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AT-RISK AND DELINQUENT YOUTH

Multiple Federal Programs Raise Efficiency Questions

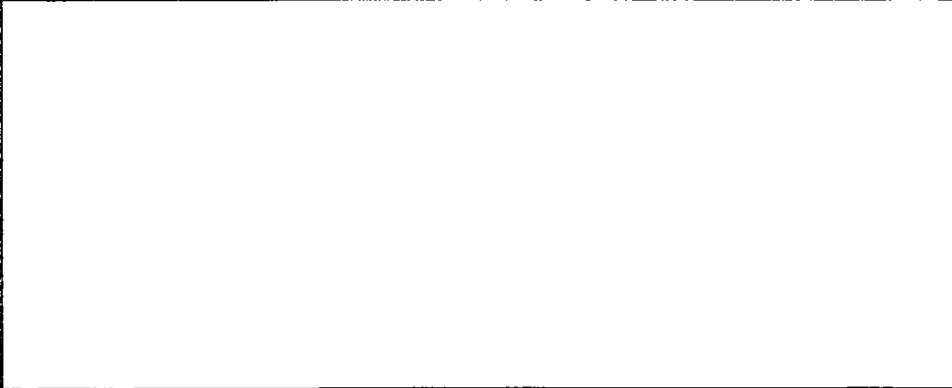


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August 29, 1996

Mr. Lee Arbetman
Staff Director
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Dear Lee:

It was good to get your letter; I apologize it has taken so long to respond.

I wanted to let you know that while I remain on the Domestic Policy Council staff, my areas of responsibility have changed. I am now working on a range of issues as a liaison to the Office of Political Affairs.

I also wanted to thank you for your help several months ago. You and those you put me in touch with were extremely responsive to our interest to learn more about your program.

Lyn Hogan has joined the Domestic Policy Council staff as a Senior Policy Analyst for women's issues, teen pregnancy prevention and child welfare. I have forwarded to her the information you sent on the teen pregnancy program.

I am glad the President had the opportunity to visit one of your programs in Ohio. Thanks again for all your help.

Sincerely,



Deborah L. Fine
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July 16, 1996

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Dear Debbie:

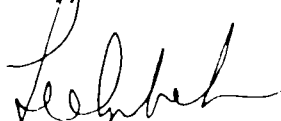
Here's some material from one of our local Youth for Justice programs in Ohio that President Clinton had the opportunity to visit. I'm not sure whether you had anything to do with arranging this visit. If so, many thanks. In any case, I thought this might interest you.

As I recall, teen pregnancy is another one of your areas. We are expanding a teen parenting program this fall that we piloted last year. While teen parenting and teen pregnancy (prevention) are not identical concepts, they are closely related (in our minds at least).

Let me know if this interests you.

Hope you're getting some time to relax and have fun this summer.

Sincerely,


Lee Arbetman
Staff Director

Enclosures

STUDENTS FROM: WILLETTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Willetts Middle School is located in the Brunswick City School District in Medina County. The Brunswick city school district has a student population of 6,801. The city of Brunswick is a suburb, and has a population of 35,000, and a school population of 6,800.

VIOLENCE OR DELINQUENCY PROBLEM:

Theft, cheating and behavior systems

Based on a survey of various concerns, the majority of Willetts Middle School listed demerits, cheating and theft as our biggest problems.

Our school has a system of demerits that are issued when a student breaks the rules. Demerits are given out in increments of one or two, depending upon severity of actions. When certain numbers of demerits are attained, specific punishments are executed.

We learned that 50% of the kids in our school have no demerits, and 8% of our school has twenty five, and 4.4% have over thirty.

OBJECTIVE:

Our objective is to develop a system of demerits that are fair to teachers and students, delete cheating and theft, and to help younger generations in our school.

SOLUTIONS:

⊕ As part of our 96-97 student handbook, we thought up a list of tips to reduce theft, cheating, and/or demerits.

⊕ We are currently trying to develop a student government to organize events, give ideas to faculty, ect.

⊕ We made additions and deletions to our rule book in cooperation with the faculty.

⊕ We would like to change the warning letter for five demerits. It causes severe penalties at home when it is unnecessary. We believe it is only a warning, not a basis for punishment.

⊕ We talked to teachers and staff about our views and theirs on violence in our school.

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April 22, 1996

Mr. Javorek and the Youth For
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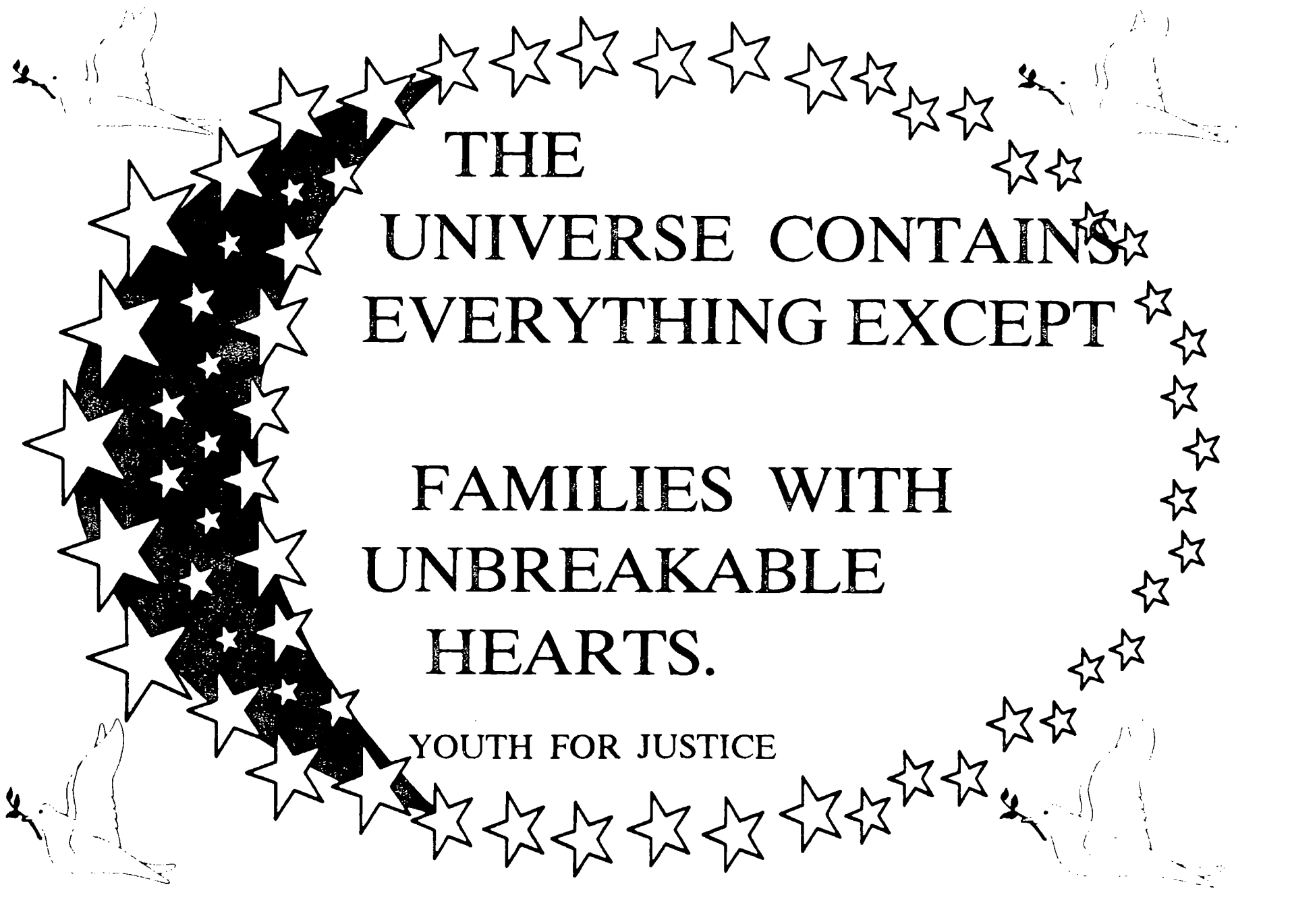
Dear Friends:

Thank you very much for getting in touch with me during my recent trip to Ohio. I encourage all of you to continue working for peace, and I am pleased to know that our nation's future leaders are already on the right track.

Best wishes for every future success.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton



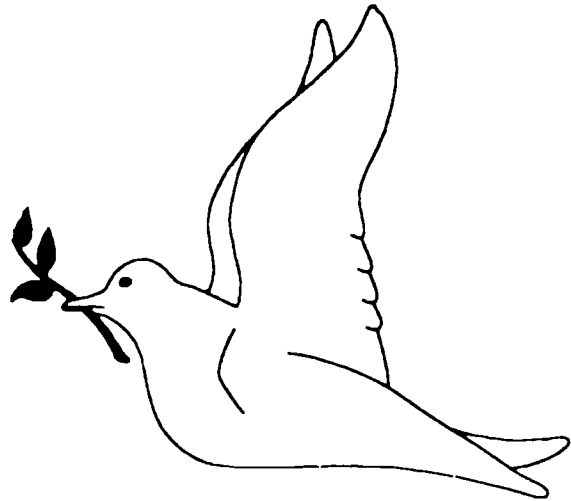
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