the Human Genome Project, you can praise the vast achievements in stem cells and its tremendous potential.

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The afternoon event could be followed by a cocktail party or dinner inside. The science editor of Time magazine is currently developing a story on Project A.L.S. that they would like to become a cover story. An event at the White House would certainly ensure a cover. Because of Jenifer's producing background, we have staunch supporters in the entertainment world who have committed their time and energy to Project A.L.S. and would join us at the White House. These wonderful artists include Helen Hunt, George Clooney, Kevin Spacey, Sheryl Crow, Ben Stiller, Julianna Margulies, Marisa Tomei, Kristen Johnston, Nathan Lane, Sarah Jessica Parker, Matthew Broderick, and Billy Baldwin, who sits with me on the board of directors.

I have thought a great deal about our friend, Diane Blair. It is one of the reasons I have to move quickly for my friend, Jenifer Estess.

As always,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathie". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline.

Kathie

Profiles in Courage

By Joyce Wadler

In 1996, Jenifer Estess—with her long, dark hair, perfect skin and smart, funny New York mouth—was 35 and having the perfect career-girl summer. She was on Nantucket producing the first-ever Nantucket Film Festival, hanging out with the now famous actors who had been her friends for years, ever since her days as an off-Broadway producer: William Baldwin, Rob Morrow, Ben Stiller and Fisher Stevens. She was also falling in love, and while it didn't become permanent, it mattered, for finding love, and beginning a family, was important to Jenifer.

"I was on a mission," she says, "sort of a man mission. I had always been surrounded by friends, now it was time for some romance."



Jenifer Estess (center) with sisters Meredith and Valerie and friend Julianne Hoffenberg.

Five Hearts Four Sisters Battle for Hope

It was during her summer on Nantucket that Jenifer began to notice some twitching in her legs. In the fall, when she returned to New York, she went to see both an internist and a neurologist.

"They attributed it to stress," Jenifer says wryly. "You ever notice how when women go to doctors, they always say it's stress? I was going to a shrink once a week. I showed the twitching to her. She told me it was all in my head."

The trembling grew more pronounced. Jenifer also started experiencing breathlessness and exhaustion. Climbing a flight of stairs, she felt as if she had run miles.

In March 1997, after nearly six months of indifference from the medical community, Jenifer pressed her internist for an answer. He sent her back to the neurologist. Accompanied by her sister

Valerie, and her mother, Marilyn, Jenifer had a test called an EMG, "a scary, painful procedure" in which needles were placed in her muscles.

Valerie recalls the moment that their mother knew something was very wrong—when a technician announced that he had to put a needle in Jenifer's tongue.

"At that moment my mother grabbed my arm," Valerie says. "It felt like she was an animal in the wild. It was just like a mother knowing."

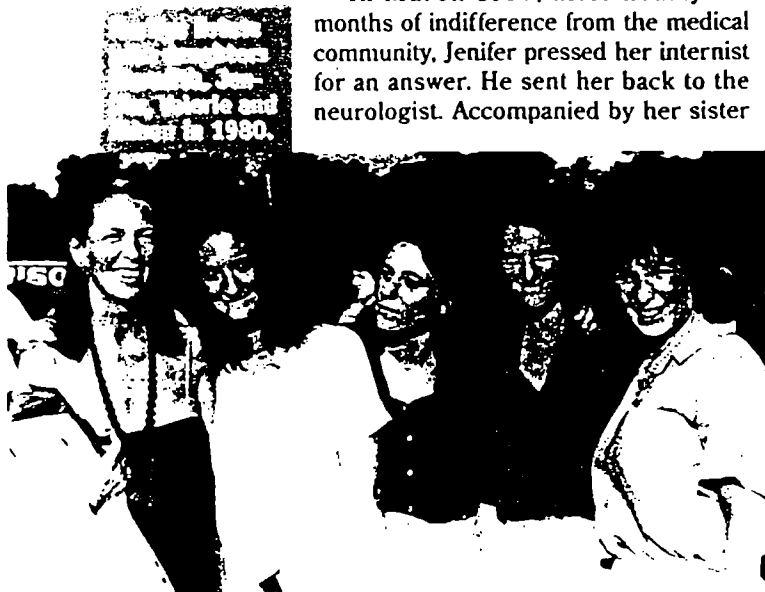
The neurologist was not very good at breaking the terrible news to the family.

"He kept us waiting two hours, then, I swear, he would not look up from his folder," Jenifer says. "He said, 'It's in the motor neuron disease family.' We learned later that's a catch word for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, the progressively crippling illness known as ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. At the time, we didn't know what it meant. I said, 'Will I be able to play tennis again?' He said, 'I don't know.' My sister said, 'Will she be able to walk?' He said, 'I don't know.' He was a neurologist, he should have known how to tell someone, 'you have a fatal illness.'"

Still unclear about what her sister's problem was, Valerie went on the Internet, where the mystery was solved.

"I can still see the words on the computer screen: 'Fatal. Two to five years,'" Valerie says.

Joyce Wadler is a reporter at "The New York Times" and a survivor of both breast and ovarian cancer.



Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, according to the ALS Association, is a progressive degeneration of motor cells in the spinal cord and brain. Although a patient's mind stays intact, his motor cells can no longer send impulses to muscles, and there is increasing muscle weakness that affects movement, speech, swallowing and breathing.

In three years ALS has robbed Jenifer of the ability to walk, hold a cup of coffee, roll over in bed. If the disease races up with its customary speed, which it has so far in her case, she will be dead in two to three years. For Jenifer and the 20,000 other Americans who suffer from ALS, there is little treatment and no cure.

"Christopher Reeve is better off than you are," one of the experts whom Jenifer consulted told her.

Jenifer and her three sisters—Alison, Meredith and Valerie—have refused to accept that. In a fight for a cure reminiscent of the film *Lorenzo's Oil*, based on the true story of a mother who mobilized doctors to find a cure for another then-untreatable illness, the four women, who range in age from 35 to 40, have put their careers on hold and rallied together to beat ALS and save Jenifer's life. Joined by Julianne Hoffenberg, 33, Jenifer's roommate and friend, they have raised one and a half million dollars with star-studded fundraisers in both Los Angeles and New York.

Even more remarkably, the women have been bringing doctors together, encouraging them to speed up their efforts to find a cure for the disease.

"I can't express what it is with me and my sisters, the strength of my bond with them," says Jenifer. "My sisters and I are like part of each other. We're connected in a mythic way."

The four Estess sisters grew up, along with their brother, Noah, in Harrison, a comfortable suburb of New York City. Their father was a stockbroker and the head of the school board, their mother a housewife for whom the children came first.

Born within five years of each other, the girls were always close, sharing friends, going to the same parties.

Their parents' divorce, when Jenifer was 13, made them even closer. The breakup, the sisters say, left their mother disconsolate and their own relationship with their father embittered.

The divorce, says Meredith, forced the girls to be independent at an early age. "We also realized you have to work for everything in life."

As adults, all were successful. Alison, the eldest, be-

came a lawyer for the city of New York. Valerie was a free-lance advertising copywriter. Meredith, the youngest, went into fashion and at one time ran her own company.

Jenifer studied acting at New York University. Soon after graduation, she decided that she wanted to have more control over her career than acting would permit and helped create a nonprofit, off-Broadway theater group called The Naked Angels, which included the actors Rob Morrow and Marisa Tomei. It was at a Naked Angels production that Jenifer met her friend Julianne Hoffenberg, who was the show's stage manager.

First drawn to Jenifer by her energy and humor, Julianne grew to love her for her generosity of spirit.

"She sees your best potential," says Julianne. "Then she makes sure everyone else notices it."

Four months after Jenifer's diagnosis, in the summer of 1997, her sisters, all three of whom had married and had children, rented a house in the country, on the east end of Long Island. They brought their husbands and children, to

surround Jenifer with food and family and love.

The sisters had never been particular fans of alternative medicine, but now they were des-

perate. Every week they drove Jenifer to a "psychic minister" who claimed she could heal with the laying on of hands; they flew a man up from North Carolina who said he had cured his own ALS with positive thinking and a "wet-cell" treatment, which he claimed would "realign" the body's cells. The wet-cell mechanism cost \$800 and required meditation and massage. Julianne and the sisters took turns massaging and helping bathe Jenifer. Nothing helped.

"At the beginning of the summer, Jenifer was still pretty good," Meredith says. "She could walk; she could swim in the pool. But then things got harder. First, if we were all cooking dinner together, she had trouble cutting the vegetables; then she couldn't cut the vegetables. By our sixth week at the house, she was having trouble showering, she fell down, she couldn't get out of the pool herself."

When Jenifer returned to her walk-up apartment in Manhattan after Labor Day, she was too weak to climb the one flight of stairs. She gave up the apartment and moved in with Meredith in the suburbs. Meredith, with two young children, watched her sister progress from cane to walker, then, one year after her diagnosis, to a wheelchair.

As summer approached again, Jenifer, feeling cut off in the suburbs, returned to New York City and took an apartment with Julianne in the Village. But living a normal life was never a possibility.



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"You're too sick," Jenifer says. "Your muscles grow weak. You feel the life escaping from your body."

Jenifer had resisted using a wheelchair for as long as possible. Now she was forced to use one all the time.

"People are really afraid of people in wheelchairs," Jenifer says. "When I first was in a wheelchair, my arms still had movement. I'd be in the Village with one of my handsome actor friends wheeling me around, and women my own age would look at me with fear in their eyes. I'd tell them I had just had a baby and that I was so exhausted my husband was wheeling me around. There would be such re-



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lief. They'd say, 'Oh! Congratulations! Little did they know...'

Was she making up that happy story for herself, as well?

"Yeah, totally," says Jenifer. "Let's

face that music. It's what I should have been doing then, having a baby."

It was at this time that the determination to find a cure kicked in.

"I think when I realized there was nothing out there that would make me feel better, at the point we'd tried all the snake oils and the healers, that we formed Project ALS," Jenifer says. "My political side came up to save me. Thirty thousand men and women have this disease and most of them die within two to five years. People say this is a rare disease, but how do you judge rare? Is one sister rare? Is it rare if it happens to your mother? Thirty thousand is a lot of people."

Valerie stopped writing advertising copy and immersed herself in medicine. Julianne and Jenifer manned the phones. Alison advised on the law. Meredith, who had left fashion to become a full-time mother, took on Project ALS as a job, helping to bring in corporate sponsors such as Saks.

"There has never been a sense of urgency around this disease," says Va-

Photo: Patricia McMahon (right)

"Doggone it, I'm not the only one staining carpets around here!"



lene. "We are injecting urgency, giving money to top researchers at six institutions to make them work together."

The institutions she is referring to are some of the finest in the world: Johns Hopkins University; Columbia University; Cornell University; Massachusetts General Hospital; Brigham and Women's Hospital; and Children's Hospital, Boston.

How can four women with no medical background have any impact on the medical establishment?

For one thing, Valerie notes, there is the money they have raised.

Then there is the sheer force of their collective will.

"We were told we could never have a gathering of the top ALS researchers every six weeks, that these people would be too busy," Valerie adds, "but we have."

"They're academics," Valerie says of the researchers. "They are used to a corporate structure being imposed on them. We're trying to impose a time and action line on their lives because we have a time line bearing down on us. We asked them, for example, to look at drugs already

approved by the FDA for other diseases, rather than taking the time to come up with new ones for ALS. Seems like a no-brainer, right? But it's never been done with this illness."

Last February Project ALS held a fund-raiser in Los Angeles. Jenifer, with a glittering gold scarf thrown over her shoulders, looked radiant. Old friends Ben Stiller and Kristen Johnston, the star of *Third Rock From the Sun*, were the co-hosts. *Entertainment Tonight* covered the event.

But, as is true for everyone who has ALS, the disease is moving quickly. Jenifer's hands have begun to atrophy and curl in. She knows it is only a matter of time before she loses the ability to speak, which terrifies her. Humor, she says, is how she "disarms" people, puts them at ease.

Is she scared? "Yeah," says Jenifer. "I'm terrified. But I've learned to keep my eye on the ball. How am I going to pick up a fork? If somebody has to feed me, how do I do that with dignity? I need to get someone to help, any way. I still want to feel like a woman. Sometimes I think of myself

Saturday night, what in the world am I doing inside?" My sickness has taken on such a fast pace, it's not like I can go out there and get myself a boyfriend. 'Single white female, dying of ALS...' It's not exactly a personal ad. But I have the same needs—for intimacy, for bearing children. ALS robbed me of all that."

Then she speaks of her sisters.

"There's something about my sisters and their bravery that knows no obstacles. They want to create possibilities beyond the diagnosis. They want to stop this disease. I hope my love for them is clear."

What does Jenifer now believe her chances are with ALS?

"I think right now I am timed to die in the next couple of years," she says. "My chance to live is small. But my chance to make a difference is enormous." ■

For more information on how you can contribute to Project ALS, write to Project ALS, Suite 200, 115 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10013. Phone: 1-800-444-4444. Fax: 212-512-2747.

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NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1999

Immobilized, and Energized, by an Illness

By JOYCE WADLER

JENIFER ESTESS was working on the New York Film Festival when she noticed involuntary trembling in her legs. The therapist she was seeing for help to get the six-figure salary, to get married, to make her — as Ms. Estess says with view-from-the-wheelchair amusement — “the perfect New York girl,” told her the trembling was stress-related. Perfection is viewed differently when in two years’ time you go from being a high-powered “Equinox girl” to a 37-year-old woman who lacks the strength to cut up her food.

The specialists Ms. Estess consulted, after a diagnosis of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, the fatal illness commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, also often failed her.

“I saw a doctor at John Hopkins who said: ‘Your motor neurons are dying; they will never be regenerated. You are in a worse situation than Christopher Reeve,’” Ms. Estess says in her Greenwich Village apartment, her speech still clear but her hands curled inward, her legs immobile. “It’s just such a fast-moving, terrible disease, and there is nothing for it.”

The battle cry:

“If you have A.L.S. you’re just expected to sit there and die, and that is unacceptable.”

A request to her sister, Valerie, who with another sister, Meredith, and a roommate, Julianne Hoffenberg, is in the room:

“Can you cross my leg for me?”

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or A.L.S., is a degenerative muscular disease, affecting about 30,000 Americans. Life expectancy is two to five years; there is little treatment and no cure.

Ms. Estess and her three sisters — “think ‘Pride and Prejudice,’ a Jewish ‘Pride and Prejudice,’” Ms. Estess says — decline to accept that. Valerie Estess, 39, and Meredith Estess, 35, quit their jobs (Valerie was in advertising, Meredith in fashion) when Ms. Estess received the diagnosis of A.L.S. two years ago. Working with Ms. Estess, Ms. Hoffenberg and Alison Estess, another sister who is a lawyer, they have formed Project A.L.S. In the group’s first fund-raising event, last June, they raised more than a half-million dollars. They have also been bringing doctors together, trying to speed up research.

“I’m saying to them — and coming to them with large cash gifts — that if they come to this disease with a new way of thinking, we might make progress,” says Valerie, who met with Project A.L.S. researchers a few weeks ago. “It’s not chump



Frances Roberts for The New York Times

Jenifer Estess, despite her illness, is a fervent fund-raiser for research.

change. We gave grants of \$100,000.”

“My sister can speak at a level with the doctors,” puts in Meredith, in the overlapping conversation of the Estess sisters.

“I feel if the doctors reorient themselves, are infused with passion . . .” says Jenifer.

“There’s research, but it seems to me some of it has been too scattered, too academic,” Valerie says. “I feel like someone needs to bring these doctors together and light a fire under their . . .”

She completes the sentence, but there’s a reproachful look from Meredith. Then the sisters are laughing.

Ask the Estess sisters about their father and there is a momentary silence — not because the sisters are shy, but because two of the three present are crinkling their noses.

“Estranged,” says one.

“And strange,” says another.

THE Estess sisters (there is also a brother) grew up in Harrison, N.Y. Their father was a stockbroker, their mother a “real 50’s housewife type” who became a real estate agent after her divorce. Jenifer Estess studied acting at New York University. After college she was a co-founder and a producer of the Off Broadway company the Fallen Angels, which included the actors Rob Morrow and Marisa Tomei.

Jenifer Estess’s problem was diagnosed in April 1997. After a discouraging series of visits with specialists (one suggested Ms. Estess “max out” her credit card and eat junk food), the sisters briefly tried

alternative methods.

“The Estesses are Western girls for the most part,” Jenifer Estess says. “But we were desperate.”

By 13 months after the diagnosis, she was forced to use a wheelchair. She resisted as long as possible.

“I took the worst falls,” she says.

Now Ms. Estess cannot dress herself or brush her hair or walk or roll over in bed or cut her own food or hold a cup of coffee if it is more than half full. The progression of the disease, she will tell you, is well charted. She can recite it without losing too much emotional control:

First there is loss of motor function, beginning either with limbs or with speech. There is progressive loss of muscle, which robs one of the ability to walk, speak and eat. It is usually the loss of the muscles of the diaphragm, which controls breathing, that brings on death.

Recently, Ms. Estess started to feel some difficulty forming words. She does not take antidepressants or tranquilizers. She works 18 hours a day. The next benefit for A.L.S. will be in Los Angeles early next month, with Saks as the corporate sponsor and dozens of stars, including Ms. Estess’s old friends Ms. Tomei, Mr. Morrow and William Baldwin.

“Work is the way I get to hold out against the disease,” Ms. Estess says. “Like Chekhov said in ‘The Three Sisters,’ when the sisters are falling apart, when they’ve lost all their money and their dad died, the oldest sister says: ‘We have to return to our work. We still have our work.’”

PROJECT A.L.S. REPORTS PROMISING PILOT DATA FROM HISTORIC ALS INVESTIGATIONS

Science Moves Closer to First Effective Treatments for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

(February, 2000) Project A.L.S. has announced that scientists participating in a series of first-time collaborations have moved substantially closer to treating and curing ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis). Promising pilot data are now in on investigations including neural stem cell replacement in ALS; the rescue of respiratory motor neurons; gene chip discovery in ALS; and high throughput drug screening for potential ALS drugs, prompting investigators to intensify efforts in these areas immediately.

Progress Toward Human Trials With Neural Stem Cells

Pilot experiments are nearing completion in Neural Stem Cell Replacement in ALS, an historic collaboration that may result in effective treatments and a cure for ALS, and a range of neurological illnesses and injury, from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's to multiple sclerosis, epilepsy and spinal cord injury. Evan Y. Snyder, M.D., Ph.D. of Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School is leading the team, which includes John D. Gearhart, Ph.D. and Jeffrey Rothstein, M.D., Ph.D. of Johns Hopkins University, Robert H. Brown, M.D., D. Phil. of Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, and Thomas M. Jessell, Ph.D. of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Columbia University. Dr. Snyder and colleagues report that upon introduction into ALS spinal tissue in culture and animal models of the disease, neural stem cells appear to migrate to areas of injury, engraft, and transform into what appear to be motor neurons and other support cells. In addition, the team has discovered that Dr. Snyder's neural stem cells exert a notable tropic effect on motor axons and on the simulated ALS environment in general. Work has already begun on the next phase of experiments, which focuses on optimal delivery methods. Design of the first human trials is well underway.

Prolonging the Life of Neurons That Control Breathing

In addition, scientists at Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, including Dr. Snyder and Yang D. Teng, M.D., Ph.D. are taking history's first look at the Rescue of Respiratory Motor Neurons in ALS. As the loss of the ability to breathe is the fatal component of ALS, the goal of this investigation is to prolong the longevity of those neurons that inform the diaphragm and other breathing muscles. Dr. Teng reports that his pilot work with a group

of serotonin agonists and compounds that stimulate the body's intrinsic growth factors in mice possessing the SOD-1 mutation has shown initial promise--the respiratory function of late-stage SOD-1 mice treated with the compounds has improved. Doctors Snyder and Teng are already in discussions with Project A.L.S.-funded clinician-researchers to bring these compounds to clinical trial.

Gene Chip Investigation Turns Up Exciting New Clues

With the mapping of the human genome nearly complete, first data is already in on possible new genetic addresses for ALS. Project A.L.S. has funded the team of Steven R. Gullans, Ph.D. of Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dr. Robert H. Brown, Jr. to analyze ALS tissue against microchips which contain approximately 100,000 known human genes. Project A.L.S. established Gene Chip Analysis in ALS in an academic setting, which assured that the project receive the full focus of investigators. The collaboration is now reporting an intriguing list of "gene hits" from pilot experiments. Doctors Gullans, Brown and their teams must now pursue each of these first leads. It is certain that in the process of this pursuit, the team will identify new therapeutics and important clues about the disease pathways.

Creation of Microassay for High Throughput Drug Screening

Dr. Robert H. Brown completed the first phase of work on a micro-assay suitable for the high throughput screening of candidate ALS drugs. Project A.L.S. funded the creation of Dr. Brown's cell-based assay, which he is currently transforming from a 96-well format to 394 wells per plate. This will allow for libraries of compounds to be tested against this particular approximation of the disease. Project A.L.S. is working closely with the NINDS/National Institutes of Health in gathering a panel of ALS assays that will allow for more accurate testing of potential therapeutic compounds.

About Project A.L.S.

Project A.L.S., a non-profit organization, was founded in 1998, by Jenifer Estess, her family and friends. Ms. Estess was a thirty-five-year-old theater and film producer when she was diagnosed with ALS, and saw the need for true maverick activism for ALS, a fatal neuromuscular disease for which there exists not one effective treatment. In a year-and a half, Project A.L.S. has formed a center without walls, uniting the world's leading scientists across disciplines and institutional and academic lines. With an applied combination of creative management skills, aggressiveness and over \$1.8 million to its research partnerships, Project A.L.S. has helped to forward investigations with unheard of speed and accuracy.

Project A.L.S.

Neural Stem Cell Replacement in ALS

A Collaboration Between Scientists at Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University,
Columbia University and University of California, San Francisco
Funded by Project A.L.S.

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ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) is a fatal neurodegenerative disease that destroys motor neurons, which stimulate muscles involved in moving, speaking and breathing. Once damaged, motor neurons do not recover. But we may have found a way to replace them.

This historic collaboration, which has been formed and fully funded by Project A.L.S., may well demonstrate that neural stem cells effectively replace degenerated motor neurons in cell culture, animal models, and, ultimately, in people living with ALS. Neural stem cells may also represent a cure for a range of neurologic illness and injury, from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's to multiple sclerosis, epilepsy and spinal cord injury.

In March, 1999, Jay Lombard, M.D., a neurologist practicing in the Bronx, New York, told Project A.L.S. about Evan Snyder, a pediatric neuroscientist at Boston Children's Hospital, who was introducing his particular brew of neural stem cells--or progenitor cells--into the diseased spines and brains of animal models of devastating childhood neurological diseases like Tay-Sachs and various leukodystrophies (Lorenzo's Oil disease). Dr. Snyder was reportedly observing that the neural stem cells migrated to areas of injury in the animals, that the cells "engrafted" or took hold, and that they actually transformed into the types of neurons and support cells that the given disease situation required. In some cases, Snyder also observed the reversal of symptoms. For example, after having been treated with neural stem cells, Dr. Snyder's "shiverer mouse" stopped shivering.

Project A.L.S. visited Dr. Snyder's laboratory in March, was impressed with his data, so united him immediately with two of the world's leading neuroscientists with a concentration in ALS, Dr. Jeffrey D. Rothstein, M.D., Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins University) and Dr. Robert H. Brown, Jr., M.D., D. Phil. (Massachusetts General/Harvard Medical School). Doctors Rothstein and Brown were equally impressed with Dr. Snyder's data.

By the August, 1999, Project A.L.S. had launched Neural Stem Cell Replacement in ALS, with an eye toward speeding Dr. Snyder's basic science to human trial. The laboratories of Snyder, Rothstein, Brown and Dr. Thomas M. Jessell, a molecular biologist specializing in the characterization of motor neurons, began full-throttle pilot experiments with Dr. Snyder's cells at the level of cell culture, in mice and in primate models of neurodegeneration.

Project A.L.S. further enhanced the team to include the eminent Richard Sidman, M.D., Ph.D. (New England Primate Research Center/Harvard University), a neuroanatomist who is advising on the animal protocols, world renowned stem cell biologist John D. Gearhart (Johns Hopkins University), who is developing additional neural cell lines, and Marc Tessier-Lavigne, Ph.D., who is advising on motor axons, or the reconnections between neurons and muscles.

Project A.L.S. and the neural stem cell team enjoy the support of the NINDS/National Institutes of Health, and are currently negotiating guidelines for the first human trials of Neural Stem Cell Replacement in ALS with the Food and Drug Administration. Pilot data presented at an informal meeting in New York, in January, 2000, were so promising that the team has begun designing the human trials, which will commence well in advance of original projections.

If you wish to receive further details on Project A.L.S./Neural Stem Cell Replacement in ALS, please contact Valerie Estess, at 212-627-2568.

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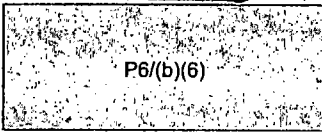
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July 8, 2000

Stephanie S. Streett
Assistant to the President
Director of Presidential Scheduling
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Streett,

Thank you for your prompt reply.

I am enclosing information pertaining to a resolution which I wrote on "Government Funded In-Home Care For The Elderly," which has been passed by both the Florida State and National Council of Senior Citizens. In addition, it has:

- Been recommended by the DEC of Palm Beach County for the National Democratic Party Platform 2000
- Been endorsed by Congressman Wexler and Senator Graham
- Received numerous endorsements from groups and organizations
- Received city endorsements
- Received considerable press and TV coverage
- Thousands have signed a petition on its behalf

If the President's schedule does permit him to speak to the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens (and I am hopeful it will), I would appreciate it if this resolution was included in his support of the elderly. This issue is extremely important. I sincerely feel that a positive approach to the elderly situation will result in getting the senior vote. If the President can be influential in legislation that will guarantee EVERYONE the right to live out his life with dignity, he will leave office with a wonderful legacy.

I am currently in the process of arranging public forums with Senator Graham and Congressman Alcee Hastings. In addition, I plan to contact Vice-President Gore (whom I spoke to at the Town Hall Meeting in April) and Jesse Jackson.

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cc: Carme Street

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Any suggestions you or the President might have as to whom else to contact to get this resolution into legislation would be most appreciated.

My thanks to you and the President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jewel Littenberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Jewel Littenberg

Secretary, Western Communities Council of Senior Citizens (Division of FSCSC)

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RESOLUTION

HOME NURSING CARE

- WHERE AS: Many seniors would like to remain in their homes instead of being confined to a nursing home; and
- WHERE AS: The home environment, supplemented with home health care greatly contributes to the well being of the sick; and
- WHERE AS: The cost of home health care exceeds the financial resources of most seniors; and
- WHERE AS: The Older Americans Act (OAA) originally passed in 1965, has served for more than three decades as a major resource for planning organization and provision of home delivered meals, along with assistant living; and
- WHERE AS: Additional funding for home care programs is greatly needed with guidelines for agencies and private care givers as to the amount of money to be charged for services; and
- WHERE AS: Such federal financing of home health care would allow the informed seniors to stay at home instead of occurring the increased expense of nursing home confinement; and
- WHERE AS: Our nations economy has the strength to fund home nursing care.
- BE IT
RESOLVED: That the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens adopt as a priority legislative goal funding for home health care; and
- BE IT FINALLY
RESOLVED: That the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens go on record of it's strong support for complete funding of The Older Americans Act along with adequate funding for home health care.

Submitted By:

Jewel Littenberg
Palm Beach, Fl.

Tony Fransetta, President
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WE SUPPORT THE ABILITY TO AGE WITH DIGNITY!

We, the undersigned, support the implementation of an "Elder Home Care Assistance Program".

- ✓ We request that the Department of Elder Affairs implement and fund a "Long Term Care" Program.
- ✓ Provide in home "Cost-Efficient Care" through the Department of Elder Affairs for "Long-Term Care".
- ✓ That the Legislature and Governor assist the Department of Elder Affairs with funding.
- ✓ "In Home Care Givers" save Medicaid and Medicare Funds.
- ✓ Provide and monitor all care.
- ✓ No one wishes to go to a nursing home.

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Please return this petition to the address above. Thank you!



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PROPOSAL FOR NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM 2000

(Based on "Government Funded In-Home Care For The Elderly" resolution written by Jewel Littenberg)

Because medicare and most health insurance does not cover long term care, the laws governing medicaid become effective only when the individual is reduced to destitution. Long term care in the home is a must as an alternative to being warehoused in an institution. This has proven to be cost effective. The government will save money and the elderly will have the opportunity to live out their lives with dignity, by remaining in their own homes.

Funding by the Caregiver Support Program can be achieved under Title 3-D of the Older Americans Act, which was passed in 1965 and enables individuals to remain at home.

This important issue must be included in the National Democratic Party Platform 2000.

DEC of Palm Beach County Legislative Committee
and Jewel Littenberg

The



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Ron Wiggins

Must nest egg go splat before it hits 'safety net'?

Jewel Littenberg, 62, of Atlantis wonders why the elderly have to completely outlive their old-age nest egg to get financial help to stay out of a nursing home.

"When you finally get down to your last \$2,000, you can go into a taxpayer facility. Why not help the elderly stretch out their savings by helping them stay independent as long as possible?"

Littenberg, a former Palm Beach bridal-shop owner, sounded like somebody who had been butting her head against stone walls, so for a few minutes I was her marshmallow wall.

"Wouldn't it save taxpayers money in the long run," she asked, "if the elderly could get government assistance to help them remain independent in their own homes before all their money runs out?"

And here, I had to mildly protest. Weeks ago, when my father was recovering from a series of hospitalizations, all manner of free or affordable in-home services were provided by Medicare or county programs.



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Too frail. Too isolated. Too poor.

Jewel Littenberg got to me.

The feisty Atlantis woman recently brought her one-woman crusade for affordable home health care to *The Post*.

"I haven't done anything like this before," she said sternly, fixing members of the editorial board with her dark eyes. "I'm no politician." But what Ms. Littenberg lacks in political savvy, she makes up for in persistence. This is a woman who grabbed Vice President Al Gore's hand during a campaign stop and didn't let go until she had said her piece.



**Fran
Hathaway**

With a 95-year-old father, she knows which services are available to keep people in their own homes and what they

cost. But it's not her own situation that prods her to action. "There's a lot of silent suffering out there," she says, "because people can't afford help."

We know that, I told her. We've written about it. Most public officials also know it, but nobody's leading the charge to do something about it.

"Well, why not?" demanded the non-politician.

"Because it would cost a ton of money," I explained, "and politicians don't want to raise taxes."

"This country has plenty of money," she insisted stubbornly.

Mentally, I threw up my hands. She's right. There's no excuse. Recently, a

One woman's lonely fight for older shut-ins

caller described an elderly friend who pays someone \$100 a day solely because she is in a wheelchair and can't use the bathroom by herself. How many can afford that day after day?

President Clinton has proposed a \$3,000 tax credit for families caring for disabled people of all ages, and that may pass. But Congress took an opposite tack two years ago by slashing Medicare home health payments (see the editorial on this page) which precipitated a scarcity of services. The Area Agency on Aging, which administers federal and state money for programs in Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Indian River counties, has a perpetual waiting list.

Realizing that the determined Ms. Littenberg needed to meet like-minded people, I referred her to the Omega Project. The one-year, \$441,780 effort seeks to improve ways to serve elderly people's needs, starting with a thorough assessment. Though the children's services council studies kids (the Alpha) in Palm Beach County, no one was studying the other end of the age spectrum (the Omega).

Enter the \$500 million John A. Hartford Foundation, which focuses on geriatrics projects. The foundation had just decided to support precisely such planning efforts in states with large senior populations. Last year, the Palm Beach

County Health Care District led a coalition that won a \$181,500 Hartford grant. Project Director Tanya Palmer hired two planners. They held five focus groups, people 70 to 79. One group was Hispanic, one was African-American, one was Jewish, one was white, and one held in the Glades included both black and white residents.

The needs differed, but the themes were clear. One is isolation. Many older people have no family, and few know about the Elder Help Line. Another is confusion. The 200 agencies that provide services don't always know what the others are doing. A third is the loss of hospital discharge planners, the social workers who arrange in-home services for patients leaving hospitals. In cutting costs, many hospitals have eliminated those positions.

Omega planners are using the information they've gathered to create a demonstration project that will begin this fall. They also will use it to encourage policymakers to propose legislation that pays for unmet needs.

Which brings us back to Jewel Littenberg. Her campaign now consists of a resolution that asks "adequate funding for home health care." The Florida State Council of Senior Citizens supports it.

Heaven knows, I wish her well. But in a society where squeaky wheels get greased, I haven't noticed mobs of 8-year-olds protesting their plight. Still, with Ms. Littenberg on the case, I may.

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The Palm Beach Post

Help begins at home

Medicare spending on home health care dropped 45 percent in the past two years. That may sound like good news, since the plan has been near bankruptcy. Unfortunately, it's just the opposite.

Medicare provides health care for 39 million elderly and disabled Americans. With so many beneficiaries, even a small error can translate into a large financial mistake. That happened in the 1980s. Government, trying to save money, ordered hospitals to discharge Medicare patients earlier. That meant new business for home health agencies, and they prospered.

But Medicare did not limit the number of home visits or require a co-payment, so home health costs increased fivefold between 1990 and '96, to \$17.7 billion a year. Scam artists weren't far behind. By 1996, home health fraud was rampant. Nearly 40 percent of the visits Medicare financed for that year were not legitimate. Congress increased the number of audits.

The small error syndrome occurred again in 1997, however, when Congress trimmed Medicare costs to keep the plan solvent. Lawmakers used a meat ax rather than a scalpel, and by last year hospitals and nursing homes were howling about sharply reduced payments. Home health fees were set so low that many agencies

The Medicare program that keeps people out of hospitals needs more attention from Congress, not more cuts.

went bankrupt. In Palm Beach County, the reimbursement cut was a major reason the 52-year-old Visiting Nurse Association went out of business.

As elderly people couldn't get the home care they needed, many suffered, and some died. Others began backing up in hospitals and nursing homes, costing Medicare much more. Yet more cuts are scheduled. Another 15 percent reduction is due to take effect this year. Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, has introduced legislation to eliminate that cut. The House is considering a similar bill.

Even if those bills pass, it's clear that Medicare experts need to calibrate fees for in-home medical and social services more carefully. As America ages and more people with chronic illnesses and disabilities need help staying independent, home health services will be crucial. Setting fees accurately saves money because people aren't forced into \$40,000-a-year nursing homes. Blocking the 15 percent cut will help. So will getting the math right.

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Rep. Wexler: 'Get Radical'

by EVONN GIBBS
Staff Writer

ATLANTIS — "You should be rioting in the streets over this," said Congressman Robert Wexler in a serious tone, to a room of 40 angry home health care advocates. "The fact that Medicare doesn't have a drug prescription program is absolutely despicable."

The high cost of medication was one topic the District 19 Democrat spoke about to supporters of the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens, Inc.'s (FSCSC) home nursing care resolution, at the Town of Atlantis City Hall, May 1.

Most of those in the audience were men and women appearing to be past retirement age, but there were several younger people present, and a 48 year-old man paralyzed by multiple sclerosis who could talk and smile, but do nothing else. His home care nurse who was with him, protested the Medicare policy that now lists his bedpans as a luxury, and won't pay for them since he's no longer able to work.

Inequities

There were other stories told to Wexler during his talk--all focusing on the lack of government assistance for home-based nursing care to poor Americans.

"You have to be down to your last \$2,500 before the



HOME RIGHTS--Congressman Robert Wexler (D-district 19) shakes hands with Ivan Goldberg, an advocate for government funded at-home nursing care, outside city hall in Atlantis where Wexler spoke May 1.

government will contribute to your home health care," said Jewel Littenberg, secretary of the western communities chapter of the FSCSC, and author of a resolution now in a Congressional subcommittee.

"FSCSC is lobbying for legislation allowing medicare recipients the same coverage value for home-based nursing care, they get when sent to nursing homes."

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Wexler said he sent letters recommending adoption of the resolution, to Congressman John Porter,

(R-IL), chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and David Obey, (D-WI), a subcommittee member.

Although Wexler didn't resist the opportunity to do a bit of campaigning for presidential candidate, Vice President Al Gore, his comments were related to platform strategies on health care spending.

Gore's budget plan, he said, would help achieve FSCSC's resolution, by paying down the nation's debt, bolstering social security and applying 13 percent of the surplus to federally funded programs cut by spending guidelines.

Big Drop

Wexler was referring to changes adopted by Congress in 1997, limiting Medicare payments to home-care agencies which serve the sick and disabled who can't leave their homes.

As a result, in the past two years Medicare spending on home health care dropped 45 percent, according to data from the Congressional Budget Office reported by The New York Times in April. Advocates for the elderly say this forces people into low quality government sponsored nursing homes.



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May Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, 2000 at 10:00 A.M.

Governmental Center, 301 N. Olive
1104 Public Affairs Conference Room, ~~1st~~ 1202.10

Board Agenda:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call, Welcomes, Introductions
- 3) Additions, Deletions and Modifications to Agenda
- 4) Scheduled Presentations
 - a) Lake Worth Drainage District, Danna Ackerman-White
- Everglades Restoration impact on LWDD residents
 - b) FAU/FIU Joint Center for Environmental & Urban Problems, Venesia Thompson
- Regional Evacuation Coordination and Implementation Procedures
 - ~~c)~~ Western Communities Council of Senior Citizens, Jewel Littenberg, Secretary
- Resolution for Government Funding of In-home Nursing Care
- 5) Approval of Board Minutes: April 12 & 26th, 2000 (mailed)
- 6) Financial Report (Financial Reports are distributed at meeting)
- 7) President's Report
- 8) Staff Report (None: Executive Director will be at Washington D.C. Fly-In)
- 9) Legislative Issues:
 - a) Legislative Session - Wrap Up on our issues from Florida League
- 10) Miscellaneous Business
 - a) Local Government Symposium, Scheduled for June 8th - Update
 - b) Installation Banquet - Update
 - c) Appointment to PBC Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) Committee
- 11) Board Comments
- 12) Adjournment

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Law Wanted For Funds For Aged

ATLANTIS--The very-poor and the wealthy have one thing in common. They can be cared for at home during long illnesses, and die at home. Those of modest means however, generally live their final months, and die, in nursing homes.

A grass roots effort to change that inequity will be discussed in a public forum on May 1, at 2:30 p.m., with Congressman Robert Wexler (D-19), at Atlantis City Hall, in Atlantis.

Jewel Littenberg, organizer of the event, and secretary of the Western Communities Council of Senior Citizens, will present Wexler with her resolution that home health care become a priority legislative goal.

The resolution was approved by the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens, and has been endorsed by a chapter of Disabled American Veterans. Littenberg said now she wants "...to see an elected official step forth and say they support it."

For more information call (561) 964-1683.

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Wexler to hear in-home nursing needs

U.S. Rep. Robert Wexler D-Boca Raton, will meet with the public at Atlantis City Hall 2:30 p.m. May 1 to discuss the needs of the elderly for in-home nursing care.

"We are exploring ways to help seniors afford home nursing care, and it is important for all families with parental care issues to bring Congressman Wexler their stories," said the meeting's sponsor, Jewel Littenberg of Atlantis, advocate for in-home nursing assistance.

Littenberg said that lawmakers need to know more about existing home nursing programs and their limitations.

"If you are very poor or very

wealthy, you are covered," Littenberg said. "What has not been addressed is the person of modest means who should not have to become impoverished to get help. If we spend a little more money on in-home nursing, we save government vast expenditures on nursing home construction and administration."

Littenberg said "The struggle to keep our parents and grandparents in their homes with dignity is happening at the grass roots, and only by bringing our stories to our congressmen in public forums can they know how to change the law."

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Senator Graham to Hear Elderly Needs for In-home Nursing Care

Democratic U.S. Senator Bob Graham will hear why there must be legislation enacted for government funded home nursing care for the elderly, when his aide, Ellen Roth, comes to Atlantis City Hall, May 17th at 2:00 PM to hear your questions and comments. "It is very important for all families with parental care issues and seniors with spouses in need of in-home care to bring Ellen their stories so she may take them to the Senator" declared the forum's sponsor, Jewel Littenberg of Atlantis, Secretary of the Western Communities Council of Senior Citizens and advocate for senior issues. "Lawmak-

ers need to know more about existing home nursing programs and their limitations", Littenberg said. "If you are very poor or wealthy, you are covered. It's all the elderly people in-between that we must address".

The Florida State Council of Senior Citizens has passed a Resolution for government funded in-home care for the elderly. Now we must bring it to the attention of our elected officials. Our elderly have paved the way for the young. Now we must care for them. They cannot and should not be forced to become destitute before our government recognizes their

need for financial assistance.

Littenberg said legislation to provide in-home care will not write itself. "The struggle to keep our parents and grandparents in their homes with dignity is happening at the grass roots, and only by bringing your stories to our Congressmen in public forums can they know how to change the law". Littenberg is urging people to make every effort to attend the forum on Wednesday, May 17th at 2 PM, and get the message to Senator Graham: "Everybody deserves the right to age with dignity. The proper legislation must be passed."

There is a petition to be

signed that indicates the following: 1) The same financial assistance for in-home care as for nursing home care; 2) Financial assistance provided for up to 24 hours of in-home care; 3) Guidelines established for the amounts of money to be charged by care givers and home health agencies; 4) Better guidelines for the schools who train CNA's and HHA's; and 5) Supervision of care givers.

Jewel Littenberg is available to speak to clubs, organizations, and condominium groups on this topic. Interested parties can contact her by calling (561) 964-1083.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Speak out to help get seniors' care improved

I would like to thank Fran Hathaway for her April 30 column "Too frail, too isolated, too poor," which focused on the needs of elderly people. Thousands have no one to turn to, no place to go, and are being forced into poverty because our government refuses to recognize their need for help.

The Florida State Council of Senior Citizens has passed a resolution for government-financed in-home nursing care, which contains provisions for: The same financial assistance for in-home care as for nursing home care; financial assistance for up to 24-hour care; guidelines for charges by caregivers and home health agencies; and better guidelines for the schools that train nurse assistants and home health aides.

Public forums are starting to bring this to the attention of elected officials. But seniors' voices must be heard. Contact the FSCSC at (561) 792-8799 or voice your opinion at a public forum. The next will be with Ellen Roth, aide to Sen. Bob Graham, at 2 p.m. May 17 in the Atlantis City Hall.

JEWEL LITTENBERG
Atlantis

Make aid for seniors a priority

I thank Ron Wiggins for his March 6 column "Must nest egg go splat before it hits 'safety net'?" It prompted many people to call who need help, have no one to turn to and who do not qualify for taxpayer-supported financial aid to stay in their own homes because their assets are above \$2,000.

I found it very interesting that not one person affiliated with the agencies that provide the assistance called with their suggestions.

It should be one's right to live out one's life in one's own home in dignity. The Florida State Council of Senior Citizens has passed a resolution calling for action on this issue. Now, we must get it into legislation, locally as well as nationally.

This is an election year. We have eight months to let our representatives know we want action; otherwise, they will not get senior citizens' votes. It can be done; nothing is impossible if we want it badly enough.

Tony Fransetta, president
Florida State Council of Senior Citizens
Wellington

■ Jewel Littenberg called letters editor Chris Felker on Tuesday to note that the letter published that day under the headline "Make aid for seniors a priority" had actually been written by her and not by Tony Fransetta, president of the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens. Ms. Littenberg, of Atlantis, who is secretary to one chapter of the council, wrote the letter March 6 and sent a copy to the council, which resubmitted it to *The Post* over Mr. Fransetta's name. Ms. Littenberg's name was included, but her position was not noted, so her name was omitted when the letter was printed. That was an oversight.

Petition to keep elderly at home ^{4/21/00}

The March 21 article "Nursing homes: ask lawmakers for bailout," confused me. It stated that families sue because of negligent care. The nursing homes contend that problems arise from infirmities associated with old age or disease.

Many legislators believe the problems stem from bad operators with a record of fraud and abuse, and by overpaying executives with Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements.

Finally, the article states that thousands of elderly people will have no place to go since one-fifth of the nursing homes in Florida operated by national chains are already in bankruptcy.

The only thing I am clear about is that there is absolutely no concern for the patient. Greed seems to be the determining factor. Therefore, the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens has passed a resolution calling for federal financing to assist frail, elderly people who require nursing care and want to remain in their own homes. Petitions are being circulated to make this a federal law.

Jewel Littenberg, secretary
Western Communities Council of Senior Citizens
Atlantis

—London, Eng.—

LETTERS

Published Saturday, May 20, 2000, in the Miami Herald

Home care out of reach for most

Ten years ago my mother suffered her first stroke and since has passed away. My father, at 95, is frail and has had in-home care for several years. I have become very experienced with in-home care and know what it requires to enable an elderly person to remain in his home.

It's very costly. If one has more than \$2,500 in assets, the government contributes nothing. This is sad for the millions of elderly people who are not at poverty level yet who don't have enough money to afford proper care.

Therefore, I have written a resolution, which was passed by the Florida State Council Of Senior Citizens. It would provide government funding for in-home care. It addresses the needs of people of modest means who shouldn't have to become impoverished to get help.

The resolution has been endorsed by many groups and organizations. Now we also must get the support of elected officials who can make it a law. They are aware that Medicare home-care spending is down 45 percent and that one-fifth of the nursing homes in Florida already are in bankruptcy.

Thousands of elderly people will have no place to go.

With a \$210 billion budget surplus, there is no reason for our elderly to become destitute before they are provided for. Everyone should have the right to live out his life in dignity. This is an election year. Now is the time to give the message to our elected officials loud and clear: If you continue to ignore us, we will ignore you. No funds, no vote!

JEWEL LITTENBERG
Atlantis

—London, Eng.—

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- Everyone should deserve the right to live out his life with dignity. Every elderly person should have the option of remaining in his own home, as an alternative to being warehoused in a nursing home. Therefore the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens has passed a Resolution which includes the following for government funded in-home care:
- The same financial assistance for in-home care as for nursing home care
- Financial assistance for up to 24-hour in-home care
- Guidelines for charges by caregivers and home health agencies
- Better guidelines for the schools that train Certified Nursing Assistants and Home Health Aides
- Supervision of the caregiver

One-fifth of all the nursing homes in Florida are facing bankruptcy, which will leave thousands of elderly with no place to go. Thousands of seniors are being forced into bankruptcy because of their high medical expenses.

Our government boasts of a \$210 million surplus in the budget. Therefore, they must provide for the elderly. The elderly have paved the way for the young, and must not be forgotten.

It is very important for all families and spouses with nursing care issues to bring this to the attention of our elected officials. Lawmakers need to know more about existing home nursing programs and their limitations.

If you are very poor or very wealthy, you are covered. It's all the elderly people in-between that we must address.

One must be down to his last \$2500 before the government will realize his need for financial help. We cannot continue to let this happen.



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June 9, 2000

Jewel Littenberg
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Dear Ms. Littenberg,

It is with great pleasure to inform you that the resolution presented by the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens, Inc. to the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. passed unanimously at the Council's quarterly meeting held on May 18, 2000.

Since the mission of the Council is to see all people live as independently as possible in their own communities it was felt this resolution was of great importance to the citizens of Florida.

If you need any further information or assistance please contact Beth Schultz, Executive Director toll free at 877-822-1993.

Again thank you for the opportunity for the Council to endorse this worthwhile resolution.

Sincerely,

Pinkney C. Seale, Jr.
President
Florida Independent Living Council, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 00-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIS, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE PUBLICLY STATED POLICY OF THE FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS REGARDING THE NEED FOR THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL TO PROVIDE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND GENERAL GUIDELINES CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF IN-HOME NURSING CARE FOR THE ELDERLY; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

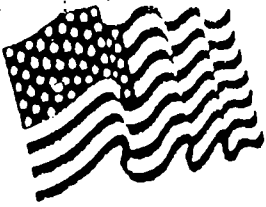
WHEREAS, the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens has publicly stated their position that there is a need for the enactment of state and federal legislation concerning the provision of in-home care for the elderly through the establishment of regulations regarding financial assistance and general guidelines for agencies and agency caregivers dealing directly with the elderly patients who require nursing services; and

WHEREAS, the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens has circulated a resolution which includes support of the following legislative positions: equal personal financial consideration given to elderly patients whether they chose to enter a nursing home or have in-home nursing care; automatic financial assistance to elderly patients based on their financial needs through either medicare or social security on a twenty-four hour basis; guidelines established for both private and agency caregivers regarding the costs of in-home patient care; and guidelines for schools who train nurses or nursing assistants to provide specific instruction regarding in-home patient care; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Atlantis believes it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of its citizens to support the lobbying efforts of the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens regarding the enactment of state or federal legislation concerning in-home health care for elderly patients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City Council of the City of Atlantis hereby supports the efforts of the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens to promote the enactment of state and federal legislation



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

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As the representative of an organization acting out of a local group with 1600 members am concerned with our elderly. I

have reviewed the petition with its four elements concerning extended care for the elderly;
have reviewed the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens, Inc.. Resolution;
believe that this Resolution described appropriately addresses the intents and plans;
endorse and support this project.

Ted Hagemann

Adjutant

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 42

April 18, 2000

A Jewel in their crown

Local woman fights to secure home care funding for the elderly

By Gary Greenberg
Special to JN

With people living longer and the baby boomer generation approaching AARP age, one of the biggest problems facing the nation is how to care for the elderly as they inevitably reach the time when they can no longer care for themselves.

"From what I know, we're one of the only countries that doesn't guarantee decent care of its elderly," said Jewel Littenberg, a Jewish resident of Atlantis and secretary of the Western Communities Council of Senior Citizens, part of a national advocacy group for the elderly. "It's a terrible message we are sending. The elderly paved the way for the young. This issue is not only for our parents and grandparents, but also for us and generations to come."

Littenberg wants to do something about it. For starters, she drafted a resolution calling for government funding for elderly home care, and it was passed by the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens last November. The president of that council is confident it also will be adopted by the National Council of Senior Citizens at its June 12-16 convention in Las Vegas.

"We'll be submitting it at the national level and I'll be speaking in its support," said Tony Fransetta, president of the state council and a member of the general policy-board of the national body.

The resolution has five major points:

- offer the same financial assistance for in-home care as for nursing home care.
- provide financial assistance for round-the-clock in-home care.
- establish guidelines for charges by care givers of in-home services.

- establish better guidelines for schools that train certified nursing assistants and home health aides.

- provide better supervision of in-home care givers.

"Everyone should have the right to live out his life in dignity," Littenberg said. "Right now, the way the system is set up, you have to be destitute to get any assistance for in-home care and that stinks."

Littenberg and Fransetta both point out the irony of the situation in that home care is typically less costly than institutional care.

"The whole idea is to keep people out of nursing homes," Fransetta explained. "That would save money."

Meanwhile, the situation is desperate.

"About one-fifth of the nursing homes and assisted living facilities are facing bankruptcy and care [in those facilities] is inconsistent at best," Littenberg noted. "Even so, the costs are outrageous – a minimum of \$100 a day – and more and more elderly people are facing personal bankruptcy because of it."

Fransetta blames the situation on a federal law.

"The 1997 Older American Act cut back too far in funding for Medicare providers," he contended. "It put a lot of home care people out of business. Some couldn't absorb the cutbacks and others were determined unqualified under the new, more stringent laws. The end result was that people lost coverage."

Simply throwing money at the problem isn't enough to ensure seniors receive quality home care, added Scott Boord, chief operating officer and senior vice president of the Joseph L. Morse Geriatric Center, a Jewish nursing home in West Palm Beach that also provides at-home care and community-based services through an affiliate,

Services Agency.

"State funding for community-based [care] for the elderly is extremely weak," Boord said. "But just to say 'give me more money' without the proper methodology is not very smart. I would support increased funding for a community-based elderly program with a methodology that would assure that the services being provided were effective."

Littenberg agrees. She has assaulted the status quo by embarking on a one-woman public relations crusade. She has organized public forums, talked to the press, appeared on television and contacted the presumed presidential candidates, Al Gore and George W. Bush.

She spoke to Gore about home care for the elderly after his April town meeting in Delray Beach and he promised to "look into it." She also sent a copy of her resolution to Bush's policy department in Austin, Texas, for review. Her forums have attracted the attention and tentative support of Palm Beach Rep. Robert Wexler and Sen. Bob Graham's regional director for South Florida, Ellen Roth.

"Lawmakers have to be made aware of the situation so they know to do something about it," Littenberg said. "The government tells us that there is a \$210 million surplus and yet they continue to cut more and more benefits from the elderly. People have to speak up. They have to contact their representatives and tell them to turn this resolution into legislation."

One way people can help to achieve that goal is to sign and help circulate a petition calling for federal legislators to consider the issue. Littenberg has hit the airwaves to drum up grassroots support, and it appears to be working.

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Her May 24 interview on the Channel 29 morning news lit up the switchboard at the State Council of Senior Citizens.

According to Fransetta, following the broadcast of Littenberg's interview, a lot of people called the council asking for copies of the petition. Now Littenberg is pushing to have the interview aired by affiliate stations around the country. And just last Friday, she took the issue to the Holy Grail of tele-altruism: The Oprah Winfrey Show.

"I e-mailed Oprah about it and we'll see what happens," Littenberg said. "My goal is to get a chain of petitions circulating around the country. I'm going to keep going until I hit a brick wall. Then, I guess I'll just have to go through it."

"Jewel is a one-person dynamo," Fransetta said. "If I had 100 like her, we could straighten out the state real quick." ▽

For more information or to get a copy of the petition, contact the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens at 792-8799.

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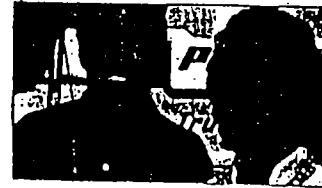
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Western communities leader seeks senior home-care



Jewel Littenberg

By ALLYSON J. KLEINMAN
FORUM STAFF WRITER

After her mother suffered her first stroke about 10 years ago, Atlantis resident Jewel Littenberg began thinking seriously about in-home senior nursing care.

Money was quickly depleted from her parents' savings, yet they were fortunate to have two of their children providing assistance.

"What happens to the seniors who don't have children nearby or who don't qualify for Medicaid?" Littenberg wondered, and thus began her long nationwide journey for Federal legislation that funded home healthcare.

She whipped up a resolution that provides federal assistance for up to 24-hour daily home care; guidelines for caregivers' and home health agencies' expenses; better guidelines for schools that train certified nursing assistants (CNAs), home health assistants (HIAs) and supervision of caregivers.

Her saga started about three years ago when, attending a conference on aging, she mentioned her resolution to the panel's moderator, Aneta Sewell, community relations manager for Channel 12 News.

Sewell quickly identified with this issue, having had similar experiences providing healthcare for her mom.

She read the resolution to conference attendees and Littenberg's brainchild slowly gathered steam.

It wasn't until March 2000 that media attention focused on Littenberg. With the help of Tony Fransetta, president of the Florida State Council of Senior Citizens, Inc., who took her resolution and put it into proper format, Robert Wexler, [D-FL] congressman, 19th District, and Ellen Roth, South Florida regional director for Sen. Bob Graham, who have spoken in support of the resolution at forums around the state,

Littenberg got publicity for her resolution.

Petitions have been sent out for supporting signatures— with tie-ins with local organizations — the first step in obtaining ratification from the legislature. The resolution next goes to the National Council of Senior Citizens for passage.

On April 7, Littenberg met with Vice President Al Gore at a Delray town meeting and asked for his support in passing this issue in his

presidential platform. Gore assured her he would look at the resolution.

Her query to Gov. George W. Bush's campaign was sent to his policy department in Austin, Texas, for further study.

She has support from Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Jr.'s [R-FL] office. Shaw serves as chairman of the Social Security Subcommittee in Congress.

In a May 17 public forum, Littenberg spoke directly to government officials for support of the resolution and expects it to be at the national level by election time.

Littenberg grew up in Rochester, N.Y., in a working class family. Her father was a farmer who supported his wife and six children during the depression.

"If you want something bad enough, you can do it. Anything worthwhile doesn't come easily," were the family's mottoes.

Back in New York, Littenberg was a fashion designer who, 23 years ago, started her own business working from home that blossomed into a profitable company with worldwide sales.

She is listed in the *Who's Who of American Women*.

"The bottom line is everyone should live out his life with dignity," Littenberg says.

Since it is an election year, she says she firmly believes

the time is ripe for action before November.

Littenberg, secretary of the Western Communities Council of Senior Citizens, works out of her home and pays her own expenses attendant to passing the resolution.

"Help from government should come," she adds, noting the governmental supplement would be based on

personal assets.

She would like to see the costs absorbed by the federal government, piggybacking on to existing Social Security and Medicare programs.

Littenberg says she wants universal support for the cause since the population is aging and we will all one day be in similar positions as those who cannot afford home healthcare but choose not to live out the rest of our lives in nursing facilities.

"You can't totally blame our legislators if people don't say 'we need help,'" Littenberg says.

TO Deborah
9/20

To: Karin Kullman by fax 456-7028
From: Danny Wexler
Subject: Meeting/Photo op with representatives of Rotary International
Date: September 19, 2000

Karin:

Attached is a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Rotary International requesting a brief photo op. The purpose is explained in the letter.

Rotary International will contribute over \$500 million to polio eradication by the time polio is no longer a threat. The largest contribution of any single organization. Throughout the Clinton administration they have worked closely with AID and CDC as well as the Congress to increase federal support of this effort. They have met with Bruce Reed, Chris Jennings, Dan Mendlesohn and Steve Ricchetti as well as a few photo ops with the President.

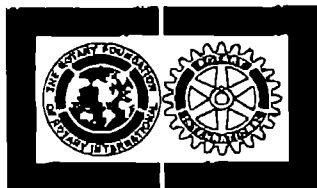
I thought given the subject matter its probably best to go through your office for this request.

As they attribute much of their success to the Presidents leadership on this issue, they would like to present him with something to commemorate his efforts before he leaves office. This photo will be widely distributed among Rotarians worldwide.

Thanks for you time. Let me know what you think. I have also attached some additional background on the issue.

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HERBERT G. BROWN
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President, Rotary International, 1995-1996

14 September 2000

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

On September 27 representatives of Rotary International, in cooperation with the United Nations and other core partners, including the U.S. Government, will meet to outline the strategy for the final push to eradicate polio. While the meeting will focus on the challenges that lie ahead, it will also provide an opportunity to reflect on the progress we have made to date.

In recognition of your leadership in this effort, Rotary International would like to present you with a replica of the PolioPlus statue that sits outside our international headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. The statue was designed by Glenna Goodacre, the artist who designed the Vietnam Memorial and the new gold dollar coin. Past Rotary International President James Lacy and I would consider it a great honor to present this statue to you. We are available at any time between 2-6, 9-10 or 16-19 October.

Thanks to the extraordinary leadership you have shown during your years as president, we are closer now to the eradication of polio than we have ever been. Since 1995, the United States' contribution to global polio eradication has increased tenfold. Through your visits to India and Nigeria you have focused international attention on the urgency of this struggle. Through your tireless commitment to the plight of the children of the world, you have exemplified Rotary's ideal of service above self.

I look forward to thanking you in person for your work on behalf of the children of the 21st century.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Herbert G. Brown', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Herbert G. Brown
Chairman, The Rotary Foundation
President, Rotary International, 1995-1996

Global Polio Eradication Initiative

U.S. Leadership

- Among donor nations, the United States has taken the major leadership role in a multilateral effort to eradicate polio, and over the last three years has contributed over 45% percent (\$288 million) of all donor funds used to eradicate polio; from 1995-2000 the United States government, under the President's leadership, provided over \$400 million for global polio eradication.
- For Fiscal 2000 the Administration and Congress approved a total of \$111.4 million in Fiscal 2000 for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including \$15 million in supplemental funding for CDC, and \$25 million for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).
- For Fiscal 2001 the President requested a total of \$116.4 million for global polio eradication in his budget request, a \$5 million increase over the Fiscal 2000 level.

Accomplishments

- Polio will be only the second disease to be eradicated from the earth, an historic accomplishment. Small pox was certified eradicated in 1979.
- The target date for certification of eradication is 2005. When the world is certified polio free and immunizations can cease, the United States will save \$230 million annually and the world will save at least \$1.5 billion.
- Children all over the world will be free from the threat of polio, a devastating disease which at one time crippled over 500,000 annually.
- The health infrastructure put into place by the polio eradication initiative will provide benefits to future public health measures to control and eradicate infectious diseases.

Progress Towards Eradication

- The eradication goal was set by a resolution of the World Health Organization in 1988.
- Polio cases have fallen from 350,000 in 1988 to approximately 7,000 reported cases in 1999, overall polio has been reduced world-wide by 90%.
- In 1994 the Western Hemisphere was certified polio-free. Since Rotary began its PolioPlus Program, the number of polio endemic countries has declined from over 125 countries in 1985 to 30 countries at the beginning of the year 2000. Polio has virtually disappeared from China, the Western Pacific and Europe.
- During 74 full National Immunization Days, 16 Sub-National Immunization Days and 7 Mopping-up activities conducted in 1999, over 450 million children received oral polio vaccine. This represents nearly 75 percent of all the world's children under the age of five.
- In India in January 1998 over 130 million children were immunized in one day, the largest public health event in history - Pakistan, Bangladesh, and six other countries coordinated their NIDs to achieve the maximum effect over the entire region.

Public/Private Partnership

- The polio eradication campaign represents a historic partnership between the public and private sector to positively impact global health.
- By the year 2005, Rotary's contributions to the global polio eradication effort will be approximately a half billion dollars. In addition, millions of dollars of 'in-kind' and personal contributions have been made by and through local Rotary clubs and districts for polio eradication activities.
- Rotary volunteers around the world are contributing millions of hours to polio immunization at National Immunization Days (NIDs), and are involved with the surveillance of polio cases reporting suspected cases to the local health authorities.



National Government Relations Office
August 25, 2000

to Deborah
9/20

Ms. Stephanie S. Streett
Assistant to the President and
Director of Presidential Scheduling
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Dear Stephanie:

It was great speaking with you a couple of weeks ago. As we discussed, each year it has been a tradition for the President of the United States to bestow the American Cancer Society's Cancer Courage Award on an individual whose experience with the disease is an inspiration to others who are facing a similar battle. This award has been presented every year since the era of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Attached is a summary of the criteria for selection along with a list of past recipients.

Until recently, the ceremony was conducted in early April to mark the start of Cancer Control Month. As our programs and fundraising have become year-round, this event is often scheduled in the summer or fall. On behalf of the American Cancer Society's 2 million volunteers and the more than 16 million supporters, we would very much appreciate it if the President could find time this fall to continue the tradition of presenting this prestigious award.

It is customary to have the American Cancer Society senior officials take part in the White House ceremony. Our current officers are:

John R. Kelly, PhD, *Chairman, Board of Directors*
Gerald L. Woolam, MD, *President*
John R. Seffrin, PhD, *Chief Executive Officer*

As in the past, we are prepared to work closely with your office in arranging attendance, photography, press releases, etc. Thank you, Stephanie, for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if you need additional information. I will follow-up with you after Labor Day.

Sincerely,


Daniel E. Smith
National Vice President
Federal & State Government Relations

*Thanks,
Stephanie!*

cc: Mary Beth Cahill, Asst. to the President and Dir. of Public Liaison
Bruce Reed, Asst. to the President for Domestic Policy ✓



American Cancer Society Courage Award Criteria

The American Cancer Society Courage Award is historically presented by the President of the United States to recognize April as Cancer Control Month. Every sitting President since Franklin D. Roosevelt has so received the Society.

The annual White House Courage Award recipient is decided at the highest levels of the American Cancer Society.

The person we select has displayed valor, courage, and determination in fighting the disease, frequently with a high public profile. Their choice will be an inspiration to others.

A majority of past recipients have been in the public eye, often in the entertainment business, because they have a high profile and can be easily influential with the public. Sometimes the recipient is not selected until the last minute in order to get someone in the current news.

Occasionally, a person from a more everyday walk of life is chosen such as a housewife, businessman, college student, etc., who has displayed extraordinary courage in fighting cancer.



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY COURAGE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Year	Recipient	Description
1998	Barry Bostwick	Actor
1997	Brett Butler	Baseball player
1995	Annie McKenzie Jennette Chessin	Breast Cancer Breast Cancer
1994	Norm Stewart Rodney Patterson	Basketball coach Basketball player
1993	Matilda Goodridge Jeremy Fleury	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Survivors
1992	Senator Connie Mack Priscilla Mack	US Senator & wife
1991	Robert Polhill	Former hostage
1990	Dave Drevecky	Baseball player
1989	Steve Allen	Entertainer
1988	Jill Ireland	Actress
1987	Minnie Pearl	Entertainer
1986	Ann Jillian	Entertainer
1985	Jeff Keith	Marathon runner
1984	Amanda Blake	Actress
1983	Shelly Bruce	Entertainer
1982	Forrest Gregg	NFL Coach
1981	Karen Anderson	Housewife
1980	Otto Graham	NFL football player
1979	Tracy Andrus	Teenager
1978	Tom Harper	Naval Academy Midshipman
1977	Minnie Riperton	Entertainer
1976	Gene Littler	Professional Golfer
1975	Robert Johnson	West Point Cadet
1974	William Gargan	Actor
1973	Jack Pardee	NFL Coach
1972	Mike Finamore	College Student
1971	Marguerite Piazza	Opera Singer

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W-F-W to highlight
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June 28th work
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