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September 22, 1999

Ms. Ruby Shamir, Assistant Director
Domestic Policy Council
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Dear Ruby,

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with us last week. We very much appreciate your interest and insight into the future of the Foster Care Bill (S. 670/H.R. 1194). As we discussed, our hope is to keep this issue in the tax bill when a smaller compromise bill is negotiated.

We are working on getting a meeting scheduled with Treasury and will let you know the outcome of that meeting.

Again, thanks for meeting with us. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to help you.

Sincerely,

Richard Carman
Vice President for Governmental Affairs

cc: Ms. Linda Aaker
Ms. Janet Boyd
Ms. Sharon Walters

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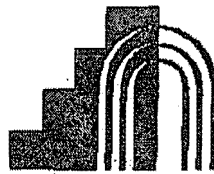
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Phone:	Date: September 8, 1999
Re: Meeting Confirmation	CC:

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Thanks for agreeing to meet with us on Tuesday, September 14 at 11:00 am, Room 100 of the Old Executive Office Building to discuss the Adult Foster Care Tax bills (S.670/H.R.1194). These bills will level the playing field in the tax treatment of foster care families who care for people with disabilities. As we discussed, the bill is included in the tax bill that was passed by Congress on August 5. We understand that the President will veto the bill, but we would like to discuss the details of our concerns for the upcoming negotiations for a smaller tax bill. I am including with this fax a brief "fact sheet" about the bill.

As requested, listed below are the people who will be attending the meeting:

Name	Date of Birth	Social Security Number
Linda Aaker		
Janet Boyd		
Richard Carman		
Sharon Walters		

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions. After Friday, you can reach me on my cellular phone at

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Fr: Ruby Shamir

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Steve Arkin,

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MEMORANDUM

To: Nicole Rabner

From: Joy Warren

Date: 6-7-99

Re: Tax Treatment of Foster Care Payments (S 670 and HR 1194)

Proposal: S 670 and HR 1194 would revise Section 131 of the IRS Code to expand the class of foster parents who can automatically deduct foster care payments from their income. The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) would also like the Administration to include this revision in its current proposal to clarify the definition of "foster child" for tax purposes.

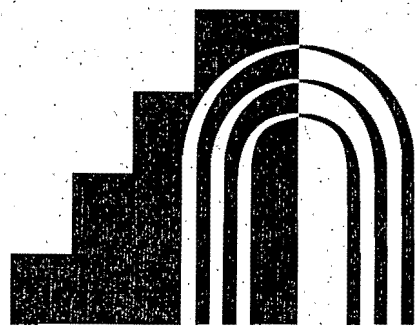
Current Law: Currently, certain foster parents may automatically deduct foster care payments for tax purposes but others may not. Those who do not have the automatic deduction are required to keep "detailed expense records to support such deductions." The following foster parents do not receive an automatic deduction: 1) Parents who care for adults over 19 who are placed by a non-profit or a private for-profit and 2) Parents who care for children under 19 who are placed by a private for-profit agency.

The exclusion of these parents rests on the interpretation of the term "placed" in Section 131, which covers providers who care for individuals "placed" by a state or its political subdivision. Read broadly, "placed" would cover all providers because states contract with non-profit and for-profit agencies to "place" individuals with foster care providers. However, there is a recent case in which the court narrowly interpreted "placed" so that it does not include those parents who care for individuals "placed" by an agency in a contractual relationship with the state. ANCOR's proposed revision would make explicit that all providers would be covered.

ANCOR asserts that the lack of an automatic deduction decreases the supply of foster parents by discouraging those individuals who are not eligible from becoming foster parents.

Analysis: This seems like a reasonable proposal. There is not a clearly identifiable justification for the Code's distinctions between foster parents, and it makes sense to revise the Code so that providers are treated equitably.

Opposition: None known.



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Bethphage welcomes new program in Kansas

On December 16, 1998, Bethphage assumed responsibility for management of the Southwest Developmental Services, Inc. (SDSI) agencies in Garden City and Liberal, Kansas. The SDSI acquisition represents the single largest program expansion in Bethphage's 86-year history.

"This is a fabulous opportunity for both Bethphage and people with disabilities in southwest Kansas," said Peg Ezell, Nebraska division director for Bethphage.

The new locations will operate as the Garden City and Liberal offices of Advent Services, Inc., a Bethphage affiliate. Ezell is overseeing the transition and is the acting executive director for both new programs. A search is under way for new executive directors for the Garden City and Liberal locations, as well as a director for a newly created Kansas Division.

"I have the utmost respect and admiration for the staff here. They've pulled together and demonstrated supreme commitment to making this transition smooth," said Ezell.

Bethphage began operations in Kansas in 1983 with its Ellsworth program. Bethphage also provides services in the Topeka and Kansas City, Kansas, communities.

The new Garden City and Liberal programs provide services to a combined 175 people and employ a staff of more than 250

people. Services include residential, habilitative, employment, transportation and recreational supports. The new southwest Kansas programs also feature a car wash, detail shop and vocational day center.

Bethphage enjoys a warm relationship with the Lutheran churches in Kansas, and is looking forward to expanding services on behalf of the Central States Synod. Kansas has traditionally been a strong donor base for Bethphage, as well.

Contributions will be greatly needed as Bethphage's new program, Advent Services, Inc., strives to become the provider of choice for people with disabilities in southwest Kansas. For more information about supporting the new Garden City and Liberal, Kansas, programs contact Hollie Lyons at (316) 275-9180.



Utah program awarded three-year accreditation

The contest to become the provider of choice in the Salt Lake State has been decided. In November of 1998, Bethphage attained an honor rarely achieved by community support providers in Utah. Bethphage, with Utah program locations in Provo, Nephi and Richfield, received an unparalleled three-year accreditation with distinction from The Council on Quality and Leadership in Supports for People with Disabilities (The Council). The Council is one of the nation's most highly recognized accreditation agencies.

The Utah program, which serves and advocates for 48 people with disabilities and employs a direct support staff of 34 people, provides residential, vocational, recreational and spiritual supports. Achievement of this programmatic pinnacle was

significant—there are only two *accredited* agencies in all of Utah!

Janeal Jacobs, executive director for Bethphage of Utah, talked about the program's accomplishment recently. How were she and her staff able to attain this honor while most statewide providers are still seeking first-time accreditation status? "We didn't accomplish it," she said. "The people we serve did."

"It's all about outcomes," Jacobs said. "The Council's outcome-based philosophy is a natural fit with Bethphage's mission statement and core values. Outcomes are integrated into everything we do in Utah."

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Christian camping partnership begins this summer

Success breeds success.

That is sure to be the case with the exciting new partnership between Bethphage and Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (NLOM), one of the nation's leading outdoor ministry organizations. Together, Bethphage and NLOM will combine their successful histories to form CROSSWALK, a Christian outdoor experience for people with disabilities scheduled to debut this summer.

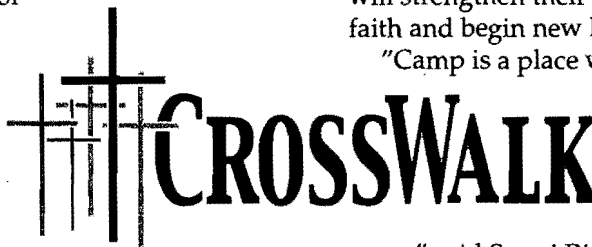
Summertime camping has long been a tradition for young and old alike, but for people with disabilities, summer camping options, particularly church camp programs, have not been widely available. Through CROSSWALK, however, people with disabilities—youth and adults—will have the chance to experience many tradi-

tional summer church camp activities such as making crafts, singing campfire songs, playing games and sharing in Bible studies. Through these experiences, the campers will strengthen their self-esteem, further develop their faith and begin new long-lasting friendships.

"Camp is a place where unique gifts can be recognized and used in new ways. It is truly an environment where we focus on ability and not disability. Campers will be accepted for who they are but challenged to

grow," said Sunni Richardson, program director for NLOM. Richardson, whose career in camping spans more than 25 years, has been working closely with Val Bond, executive director of Bethphage at Axtell, to develop the program site and camp activities that will best suit the CROSSWALK campers.

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Six Bethphage employees to travel 'Down Under'

Staff development for six Bethphage employees in the Omaha program will go a world beyond the traditional seminar this fall.

The group will travel in pairs to southwest Australia where they will work at Kirinari, a program for people with disabilities. Each pair will stay one month. The trips will occur in August, September and October.

"We're trying to increase not only the profile of our local services but also our outreach," said Leigh Remick, executive director of the Omaha program.

Remick said "Bethphage Down Under" is a way the Omaha program is enhancing services for staff and making Bethphage an employer of choice in the area.

Participants will be required to work as staff members in the host program, gather information, insights and perspectives on different ways to provide services, and

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Denise Stuart, Rosie Higgs, Shawna Clemens and Tracy Irons celebrate their upcoming trip to Australia with kangaroo Rob Polack, direct support coordinator.

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Bethphage serves more than 1,900 people with disabilities. Programs are located in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Arizona, Oregon, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Connecticut, Utah and Pennsylvania. Bethphage has expanded its services to people in Great Britain and Latvia, as well.

Bethphage, a nonprofit organization, is an affiliate of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and a member of Lutheran Services of America (LSA). Bethphage's corporate membership consists of the Division for Church in Society and 18 synods of the ELCA.

The Bethphage home office is located at the Lind Center in Omaha, Nebraska. The Lind Center is home to

the senior management team, support staff and The Bethphage Foundation. A staff of more than 70 people provides financial, operations, accounting, marketing, communication, information management, resource development and human resource services for more than 30 programs and 3,000 employees nationwide.

The Lind Center provides corporate resources for quality care and religious services for people with disabilities.

The Bethphage Foundation is responsible for raising, receiving and receipting charitable gifts for Bethphage.

Bethphage's annual operating budget is approximately \$90 million. Funding is provided by state and federal assistance as well as gift dollars.

Bethphage's services include residential settings, in-home family support,

host homes, prenatal counseling, vocational training, employment, respite care, recreation and spiritual development. Specialized programs ensure that people served will achieve their full potential and live independent lives.

Bethphage is committed to quality. Policy requires accreditation of each eligible program by The Council on Quality and Leadership in Supports for People with Disabilities (The Council) or the Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission (CARF), both nationally-recognized accreditation agencies.

Bethphage is nondenominational in service and an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Bethphage relies on charitable giving to maintain its high level of quality service and advocacy. For more information on how to make a worthy investment in the lives of people with disabilities, contact the nearest Bethphage program office or call the Lind Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

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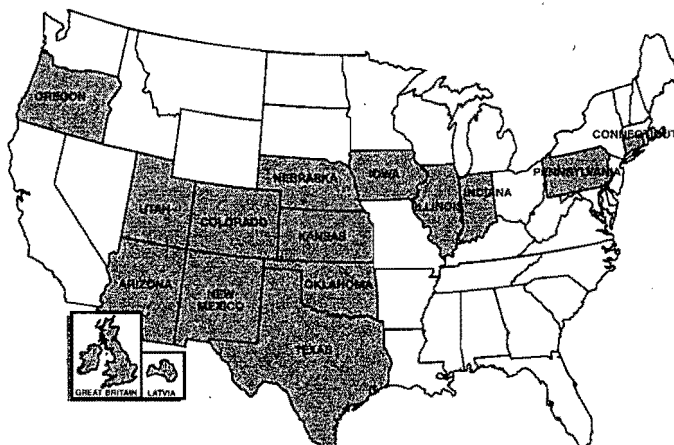
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