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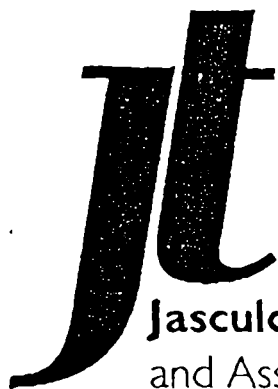
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*Here's the invite list info you
requested from Anne-Marie St-Germaine
for the CORE Center event on Aug. 31.*

Call me w/ questions at 312/573-5473

*The CAC folks would meet privately w/ President Stige
and the Vice-President.*

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**VICE PRESIDENT GORE TO JOIN COOK COUNTY BOARD PRESIDENT
JOHN STROGER TO DEDICATE NEW HEALTH FACILITY**

*The CORE Center Offers Prevention, Care and Research of HIV/AIDS
and Related Infectious Diseases Under One Roof*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 7, 1998

CHICAGO -- Vice President Al Gore will get a preview tour of a national model in outpatient health care when he joins Cook County Board President John H. Stroger and other elected officials and community activists August 31 at The CORE Center, a first-of-its-kind HIV/AIDS facility that will open its doors to the public this October. The Vice President's visit will kick off a series of events that culminate in a Grand Opening celebration on September 17.

The opening of the CORE Center marks the realization of a vision that began over five years ago when two nationally recognized Chicago hospitals came together to collaborate in their HIV/AIDS services. The public/private venture between Cook County Hospital and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center resulted in the creation of the CORE Center, a free-standing, specialized outpatient health care facility for HIV/AIDS and related infectious diseases.

A national model for HIV/AIDS treatment, the CORE Center will advance the delivery of outpatient care for people living with HIV/AIDS. The CORE Center will offer under one roof a comprehensive scope of prevention and education, treatment and research services. At the heart of the CORE Center's philosophy is providing care, security and dignity to patients and their families, taking into account the cyclical nature of the disease and the needs of patients as their conditions evolve over time.

"The CORE Center is a true demonstration of a community-based solution to an international epidemic as well as what can be accomplished when public and private interests come together," said Stroger, "We are very pleased that our efforts have been recognized as a national model, and that Vice President Gore will join us in dedicating this important facility."

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The CORE Center will provide a missing link in the health care system by offering specialized HIV/AIDS outpatient health care services as well as resource and referral services for other community-based health care providers and individuals.

Prevention, in conjunction with care and research, will be essential components of the Center's comprehensive approach to HIV/AIDS and related infectious diseases.

"The CORE Center is a prototype for the delivery of cost-effective, complex medical care in an outpatient setting," said Leo M. Henikoff, M.D., president and CEO of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. "The success of this project also provides a national model for how public and private organizations can collaborate and gain broad support to address important health care needs of the community."

In celebration of its opening, the CORE Center will host events that bring together patients, members of the community, business and civic supporters, and public officials who have been tireless champions of this important development to address a public health crisis. The events will include a Contributors' Salute on September 9 to thank the many donors and community activists who helped make the CORE Center a reality and will culminate in a Grand Opening Ceremony later in the month.

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PLAN FOR COOK COUNTY/RUSH HEALTH CENTER TO INTEGRATE DESIGN AND SERVICES TO ENHANCE THE DELIVERY OF HIV/AIDS-RELATED CARE

*Project Leaders Detail Integrated Plan As They Mount
Final Phase of Fundraising*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 4, 1996

CHICAGO -- Project leaders for the Cook County/Rush Health Center announced they are entering the final phase of fundraising and shared plans for the design and the outline of services for the Cook County/Rush Health Center, which will be built on the corner of Damen and Harrison on land leased from the County for a nominal amount on the Westside Medical Campus. Enhancing the delivery of HIV/AIDS-related care, the Center will be a first-of-its-kind, free-standing, specialized outpatient health care facility that combines the resources of Illinois' largest private and public hospitals for the prevention, care and research of HIV/AIDS and other related communicable diseases that affect men, women and children throughout the metropolitan area.

The plan is the culmination of a focused team effort that has involved collaboration between HIV/AIDS patients, architects, doctors, nurses, other health care professionals, community members, representatives from the business community and government officials to come up with a functional building design that is fully integrated with the services provided at the facility. It will provide a system of specialized health care and an array of support services for community-based health care providers to improve the care of persons with HIV or related communicable diseases who do not need to be hospitalized. The Center has been designed to efficiently meet the needs of all who will make use of it -- doctors, nurses, social workers, researchers, health educators and, most important, the patients.

"This facility is designed to treat the whole patient, and not just the disease," said Christie Hefner, CEO of Playboy Enterprises and Chairman of the Cook County/Rush Health Center Project Board. "As people continue to live longer with HIV/AIDS thanks to new advances in drug therapy, the demand for care, particularly in terms of outpatient services, continues to increase as well. This Center will provide that care, while at the same time providing access to clinical trials and emphasizing the importance of prevention and education in combating this epidemic, as well as other communicable diseases."

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The Cook County/Rush Health Center is the result of a public-private collaboration between the Cook County Bureau of Health Services and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. By combining the resources and expertise of Cook County and Rush, the Center will provide a way for them to build on each other's strengths and expand the services provided.

"The Cook County/Rush Health Center will allow the Cook County Bureau of Health Services to streamline the services at the new Cook County Hospital, while improving outpatient care available to HIV/AIDS patients," said John Stroger, Cook County Board President. "This will replace costly, disruptive and unnecessary hospitalizations, saving Cook County taxpayers nearly \$6 million a year."

With a full range of services available for the first time in a centralized location, the Center will provide a missing link in the public health system. The Center will emphasize prevention and education, linked to community-based care, as a critical element in the control and treatment of HIV/AIDS. In addition to offering an array of direct services, the Center will be a resource and referral site for the growing network of public and private health care providers, particularly those serving people with HIV/AIDS. The Center will help community clinics and health centers serve clients more efficiently, avoiding costly duplication of services.

"The number of people with HIV/AIDS has reached such a high level at Cook County Hospital's outpatient clinic that there simply is not enough room to accommodate them," said Ruth Rothstein, Chief, Cook County Bureau of Health Services. "The surroundings are inadequate and the demand for care continues to escalate."

"The situation at Rush is nearly the same and patients now must go to a variety of locations to receive different treatments," added Leo Henikoff, M.D., President and CEO of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. "This Center will fill a tremendous need in the health care system."

The new 60,000 square foot Center will boast many times the space now available for HIV/AIDS services at Cook County and Rush combined. When designing the space, architects at Chicago-based firm Perkins and Will sought input from people with HIV/AIDS, doctors, health educators and social workers to ensure that the facility would serve its patients and clients most effectively.

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The design of the Center is meant to provide a sense of security and dignity to patients and families. Interior and exterior layouts have been developed with a focus on patient comfort and ease of use by patients and staff. The facility's design also takes into account the cyclical nature of the disease and the needs of patients as their condition changes.

Key design features include:

- Graduated levels of care on each ascending floor of the four-floor facility, moving from education, prevention and screening programs on the first floor to treatment areas for the most seriously ill patients on the fourth floor
- Multifunctional space throughout the building so that clinical and administrative areas can be easily reconfigured to adjust to the development of new modes of treatment
- Medical care services which are integrated with essential support services, such as child care, mental health and case management, and integrated with research in new treatments
- Specialized space and programs for adolescents; for people with chemical dependency; and for women, children and families with HIV
- Easily accessible elevators, doors and restrooms; service locations strategically laid out so that patients do not feel "bounced around" or disoriented when they go to receive treatment; and intimate waiting areas for patients needing time alone
- A resource center library and classrooms to enhance the effectiveness of prevention and education programs

Other features will include a multi-story lobby and central atrium, indoor and outdoor landscaped areas, rest areas in corridors, exam rooms, counseling areas, a children's playroom, a research module and administrative space.

Prevention and education are essential components of the Center's comprehensive approach to the care of HIV/AIDS and other related communicable diseases. The Center's programs will include training programs for health care workers; targeted programs for people at risk, including women, children and minorities; HIV counseling and testing; and bilingual community forums to extend the reach of the Center's prevention and education programs.

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The Center will also revolutionize outpatient treatment in terms of HIV-related care. The Center will provide comprehensive services in a single location for individuals and families confronting HIV and other related communicable diseases, including: primary care; infusion services; dental care; pediatrics; pharmacy; specialty consultations in obstetrics, gynecology and psychology; case management (i.e. referrals for legal and financial services, in-home nursing care, hospice care, etc.); complementary therapies such as massage and acupuncture; mental health services; chemical dependency treatment; and nutritional services.

Recent breakthroughs in drug therapies give reason to be hopeful for the successful treatment of HIV/AIDS now and in the future. The Center will carry out critical research to continue the search for a cure, as well as develop new treatments that will help prolong the comfortable and functional lives of HIV/AIDS patients.

The project was first announced in January 1994 by former Cook County Board President Richard J. Phelan. Since then, with the 10-member CORE Foundation Board of Directors overseeing the project, Hefner has led the fundraising campaign, with the support of a 60-member Project Board. The CORE Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation made up of two principal entities -- Cook County government and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center Corporation.

Fundraising is now entering its final phase. With 80% of its \$25 million cost committed, groundbreaking is planned for next spring and opening scheduled for June 1998. The project has enjoyed bipartisan support. It recently received a \$9.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and a \$1 million grant from the State of Illinois. This brings contributions to \$15.8 million from federal and state sources and \$4.2 million from the private sector.

"We're quite pleased with the bipartisan support we've received at the state and federal level," said Hefner. "This public/private venture is a prototype for national health care initiatives looking to eliminate duplication and promote collaboration."

In addition to public sector support, the Center has received support from more than 30 local corporations and foundations including leadership gifts from the following corporations: Aon Corporation; Baxter International, Inc.; First Chicago Corporation; Glaxo Wellcome Inc.; Harris Bank; Morton International; Sears Roebuck and Company; and Unicom Corporation. Fundraising for the balance of \$5 million from both public and private sources will occur over the next eight months.

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Outline of Services

The Cook County/Rush Health Center will be a first-of-its-kind, free-standing, specialized outpatient health care facility combining the resources of Illinois' largest private and public hospitals for the prevention, care and research of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and other related communicable diseases that affect men, women and children throughout the metropolitan area. The Center will provide a missing link in the public health system -- an outpatient specialty care center that offers an array of services to individuals and the growing network of public and private community-based providers.

Prevention, care and research are essential components of the Center's comprehensive approach to HIV/AIDS. All three are critical to controlling the spread and containing the cost of this epidemic.

Prevention and Education

- The Center will emphasize prevention and education, linked to community care, as a critical element in the control of HIV/AIDS.
- This includes training programs for physicians, nurses and other health care workers in the care and treatment of HIV and HIV-related communicable diseases.
- Education programs will be targeted to people at risk, including -- but not limited to -- women, injection drug users, adolescents and minorities.
- HIV counseling and testing will be stressed throughout the Center's educational and prevention instruction and will be available on-site.
- Bilingual community forums will extend the reach of the Center's prevention and education programs to people of varied ethnic backgrounds.
- A resource center library and classrooms will allow the Center to enhance the effectiveness of its prevention and education programs.

Specialized Outpatient Care

- The Center will permit the expansion of comprehensive outpatient care for HIV/AIDS patients throughout the Chicago metropolitan area to replace more costly and unnecessary hospitalization, in keeping with national health care trends.
- Clinical services will include:
 - primary care
 - infusion/observation center
 - screening clinic

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- This collaboration between Rush and Cook County Hospital will allow them to build on each other's strengths and expand their on-site services to include programs that are not currently available in a centralized location at their existing facilities, such as:
 - dental care
 - adolescent counseling
 - pediatric services
 - pharmacy
 - diagnostic testing
- The Center will also continue to look beyond the mere treatment of the disease and its symptoms to offer support services that treat the whole person and help them to maintain a functional and comfortable quality of life. These include:
 - case management (i.e. referrals for legal and financial services, in-home nursing care or hospice care)
 - coordinated services for women and children
 - complementary therapies, such as massage and acupuncture
 - mental health services
 - chemical dependency treatment
 - nutritional services

Clinical Research:

- Recent breakthroughs in drug therapies give reason to be hopeful for the successful treatment of HIV/AIDS now and in the future. But we are still far from a cure. The Cook County/Rush Health Center will carry out important research to continue the search for a cure, as well as to develop new treatments that will help prolong the comfortable and functional life of HIV/AIDS patients.
- The Center will:
 - Pursue scientific understanding of HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases to contribute to their cure
 - Research HIV chronic disease management and prevention strategies
 - Investigate new treatments and vaccines, such as combination anti-viral therapies, through clinical trials
 - Evaluate systems for managing communicable diseases, especially within high-risk groups
 - Assess effective uses for complementary treatments, such as massage and acupuncture

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Questions and Answers

What is the Cook County/Rush Health Center?

The Cook County/Rush Health Center project is a public-private collaboration between the Cook County Bureau of Health Services and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center to build and operate a major new outpatient facility to combat HIV/AIDS and other related communicable diseases. It is a true demonstration of a community-based solution to an international epidemic.

The Center's mission is three-pronged. It will focus on prevention through education, counseling and testing; specialized outpatient care, working closely with community-based providers; and clinical research.

Why do we need such a Center?

While there is legitimate reason to be hopeful that new advances in drug therapy can make HIV/AIDS a manageable chronic disease, we are still far from a cure. And as people continue to live longer with HIV/AIDS thanks to new advances in drug therapy, the demand for care, particularly in terms of outpatient services, continues to increase as well.

The communicable disease epidemic is taking its toll in Chicago. For the period 1992-1994 (the most recent year available), AIDS was the leading cause of death for people ages 25-44 and the sixth leading cause of death for all ages. In 1994, AIDS was more deadly when compared to infant mortality and homicide by firearms.

Clearly there is a need for ongoing, comprehensive care for people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. Yet, while the number of people with HIV/AIDS and related communicable diseases, such as tuberculosis, continues to rise nationally and locally, existing facilities don't have the space or aren't fully equipped to provide treatment and support services adequately or comprehensively. The number of people with HIV/AIDS has reached such a high level at Cook County Hospital's outpatient clinics that there simply isn't enough space; the surroundings are inadequate; and demand is escalating. In addition, Rush is at near capacity.

In the past few years, outpatient care has gained a lot of attention as a way to streamline cost without compromising service. The Center will revolutionize this concept in terms of HIV/AIDS care by providing a comprehensive system of specialized outpatient care for people with HIV/AIDS and other related communicable

diseases. With this focus, it will provide a missing link in the formation of a system of specialized health care and an array of support services for community-based health care providers to improve the care of persons with HIV or related communicable diseases who do not need to be hospitalized. The Center, which will boast almost 15 times the space currently available at Cook County Hospital and Rush combined, will help maintain the quality of life for these people and ease the demand on our already over-burdened health care facilities.

What is the CORE Foundation?

The CORE Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation made up of two principal entities - Cook County government and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center Corporation. It is run by a 10-member board of directors that includes representatives from the Cook County Bureau of Health Services and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center as well as members of the business and civic community.

The Foundation will lease the land to design and build the facility for a nominal fee from the County. The Foundation will then lease the Center itself to the Cook County Bureau of Health Services, which will operate it with medical services supplemented by Rush. The County will move its existing HIV/AIDS-related outpatient clinics in their entirety to the new Center, and Rush will expand their outpatient capacity by referring or transferring their patients to the Center.

How will treatment and support services provided by the Center differ from what is currently available for patients with HIV/AIDS and related diseases?

The Cook County/Rush Health Center will be the first of its kind in the country, given the comprehensive scope of prevention, treatment and research services it will offer. The Center will provide a missing link in the health care system -- a system of specialized HIV/AIDS outpatient health care and an array of support services for community-based health care providers and individuals. Prevention, in conjunction with care and research, will be essential components of the Center's comprehensive approach to HIV/AIDS. All three are critical to controlling the spread and containing the cost of this epidemic.

With its emphasis on outpatient care, the Cook County/Rush Health Center will transform the delivery of care for people with HIV/AIDS and other related communicable diseases by providing, in a single location, specialized outpatient care, access to clinical research trials and support services that may not be available through community-based care. The Center will allow patients to be treated in an ambulatory setting who now are often admitted to the hospital for the same services.

The ability to provide specialized outpatient care will reduce unnecessary, disruptive and costly hospitalizations.

The Center will be a *resource and referral site* for the growing network of public and private health care providers serving people with HIV/AIDS. It will supplement services for the many primary care providers currently providing this community-based care, helping them serve clients more efficiently and effectively and avoiding costly duplication of services. For example, if an HIV-positive patient develops HIV-related pneumonia, the community provider can refer the patient to the Center to ensure a definitive diagnosis and, when necessary, specialized care. After consultation at the Center, most patients will be referred back to their primary care provider.

Where will the Center be located?

The Center will be located on a parcel of land on the Westside Medical Center Campus, at the northwest corner of Damen and Harrison. The current HIV clinics at Cook County Hospital will relocate in their entirety to the new facility, and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's will expand their services into the new Center.

This location is ideal because it is central to Cook County Hospital's and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's HIV/AIDS patient populations. In addition, the highly specialized services that the Center will provide makes it imperative that it be near both hospitals to ensure easy access to important resources and personnel.

Why are Cook County Hospital and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center especially qualified to develop and operate the Center?

Cook County's existing HIV Primary Care Clinic has a strong record of prevention, care and research on HIV/AIDS. Over the last 12 years, Cook County Hospital's outpatient HIV clinics have cared for approximately 30 percent of the HIV population receiving care in the Chicago area, and the hospital is the largest single provider to people with HIV in the state. Cook County Hospital's outpatient HIV clinics also care for approximately 75 percent of the area's infected women and about 30 percent of infected children, the most rapidly growing groups infected with the disease.

Rush is both a major provider of HIV services and a leader in both clinical and basic HIV-related research. The Infectious Disease Section at Rush has been nationally recognized for its HIV treatment program since it was created in 1983.

In addition, the geographic proximity between Cook County and Rush is conducive to an effective partnership as it will enable the two institutions to build on each other's strengths, expand services provided on-site, and eliminate wasteful and costly duplication of services.

How does the Center fit in with Cook County's reorganization of its health care plans?

The Cook County Bureau of Health Services is in the midst of developing an extensive system of community-based primary care facilities to expand its current capacity. To that end, it has re-opened Provident Hospital on the South Side of Chicago. It also plans to build a new, streamlined Cook County Hospital on the Westside Medical Center Campus.

The new, downsized Cook County Hospital will not have enough beds to treat the one in ten Cook County Hospital patients with HIV/AIDS. The Bureau has recognized the need to reorganize the health care system to deal with diseases like HIV/AIDS more efficiently and effectively. Patients who do not need to be treated in the hospital must have effective alternatives. The Cook County/Rush Health Center will allow the Bureau to streamline the services at the new Cook County Hospital, while improving outpatient care available to HIV/AIDS patients. Under the Bureau's new system, these patients will receive the specialized treatment and support services they need.

What role will the Center play in national health care reform?

National health care reform has placed a major emphasis on increased outpatient care and prevention through education. Yet effective, comprehensive outpatient services for people with HIV/AIDS are lacking.

The Center will provide a missing resource in the outpatient treatment of patients with HIV/AIDS. This public/private venture will be a prototype for national health care initiatives looking to eliminate duplication, promote collaboration and streamline community-based care. The Center will also emphasize prevention as a key element in combating the disease.

Won't the Center compete with other providers for funding?

From the outset of the project, Cook County Hospital and Rush have worked hard to broaden the base of funding by approaching new funding sources among the private sector, foundations and the federal government for the capital support needed to build the \$25 million facility.

These efforts to "break new ground" have proven successful. The project just received an earmarked \$9.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and a \$1 million grant from the State of Illinois. Approximately 80% of the \$25 million cost has been committed - \$15.8 million from federal and state sources, \$4.2 million from the private sector. Fundraising for the balance of \$5 million from both public and private sources will take place over the next eight months.

The Center will serve other providers as a community-wide resource and will encourage collaboration with these other providers in seeking new funding for innovative, joint programs. By functioning as a resource and referral center, it will supplement the services of existing community-based providers.

What happens to the Center if a cure for AIDS is discovered?

It must be stressed, as it was at the recent 11th International Conference on AIDS in Vancouver, Canada this year, that a cure for AIDS has not yet been found. There is reason to be hopeful, but that optimism must be tempered with the knowledge that preventative and ambulatory care for persons with HIV/AIDS is as critical now as ever. Centers like this one will ensure that this care is offered to all who need it.

Of approximately 34,000 people infected with HIV in the Chicago metropolitan area, it is estimated that nearly two thirds are not currently receiving care. This vast reservoir of patients will require specialized care over many years, even if a cure is found.

In addition, it is estimated that there is a deficit of two-million ambulatory care visits in Cook County. If a cure is found for AIDS, the Center could be integrated into the Cook County Bureau of Health Services' ambulatory services delivery system to help relieve some of the system overload, serving a variety of patients in addition to those with HIV/AIDS.

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Fact Sheet

- The Cook County/Rush Health Center will be a first-of-its-kind, free-standing, specialized outpatient health care facility combining resources of Illinois' largest private and public hospitals for the prevention, care and research of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and other related communicable diseases that affect men, women and children throughout the metropolitan area.
- The Cook County/Rush Health Center will provide comprehensive services in a single location for individuals and families confronting HIV and other related communicable diseases, including: primary care; dental care; pediatrics; pharmacy; infusion services; specialty consultations in obstetrics, gynecology and psychology; mental health services; legal and financial services; chemical dependency treatment; complementary therapies such as massage and acupuncture; case management (i.e. referrals for in-home nursing care, hospice care, etc.); and nutritional services.
- The four story, 60,000 square-foot building will have almost 15 times the space now available for HIV/AIDS services at Cook County Hospital and Rush combined. Designed by architecture firm Perkins & Will, the Center will be built on the West Side Medical Campus on land leased from the County for a nominal amount.
- In addition to direct services, the new Center will be a resource and referral hub for the growing network of public and private community-based health care providers that serve HIV/AIDS patients and families. The Center will act as a missing link in the health care system -- specializing in HIV/AIDS outpatient health care services.
- The number of people with HIV/AIDS has reached such a high level at Cook County Hospital's outpatient clinics that there simply isn't enough space; the surroundings are inadequate; and demand for care is escalating. In addition, Rush is at near outpatient capacity in serving people with HIV/AIDS.
- As a national model for a community-based approach to the AIDS epidemic -- the new Center will transform the delivery of care as well as significantly advance research and education efforts for people with HIV/AIDS, not only in Chicago, but for the entire nation.
- The Center fits in with national health care reform and the redesign of Cook County health services by reducing unnecessary, disruptive and costly hospitalizations. This public/private venture will be a prototype for national health care initiatives looking to eliminate duplication and promote collaboration.

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- In addition to support from more than 30 local corporations and foundations, the project recently received a \$9.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and a \$1 million grant from the State of Illinois. The project has enjoyed bipartisan support and 80% of the \$25 million cost of the Center has been committed - \$15.8 million from federal and state sources, \$4.2 million from the private sector. Fundraising for the balance of \$5 million from both public and private sources will occur over the next eight months.
- In addition to the host of private and public donors, the project is supported by Illinois elected officials and a blue-ribbon Project Board composed of business, civic, government and community leaders.
- The project is also supported by the Community Action Committee (CAC), a 25-member group representing 14 different populations affected by HIV/AIDS. The Community Action Committee's mission is "to provide the community with a voice in the planning process, and also disseminate information about the Center to ensure that the Center's program is consistent with community needs."
- When announced in 1994, the project was strongly endorsed by editorial boards of *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, and *Craie's Chicago Business* as "exactly the kind of public-private effort that will be needed if the Chicago region is to cope with the AIDS epidemic."

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Project Milestones

- **January 1994** -- Former Cook County Board President Richard J. Phelan in conjunction with Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center announces plans for a landmark facility for the prevention, care and treatment of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and related communicable diseases.
- **April 1994** -- First meeting of the Project Board, a group of civic and business leaders created to help build awareness of the facility and participate in fundraising efforts.
- **July 1994** -- First meeting of the Community Action Committee (CAC), a 25-member group representing 14 different populations affected by HIV/AIDS. The Community Action Committee's mission is "to provide the community with a voice in the planning process, and also disseminate information about the Center to ensure that the Center's program is consistent with community needs."
- **July 1994** -- Formation of the CORE Foundation. The CORE Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation that was made up of two members - Cook County government and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center Corporation. The Foundation is overseeing design and construction of the building and will own the facility when it is completed.
- **July 1994** -- First public sector commitment made. The State of Illinois makes pledge to commit \$3 million to the project.
- **November 1994** -- Chicago architecture firm Perkins & Will is hired to design the project and to ensure that the design and construction of the Center are compatible with its objectives.
- **November 1994** -- The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development commits \$2 million to the project.
- **June 1995** -- Final plans were approved to build a four-story, 60,000 square-foot facility. The new facility will have almost 15 times the space currently available for HIV-related services at Cook County Hospital and Rush combined. It will help maintain the quality of life for HIV/AIDS patients and ease the demand on already over-burdened health care facilities at Cook County Hospital and Rush.

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- **June 1995** -- Initial private funding commitments top \$1.4 million.
- **July 1995** -- The 10-member CORE Foundation Board of Directors is appointed by Cook County Board President John Stroger and Leo M. Henikoff, M.D., President and CEO of Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center. Directors are appointed for three-year terms.
- **January 1996** -- Private funding commitments top \$2.5 million.
- **April 1996** -- Project receives a \$9.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- **May 1996** -- The State of Illinois contributes an additional \$1 million to the project.
- **August 1996** -- Private and public funding commitments exceed \$20 million.
- **December 1996** -- Final design to be approved for the facility.
- **March 1997** -- Scheduled groundbreaking for the start of construction of the facility.
- **June 1998** -- Scheduled completion of construction and opening of the Cook County/Rush Health Center.

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What People Are Saying about the Cook County/Rush Health Center:

"The Center is nationally significant as a well-conceived, first-of-a-kind facility that other areas can choose to replicate."

**Donna Shalala, Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

"In its short but lethal history, AIDS has become a powerful equalizer in our world, striking young and old alike, without regard to nationality, income or background. The terrible reality is that specialized health care facilities are now needed to provide services for the specific requirements of AIDS patients throughout the United States and the world."

**Jocelyn L. Frederick and Tama Duffy
Perkins & Will**

"I am showing the two sides of AIDS -- I am living with AIDS and I am also dying of AIDS. Unless we can stop the track of death, we have to deal with that. The Cook County/Rush Health Center will do that by looking beyond the mere treatment of the disease and its symptoms to offer support services that treat the whole person and help them maintain a functional and comfortable quality of life. This Center will treat not just the disease, but the person living with that disease."

**Rae Lewis-Thornton, Consumer
Cook County Hospital Women and Children's HIV/AIDS Program**

"Funding for this facility is an essential investment in the public health infrastructure of the State of Illinois."

**The Honorable Carol Moseley-Braun
United States Senate**

"We support the Cook County/Rush Health Center because it will provide efficient and cost-effective delivery of services for HIV/AIDS patients and people at risk for HIV-related illnesses. The Center is another example of Chicago setting a standard for the rest of the nation to follow, in the form of a public-private collaboration that will improve the quality of life for patients and their families."

**James O'Connor, Chairman
Unicom Corporation**

"In an era of budget constraints, we have found a way to make this important project of national impact happen.... This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the quality of people's lives."

**The Honorable John Edward Porter
United States House of Representatives**

"The Center shouldn't be viewed as THE answer, but rather as one of the concrete solutions to the vast needs of the HIV/AIDS community. This partnership between Cook County Hospital and Rush will benefit those who have depended on these institutions in the past, and provide an opportunity for those who today receive minimal or no treatment."

Greg Lindeman, AIDS activist

"HIV/AIDS patients need to have a better and easier way to access social and support services. Both Inpatients and outpatients will benefit from the many services the Cook County/Rush Health Center will offer, especially complementary therapies, pharmacy, prevention and social services."

**David Ahlborn, Consumer
Rush Infectious Disease Clinic**

"The Polk Bros. Foundation is proud to be involved with a project that will have such a great impact on the Chicago population most in need of resources for dealing with the devastation of HIV/AIDS. We are also proud to be part of an initiative that focuses efforts not just on treatment, but emphasizes prevention and education as well."

**Sandra Polk Guthman, President and CEO
Polk Bros. Foundation**

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