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Children's Memorial Foundation



Enclosed are duplicate materials that were sent last month & somehow did not reach your office. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

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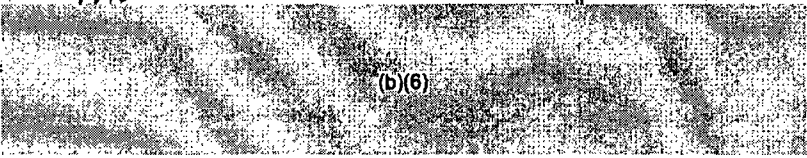
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EVENT	Children's Trust Award Presentation
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March 26, 1997

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A Member of the
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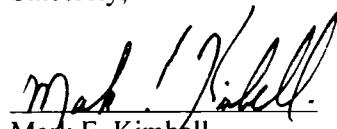
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President

The Children's Trust Award

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PURPOSE

To highlight innovative and creative solutions that address complex problems facing young people.

To emphasize the potential for synergy that exists among individuals and organizations advocating for children on a local and national basis.

To showcase the impact made by experts at Children's Memorial Medical Center and other notable organizations who have dedicated their careers to helping children reach their full potential.

To publicly reaffirm a shared commitment to protecting and nurturing our world's most precious resource - - our children.

RECIPIENTS

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First Lady Nancy Reagan accepted the first Children's Trust Award in 1989 for her "Just Say No to Drugs" Campaign.

As new names are added to the roster of distinguished award recipients, we will have created a visible sign that children have truly become a worldwide priority.

1997 Event Logistics

1997 Children's Trust Award
"Celebrating Children's Dreams"

Tuesday Evening
June 24, 1997
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Harold Washington Library, Wintergarden
Chicago, Illinois

Honoring former Surgeon General, C. Everett Koop, M.D., Sc.D.
and Fred McFeely Rogers of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*

PROGRAM

The event will celebrate children's potential, honor the award recipients and highlight the commitment that our community has made in support of young people.

The program for the event will include a number of live and video presentations defining the significance of the award, honoring the recipients and emphasizing the importance of a continued commitment to children.

The award presenters will be recognized local and national advocates for children.

Entertainment will be provided by well known multi-cultural children's performance groups.

This is a community event that is expected to attract more than 400 guests from Chicago's civic, corporate and philanthropic communities.

DR. C. EVERETT KOOP

Vision

Dr. Koop's reputation as one of the most outspoken surgeon generals in U.S. history derives largely from his unwavering commitment to educating policy makers and citizens alike on issues ranging from smoking to AIDS to nutrition.

By the end of his tenure as U.S. surgeon general, he presided over the largest decrease in smoking by Americans in any ten-year period on record.

Dr. Koop has undertaken a forthright approach to educating young people about the spread of diseases like AIDS and the dangers of smoking and drugs.

Since his retirement as the U.S. surgeon general, Dr. Koop has devoted much time to his lifelong passion; the marriage of health and education.

As chairman of the Safe Kids Campaign, Dr. Koop advocates for education on the prevention of unintentional childhood injury.

Dr. Koop works closely with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which focuses on ways to ensure that all American children come to school physically and mentally ready to learn.

Dr. Koop serves as an international advisor to AIDS Care Education and Training (in the U.K.)

Accomplishments

Dr. Koop served as U.S. surgeon general from 1981 to 1989. Prior to his involvement with the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. Koop was a pediatric surgeon with an international reputation, serving as surgeon and chief of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia from 1948 until 1981.

Dr. Koop is the author of more than 230 articles and books on the practice of medicine and surgery, biomedical ethics and health policy.

He was awarded an Emmy in 1991 for his five-part series on health care reform. Two of the shows in that series were awarded Freddies.

Dr. Koop is the recipient of numerous international honors and awards including 37 honorary doctorates. He was awarded honors by both the British Association of Pediatric Surgeons and the American Academy of Pediatrics in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of pediatric surgery.

The Dominican Republic awarded Dr. Koop with their highest award, The Order of the Duarte, Sanchez, and Mella, for his achievement in separating conjoined Dominican twins.

During his tenure as surgeon general, Dr. Koop was awarded the Public Health Service Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of his extraordinary leadership of the U.S. Public Health Service. After his retirement, he was presented with the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal and the Surgeon General's Medallion. In September 1995, Dr. Koop was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

"Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation."

MR. FRED M. ROGERS

Vision

Mr. Rogers has demonstrated tremendous dedication and concern for developing children's emotional health.

Through his daily program, *Mister Rogers Neighborhood*, Mr. Rogers aims to strengthen children's self-esteem and lay a strong foundation for whom they will become.

Mr. Rogers promotes timeless values that are universally important to children and their families: the need for learning self-esteem, self-control, developing imagination, persistence, tolerance, cooperation, appreciation of diversity, creativity and the ability to deal with their feelings.

Mr. Rogers' goal is to build values that enable families (and whole societies) to nurture their children and help them grow.

Accomplishments

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood is the longest running program on PBS (first broadcast in 1968) and is seen in approximately eight million households.

In addition to a George Foster Peabody award and three Emmys, Fred Rogers has received virtually every major award in children's television, and dozens of others from special-interest groups in education, communication and early childhood.

More than 30 colleges and universities have awarded honorary degrees to Fred Rogers, including Yale University, Hobart and William Smith, Rollins College (his alma mater) and Boston University.

Some of Fred Rogers non-broadcast projects include *Mister Rogers Talks with Parents*, which was named one of the top ten books by PEOPLE magazine when published in 1983.

Mr. Rogers has written a series of ten children's books entitled *First Experience*, dealing with such subjects as a new sibling, moving, day care and going to the doctor.

Mr. Rogers partnered with the American Cancer Society to create videotapes and books for children who are battling cancer.

Recent projects include videotapes and books written for children in who are dealing with divorce or adoption or who are living in domestic violence shelters.

"Through television we have a great chance to show and tell our children that they really matter, even when they're very little....We have a chance to communicate the fact that childhood lies at the very basis of what people are and what they become."

The Children's Memorial Medical Center Chicago, Illinois

HISTORY

The Children's Memorial Hospital was founded in 1882 by Julia Foster Porter in memory of her son, Maurice, who died of acute rheumatism at the age of 13. Recognizing that children need specialized medical care, Porter opened a hospital for children in a cottage on the corner of Belden and Halsted streets--two blocks from the present hospital site. She named it the Maurice Porter Memorial Hospital. In 1904, the name was changed to Children's Memorial Hospital. A year later, the facility moved to its present location at the corner of Lincoln, Fullerton and Halsted streets in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood. Since then, Children's has grown into a nationally-known medical center and pediatric health care delivery system. Children's is one of the top six pediatric hospitals in the country, according to physicians surveyed nationwide by U.S. News and World Report. Children's offers every pediatric specialty and sub-specialty in a variety of convenient settings.

AFFILIATIONS

Children's physicians are faculty members at Northwestern University Medical School. Children's Memorial is a member of Northwestern Healthcare, one of the region's leading health care systems with more than 4,000 affiliated physicians and nine institutions that deliver comprehensive and cost-effective health care solutions to consumers, employers and insurers.

VISION

The Children's Memorial Medical Center (CMMC) is guided by the belief that all children need to grow up in a protective and nurturing environment, where each child is given the opportunity to reach his or her potential. We believe this vision can provide a brighter future for all children.

Our vision is inspired by the courage of children and families. It is sustained by the extraordinary contributions of compassionate, knowledgeable, and dedicated staff and volunteers, and built upon a strong tradition started in 1882 of providing unsurpassed health care for children.

MISSION

Children's is dedicated to the health and well-being of all children. As the pediatric training facility of Northwestern University Medical School and a founding member of the Northwestern Healthcare, this commitment drives us to be a leader in:

- Pediatric health care delivery;
- Research into the prevention, causes and treatment of diseases that affect children;
- Education for physicians, nurses and allied health professionals; and
- Advocacy for the general well-being of all children.

As a charitable organization, we serve children and their families to the best of our abilities and the limits of our resources.



Children's Memorial
Hospital

SERVICES

Allergy, Anesthesia, Audiology, Cardiology, Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgery, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Clinical Nutrition, Critical Care, Dentistry, Dermatology, Emergency Pediatrics, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Genetics, General Academic Pediatrics, Hematology/Oncology, Immunology/Rheumatology, Infectious Disease, Neonatology, Nephrology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology, Organ Transplantation, Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, Pathology, Pediatric Surgery, Phenylketonuria (PKU), Physical/Occupational Therapy, Plastic Surgery, Pulmonary Medicine, Radiology and Urology.

- Children's is the major pediatric cardiac diagnostic, treatment and research facility in the Midwest. In 1988, Children's performed its first heart transplant.
- Children's is a major center for pediatric surgery including organ transplants, reconstructive surgery, craniofacial surgery, orthopedic surgery and neurosurgery.
- Children's treats 70 percent of all children with leukemia and solid tumors in Chicago and its six-county area.
- Children's is one of the nation's largest centers for the treatment and study of spina bifida, the most common crippling birth defect.
- Children's is a Level III perinatal center in a statewide network--the highest level possible. This means that Children's can accommodate and treat the most critically ill infants on a 24-hour basis.
- Children's is a designated center for the diagnosis and treatment of cystic fibrosis, the most common fatal genetic disease in the United States.
- Children's is a referral and surgical center for children with congenital and acquired hearing loss, including cochlear implantation for profoundly deaf children.
- Children's is an international referral center for the diagnosis and treatment of orthopedic problems including scoliosis, hip dysplasia and congenital club foot.
- Children's has an 18-bed inpatient child psychiatry unit, a partial hospitalization program, a psychiatric home health nursing program and a unique therapeutic day school to help restore balance in the lives of troubled youths.

APPOINTMENTS

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-KIDS DOC, Children's appointment and referral line at (800) 543-7362.

FAMILY-CENTERED CARE

The professionals at Children's believe that a multi-disciplinary approach toward treating children and the family are the best tools to meet a child's overall health and emotional needs. Staff members from Pastoral Care, Child Life, Social Work and other areas contribute to patients' and families' overall well-being during a child's hospitalization.

CM HealthCare Resources, Inc. (CMHR)

The home health subsidiary of Children's provides a complete continuum of home nursing, rehabilitation and infusion services. Specialty programs include neonatology, hematology/oncology, asthma and cardiology. Rehabilitation services also are offered at six Pediatric Place sites throughout the Chicago area. In Westchester, CM HealthCare operates the PEP Center, Chicago's only medical day care center for children. Licensed to deliver care to patients in the seven-county Chicago area, CMHR annually services 5,000 new patients. CMHR's home office is located in Deerfield. (847) 945-CMHR.

OTHER CHILDREN'S SERVICE LOCATIONS

Westchester

Children's Outpatient Services at Westchester

A pediatric outpatient diagnostic, treatment and surgical center in west suburban Westchester offers a wide range of pediatric specialty services, including audiology and physical therapy. A 23-hour stay unit enables children who need longer observation and extra care after operations to stay at the facility.

Glenview

Children's Outpatient Services at Glenbrook Hospital

Located on the campus of Glenbrook Hospital in Glenview, Children's Outpatient Services at Glenbrook offers a wide range of pediatric specialty services, including audiology.

Joliet

Children's Outpatient Services at Silver Cross

Located on the campus of Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet, Children's Outpatient Services at Silver Cross currently offers more than 10 pediatric specialties.

Chicago

Children's Primary Care Services Uptown

Children's provides preventive, well-child and acute care services to children in the Uptown community at a facility located in the Sun Centre at 4867 N. Broadway.

Arlington Heights

Northwest Community Hospital Affiliation

Children's physicians staff the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and provide 24-hour pediatric consultation for inpatient services and the Emergency Room at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights. A few specialty services also are provided by Children's at the Arlington Heights campus.

SUBSIDIARIES

The Children's Memorial Institute for Education and Research (CMIER)

A research enterprise devoted exclusively to the prevention and investigation of pediatric illnesses and injuries is housed in a 70,000 square-foot building two blocks north of the main hospital.

Children's Memorial Foundation

(773) 880-4237

The Foundation raises funds to maintain and expand Children's programs and services and in so doing, increases awareness for the needs of the medical center and for children's health in general. It accomplishes these goals by cultivating relationships with individuals, corporations and foundations seeking to fulfill their own philanthropic objectives and by hosting various benefits. The Foundation currently works with over 30 fund-raising affiliates and the following groups:

- The Woman's Board raises over \$2 million annually. Achievements include the establishment of endowments to support patient care and to help families who are unable to pay for their child's care, as well as support for initiatives in hematology/oncology.
- The Medical Research Institute Council (MRIC), which has been fund raising in Chicago since 1959, has been exclusively affiliated with Children's since 1991. Since then, they have invested over \$4.5 million in CMIER. The MRIC's annual fund raising total exceeds \$1 million.
- The Children's Service Board has raised over \$2.25 million since 1986. They have completed a \$1 million pledge to endow Children's Emergency Transport Program and are currently committed to supporting Children's child advocacy initiatives.
- The Children's Miracle Network Telethon, an annual nation-wide telethon for children's hospitals, garners more than \$2.5 million each year for Children's.

Park West Realty

This is a real estate holding corporation. Children's holds title to residential rental properties and other properties. (773) 880-4227.

STRUCTURE

The Children's Memorial Medical Center, The Children's Memorial Hospital and each subsidiary is operated by a Board of Directors. The 150-member Woman's Board is involved in philanthropy and operations. Approximately 1,700 non-medical employees serve Children's, along with about 170 hospital-based physicians (and 570 community-based), 130 residents, 800 nurses and 1,000 volunteers.

PATIENT STATISTICS

More than 230,000 outpatient visits are made to Children's each year, more than 11,000 surgeries are performed and almost 11,000 patients are admitted. Children's treats patients from all over the Midwest, many of whom are transferred via helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft. Some patients from foreign countries seek the expertise of professionals at Children's who are recognized nationally and internationally for their skill in pediatric patient care, medical education and research.

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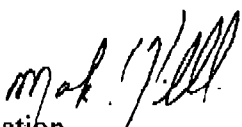
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CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

April 14, 1997

SENT BY FAX
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To: Huma Aberdin

From: Mark E. Kimbell, President 
Children's Memorial Foundation

Subject: Children's Trust Award Event

XC: Judy Maher

Huma, thank you for contacting me this morning. I have attached to this fax the cover letter of March 26 from me to Melanne Verveer and information about the Children's Trust Award event and the sponsoring institution, the Children's Memorial Medical Center.

Please let me know if you or Ms. Verveer are in need of additional material.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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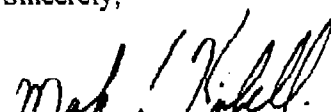
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Entertainment will be provided by well known multi-cultural children's performance groups.

This is a community event that is expected to attract more than 400 guests from Chicago's civic, corporate and philanthropic communities.

MR. FRED M. ROGERS

Vision

Mr. Rogers has demonstrated tremendous dedication and concern for developing children's emotional health.

Through his daily program, *Mister Rogers Neighborhood*, Mr. Rogers aims to strengthen children's self-esteem and lay a strong foundation for whom they will become.

Mr. Rogers promotes timeless values that are universally important to children and their families: the need for learning self-esteem, self-control, developing imagination, persistence, tolerance, cooperation, appreciation of diversity, creativity and the ability to deal with their feelings.

Mr. Rogers' goal is to build values that enable families (and whole societies) to nurture their children and help them grow.

Accomplishments

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood is the longest running program on PBS (first broadcast in 1968) and is seen in approximately eight million households.

In addition to a George Foster Peabody award and three Emmys, Fred Rogers has received virtually every major award in children's television, and dozens of others from special-interest groups in education, communication and early childhood.

More than 30 colleges and universities have awarded honorary degrees to Fred Rogers, including Yale University, Hobart and William Smith, Rollins College (his alma mater) and Boston University.

Some of Fred Rogers non-broadcast projects include *Mister Rogers Talks with Parents*, which was named one of the top ten books by PEOPLE magazine when published in 1983.

Mr. Rogers has written a series of ten children's books entitled *First Experience*, dealing with such subjects as a new sibling, moving, day care and going to the doctor.

Mr. Rogers partnered with the American Cancer Society to create videotapes and books for children who are battling cancer.

Recent projects include videotapes and books written for children in who are dealing with divorce or adoption or who are living in domestic violence shelters.

"Through television we have a great chance to show and tell our children that they really matter, even when they're very little.... We have a chance to communicate the fact that childhood lies at the very basis of what people are and what they become."

DR. C. EVERETT KOOP

Vision

Dr. Koop's reputation as one of the most outspoken surgeon generals in U.S. history derives largely from his unwavering commitment to educating policy makers and citizens alike on issues ranging from smoking to AIDS to nutrition.

By the end of his tenure as U.S. surgeon general, he presided over the largest decrease in smoking by Americans in any ten-year period on record.

Dr. Koop has undertaken a forthright approach to educating young people about the spread of diseases like AIDS and the dangers of smoking and drugs.

Since his retirement as the U.S. surgeon general, Dr. Koop has devoted much time to his lifelong passion: the marriage of health and education.

As chairman of the Safe Kids Campaign, Dr. Koop advocates for education on the prevention of unintentional childhood injury.

Dr. Koop works closely with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which focuses on ways to ensure that all American children come to school physically and mentally ready to learn.

Dr. Koop serves as an international advisor to AIDS Care Education and Training (In the U.K.)

Accomplishments

Dr. Koop served as U.S. surgeon general from 1981 to 1989. Prior to his involvement with the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. Koop was a pediatric surgeon with an international reputation, serving as surgeon and chief of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia from 1948 until 1981.

Dr. Koop is the author of more than 230 articles and books on the practice of medicine and surgery, biomedical ethics and health policy.

He was awarded an Emmy in 1991 for his five-part series on health care reform. Two of the shows in that series were awarded Freddies.

Dr. Koop is the recipient of numerous international honors and awards including 37 honorary doctorates. He was awarded honors by both the British Association of Pediatric Surgeons and the American Academy of Pediatrics in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of pediatric surgery.

The Dominican Republic awarded Dr. Koop with their highest award, The Order of the Duarte, Sanchez, and Mella, for his achievement in separating conjoined Dominican twins.

During his tenure as surgeon general, Dr. Koop was awarded the Public Health Service Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of his extraordinary leadership of the U.S. Public Health Service. After his retirement, he was presented with the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal and the Surgeon General's Medallion. In September 1995, Dr. Koop was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

"Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation."



The Children's Memorial Medical Center Chicago, Illinois

HISTORY

The Children's Memorial Hospital was founded in 1882 by Julia Foster Porter in memory of her son, Maurice, who died of acute rheumatism at the age of 13. Recognizing that children need specialized medical care, Porter opened a hospital for children in a cottage on the corner of Belden and Halsted streets--two blocks from the present hospital site. She named it the Maurice Porter Memorial Hospital. In 1904, the name was changed to Children's Memorial Hospital. A year later, the facility moved to its present location at the corner of Lincoln, Fullerton and Halsted streets in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood. Since then, Children's has grown into a nationally-known medical center and pediatric health care delivery system. Children's is one of the top six pediatric hospitals in the country, according to physicians surveyed nationwide by U.S. News and World Report. Children's offers every pediatric specialty and sub-specialty in a variety of convenient settings.

AFFILIATIONS

Children's physicians are faculty members at Northwestern University Medical School. Children's Memorial is a member of Northwestern Healthcare, one of the region's leading health care systems with more than 4,000 affiliated physicians and nine institutions that deliver comprehensive and cost-effective health care solutions to consumers, employers and insurers.

VISION

The Children's Memorial Medical Center (CMMC) is guided by the belief that all children need to grow up in a protective and nurturing environment, where each child is given the opportunity to reach his or her potential. We believe this vision can provide a brighter future for all children.

Our vision is inspired by the courage of children and families. It is sustained by the extraordinary contributions of compassionate, knowledgeable, and dedicated staff and volunteers, and built upon a strong tradition started in 1882 of providing unsurpassed health care for children.

MISSION

Children's is dedicated to the health and well-being of all children. As the pediatric training facility of Northwestern University Medical School and a founding member of the Northwestern Healthcare, this commitment drives us to be a leader in:

- Pediatric health care delivery;
- Research into the prevention, causes and treatment of diseases that affect children;
- Education for physicians, nurses and allied health professionals; and
- Advocacy for the general well-being of all children.

As a charitable organization, we serve children and their families to the best of our abilities and the limits of our resources.



Children's

Children's Memorial
Hospital

CM HealthCare Resources, Inc. (CMHR)

The home health subsidiary of Children's provides a complete continuum of home nursing, rehabilitation and infusion services. Specialty programs include neonatology, hematology/oncology, asthma and cardiology. Rehabilitation services also are offered at six Pediatric Place sites throughout the Chicago area. In Westchester, CM HealthCare operates the PEP Center, Chicago's only medical day care center for children. Licensed to deliver care to patients in the seven-county Chicago area, CMHR annually services 5,000 new patients. CMHR's home office is located in Deerfield. (847) 945-CMHR.

OTHER CHILDREN'S SERVICE LOCATIONS**Westchester***Children's Outpatient Services at Westchester*

A pediatric outpatient diagnostic, treatment and surgical center in west suburban Westchester offers a wide range of pediatric specialty services, including audiology and physical therapy. A 23-hour stay unit enables children who need longer observation and extra care after operations to stay at the facility.

Glenview*Children's Outpatient Services at Glenbrook Hospital*

Located on the campus of Glenbrook Hospital in Glenview, Children's Outpatient Services at Glenbrook offers a wide range of pediatric specialty services, including audiology.

Joliet*Children's Outpatient Services at Silver Cross*

Located on the campus of Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet, Children's Outpatient Services at Silver Cross currently offers more than 10 pediatric specialties.

Chicago*Children's Primary Care Services Uptown*

Children's provides preventive, well-child and acute care services to children in the Uptown community at a facility located in the Sun Centre at 4867 N. Broadway.

Arlington Heights*Northwest Community Hospital Affiliation*

Children's physicians staff the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and provide 24-hour pediatric consultation for inpatient services and the Emergency Room at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights. A few specialty services also are provided by Children's at the Arlington Heights campus.

SUBSIDIARIES**The Children's Memorial Institute for Education and Research (CMIER)**

A research enterprise devoted exclusively to the prevention and investigation of pediatric illnesses and injuries is housed in a 70,000 square-foot building two blocks north of the main hospital.

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED TRIBUTE TO DR. C. EVERETT KOOP
JEWISH COUNCIL FOR THE AGING OF GREATER WASHINGTON
JUNE 11, 1996**

Good evening. I am pleased to have this opportunity to support the work of the Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington and to congratulate my good friend, Dr. C. Everett Koop, as he receives your Third Annual Productive Aging Award.

As a private physician and as our nation's Surgeon General, Dr. Koop's lifetime of service and leadership has been an example to us all. And I am sure he would agree that the enormous personal rewards of service have been a source of his vigor and longevity.

As Surgeon General, Dr. Koop awakened us to the seriousness of the AIDS crisis, the dangers of smoking, and the epidemic of youth violence plaguing our communities. For many years he has spoken out for primary and preventive care, universal coverage, and ways to control health care costs. He has helped spawn a new philosophy of medical education that teaches doctors how to communicate better with their patients. He is an important ally in our national effort to combat teen pregnancy. And most important, he always reminds us to be more responsible for our own health.

As Chairman of Shape Up America!, he is educating us about the benefits of nutrition and exercise that will help us all live longer, healthier and happier lives.

Dr. Koop and the JCA's Center for Productive Aging have an important message for all Americans: that ability is ageless and that, at every stage of life, we have the resources to make a contribution to the lives of others. There are many examples of programs where senior Americans are making a difference: Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, to name a few. Our senior Americans are the backbone of this nation's volunteer corps. In fact, my own office at the White House simply would not function without the dedication, loyalty and wisdom of our older volunteers.

As a nation, and as a society, we cannot afford to waste the vast reserve of talent and know-how that older Americans possess. You are a powerful catalyst for making our country a better place to live, and I commend the Jewish Council for Aging for seeking ways to use your experience and talents.

Dr. Koop has spent a lifetime serving his patients, their families and our nation. We owe him a special debt of gratitude -- and since he is 79 years young, we look forward to many more years of his leadership.

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Fax #: 202.456.2239

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Date: June 10, 1997

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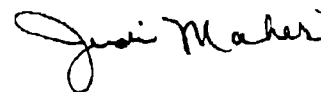
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**REMARKS FOR HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON - PA FINAL
CHILDREN'S TRUST AWARD, JUNE 24, 1997**

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO BE PART OF THIS EVENING'S AWARD PRESENTATION; I'M SORRY THAT I CAN'T JOIN YOU IN PERSON.

FIRST, I WANT TO EXPRESS MY CONGRATULATIONS TO CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR CALLING ATTENTION TO THE WORK OF CHILD ADVOCATES WHO HELP CREATE A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR NATION'S CHILDREN. IT IS INDEED AN HONOR FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS TO BE RECOGNIZED BY ONE OF THE TOP CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTRY, A HOSPITAL THAT HAS ALWAYS PUT CHILDREN AND FAMILY FIRST. I APPLAUD CHILDREN'S AND ALL OF ITS PARTNERS AND UNDERWRITERS WHO HAVE COME TOGETHER TONIGHT TO HONOR THESE TWO OUTSTANDING CHILD ADVOCATES.

SECOND, TO THE LEADERS OF CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL I SAY THIS: YOU HAVE CHOSEN YOUR RECIPIENTS WELL. IT WOULD BE HARD TO FIND TWO MORE DESERVING PEOPLE TO RECEIVE THE CHILDREN'S TRUST AWARD. AS YOU'VE HEARD TONIGHT, THE AWARD RECOGNIZES INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BROKEN DOWN BARRIERS OF IGNORANCE, POVERTY AND VIOLENCE AND SHOWED A DEEP COMMITMENT TO CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE CHILDREN'S DREAMS CAN COME TRUE.

DR. KOOP, YOU HAVE BEEN A VISIONARY FOR OUR NATION'S CONSCIENCE FOR YEARS WITH YOUR PERSISTENT EFFORTS TO RAISE OUR AWARENESS ON SO MANY PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES - SUCH AS THE IMPORTANCE OF IMMUNIZATIONS TO PREVENT DISEASE; THE VALUE OF GOOD NUTRITION; THE PREVENTION OF AIDS; AND THE HEALTH HAZARDS OF SMOKING. THESE ARE BUT A FEW OF THE HEALTH ISSUES FACING OUR YOUTH TODAY. BUT THANKS TO YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PERSISTENCE, THE HEALTH OF THE NATION'S CHILDREN HAS BEEN IMPROVED IN COUNTLESS WAYS.

MR ROGERS, FOR 29 YEARS, YOU, TOO, HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN. YOU HAVE OPENED THEIR MINDS TO NEW WAYS OF THINKING ABOUT THEMSELVES AND OTHERS THROUGH THE DELIGHTFUL MEDIUM OF ENTERTAINMENT. HOWEVER, YOU CERTAINLY HAVE DONE MORE THAN ENTERTAIN; YOU HAVE HELPED A NEW GENERATION OF CHILDREN DEVELOP SELF-ESTEEM, IMAGINATION, TOLERANCE AND THE ABILITY TO DEAL WITH THEIR FEELINGS.

I CONGRATULATE YOU BOTH. THE WORLD IS A BETTER PLACE BECAUSE OF YOU SO, ON BEHALF OF OUR NATION'S CHILDREN, THANK YOU, DR. KOOP AND MR. ROGERS FOR HELPING THEM TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS. GOOD NIGHT, AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
THE CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
CHILDREN'S TRUST AWARD PRESENTATION**

Thank you for inviting me to be part of this evening's award presentation. I only wish I could be back home with all of you in Chicago.

The President and I believe that preparing our children for the 21st century is one of our nation's most important challenges. We join you in saluting Children's Hospital and the other organizations represented here for helping us to meet this challenge. Let me also thank Children's Memorial Medical Center for sponsoring the Children's Trust Award.

It would be hard to find two more deserving people to receive this honor.

Dr. Koop has been an inspiration to me and millions of other Americans through his leadership on public health issues. He has taught us about the importance of immunizations to prevent disease, the role of education in preventing the spread of AIDS, the value of good nutrition, and the health hazards of smoking, all of which have particular relevance to children. He has made it his mission to make us aware of the steps that we can take to ensure our children ~~lead~~ healthier and happier lives. His vision, his courageous leadership, and his persistence have helped improve the health of America's children, and of our nation overall, in countless ways. *been instrumental in bettering*

Fred Rogers is a familiar face in millions of American homes. Through his educational television show, he has comforted our nation's children with his gentle spirit, easy humor, and candid discussion of family issues. He has provided guidance and reassurance for children coping with new siblings, disease, and parental divorce. And he remains an unflagging source of support for all of America's children, helping them develop the confidence and skills they need to navigate through a very complicated world.

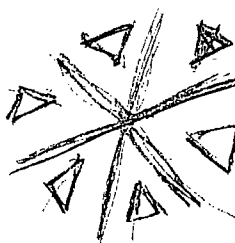
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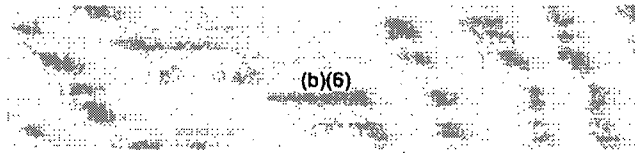
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April 15, 1997

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, Inc., I am honored to invite you to address the young people gathered for The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 1997 National Ceremony. I understand that you will be unable to attend the event, held at Constitution Hall on June 21, 1997, but I would be delighted to present your video taped message that has been a highlight of the ceremonies each of the past two years. Your remarks will be particularly significant this year in light of the support both you and the President have recently encouraged for funding in the arts and in arts education.

You have so accurately pointed out that it takes a village to raise a child. Likewise, the The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards would never be possible without the annual participation of many hundreds of people from communities across this country. Each year, 250,000 works of art and writing are juried in the 67 Regional Awards Programs of The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. These regional programs are managed by hundreds of dedicated individuals with financial support from various organizations ranging from school boards to universities to radio stations. Through jurying on the local level, 50,000 regional awards are bestowed on young artists and writers in regional awards ceremonies and are forwarded to New York City to be reviewed by national juries composed of some of this country's most renowned artists, writers and arts professionals. Through a process which lasts nearly two months, these art and writing jurors select 1,100 young people to receive national recognition. National awards recipients are offered \$650,000 in awards, scholarships and awards nominations yearly.

The young people who will gather in Washington for the National Ceremony represent a mosaic of America's citizens drawn from public, private, and parochial schools across the country. Some will have traveled to Washington, D.C. from their hometowns for the first time, making enormous efforts to attend these events. For many young people



and their teachers, this historic moment in their lives will have been made possible by a community organization, a school, or a local business that offers to ensure their travel expenses. To be recognized in the capital by The First Lady is an immeasurable honor for these students--as well as for the teachers and parents who support and encourage their efforts.

During its nearly 75-year history, The Scholastic Awards have given early recognition to hundreds of thousands of talented young people, many of whom have gone on to make significant contributions to America's cultural heritage. Among the most renowned alumni are: Richard Avedon; Truman Capote; Robert Indiana; Bernard Malamud; Duane Michals; Joyce Carol Oates; Philip Pearlstein; Sylvia Plath; Robert Redford; and Andy Warhol.

In recognition of your work on behalf of children and education, as well as in appreciation of the messages you have offered to our awardees these last two years, the Alliance also invites you to tour The Scholastic Art Awards of 1997 National Exhibition at The Corcoran Gallery of Art. This extraordinary show features 225 of the most accomplished works produced during the past year by young artists in secondary schools throughout the United States. We hope that your schedule will permit you to walk through the exhibit with us sometime between June 21 and July 13, 1997.

In an address to friends of The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards a few years ago, Paul Goldberger of *The New York Times* stated "These awards are a testament to engagement, to involvement to wanting to speak out . . . I wonder if we shouldn't reverse our view of the whole point of these awards and think of them not only as an opportunity for students, but as an opportunity for adults -- an opportunity for adults who are set in their ways to hear the voices of another generation. These awards are a chance for us to listen." You have demonstrated the desire to listen to young voices and we are grateful that you are an ally in our efforts to encourage others to do the same.

We applaud your many efforts on the behalf of young people in America. We hope that you will help us to celebrate a future generation of creative giants whose talent will undoubtedly enrich our cultural heritage through every field of creative endeavor.

Sincerely yours,



Susan E. Ebersole
Executive Director

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Ms. Melanne Verveer
Office of The First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer,

We would be honored if The First Lady could send a video taped address to be presented at The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards National Ceremony of 1997. Her messages, presented at this ceremony both of the last two years, have been highlights for everyone involved.

The event will be held at Constitution Hall on June 21, 1997 from 4:00 until 6:30 p.m., with more than 2,000 people--students with their families, teachers and friend, as well as other supporters of these awards programs and representatives of the media--expected to attend. This ceremony will therefore offer an important opportunity for The White House to demonstrate its support for arts education through recognizing the outstanding artistic and literary accomplishments of America's young people. Two distinguished speakers representing the fields of art and literature will also address the audience.

As you will remember, the young people gathered for this ceremony represent a mosaic of America's citizens--coming from public, private, and parochial schools across the country. Some will have traveled to Washington, D.C. from their hometowns for the first time, making enormous efforts to attend these events. For many young people and their teachers, this historic moment in their lives will have been made possible by a community organization, a school, or a local business that offers to ensure their travel expenses. To be recognized in the capital by The First Lady is an immeasurable honor for these students--as well as for the teachers and parents who support and encourage their efforts.

Given her enormous concern and support for young people and for the arts, the Alliance would also like to invite Mrs. Clinton to tour The Scholastic Art Awards National Exhibition of 1997 at The Corcoran Gallery of Art. We are happy to work with her schedule between June 21 and July 13, 1997 to find a day to walk her through

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this extraordinary show which features 225 of the most accomplished works produced during this past year by young artists in secondary schools throughout the United States.

We hope The White House will look favorably upon this request. The First Lady's words of encouragement through a video taped address will mean so much to all those involved with the Alliance and The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards -- most especially to the students whose talents will be acknowledged by national audiences. Additionally, the support of The White House at this event will provide crucial visibility for the arts and arts education in this country. We also look forward to the possibility of walking her through the Corcoran exhibit when she has the time.

Enclosed please find some information about The Alliance and The Scholastic Awards as well as a schedule of the events we have planned for June 21, 1997. We are currently compiling the personal stories of some of the 1997 winners and I will be glad to forward them to you as soon as they are complete. Thank you very much for your help on our behalf.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Ebersole". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'S' and a long, sweeping underline.

Susan Ebersole
Executive Director

Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc.
and
The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc., formed in 1992, is a not-for-profit organization that administers The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. The Scholastic Awards were initiated in 1923 by Scholastic Inc. founder, Maurice R. Robinson, in an effort to give young artists and writers the same opportunities for recognition as student athletes had historically received. Now the largest and longest-running recognition programs for secondary school students in this country, The Awards are also the only programs in the United States that encourage and reward student development in art and writing throughout their entire secondary school education (grades 7 through 12).

Annually, The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards entry materials reach 12 million young people in 99% of America's secondary schools (public, private and parochial). Through our 67 regional programs across the country, we screen 250,000 entries, and more than 50,000 students from diverse cultural backgrounds receive recognition in their local communities and participate in exhibitions and public readings of their works. The strongest works of regional awardees are then forwarded into the national program where they are reviewed by juries of major American artists, writers, and arts professionals. Every year more than 1,100 national recipients are awarded more than \$650,000 in scholarships, referrals to colleges and universities, and other honors.

Some of our nation's leading artistic and literary talents have received early recognition through The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards including: Joyce Carol Oates; Sylvia Plath; Philip Pearlstein; Richard Avedon; Robert Redford; Duane Michals; Bernard Malamud; and Andy Warhol. Additionally, many of the country's renowned cultural luminaries have served on our art and writing juries over the years. Jurors for this year's programs included: Esmeralda Santiago; Cindy Sherman; Philip Lopate; Donald Sultan; Nikki Giovanni; Sandro Chia; Percival Everett; Robert Lee Morris; and Joy Harjo.

Schedule of Events
June 21, 1997

10:00am-12:00pm
and
1:00-3:00pm

The Scholastic Writing Awards--Readings by young writers at The Library of Congress, Montpelier Room

4:00-6:30pm

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards National Ceremony, Constitution Hall

6:30-8:30pm

Reception for all and Opening of The Scholastic Art Awards National Exhibition, The Corcoran Gallery of Art

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THE SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS NATIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY HONORS YOUNG ARTISTS & WRITERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

The nation's largest and longest-running recognition programs recognize 1,127 students; present eleven \$5,000 portfolio scholarships in Washington, D.C.

New York, NY--May 1, 1997--More than one thousand young artists and writers--age 12 through 19-- from across the United States will receive honors from The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, June 21, 1997. The 1,127 students were selected from more than 250,000 entries received from students in all 50 states and the U.S. territories during the past school year.

In addition, eleven high school seniors will receive Portfolio Awards--five art, five writing, and one interdisciplinary. The Portfolio Awards represent the programs' top honors for creating work that promises to make a significant contribution to our culture. These Portfolio Award recipients will each receive a \$5,000 academic scholarship. Teachers of these students receive a Teacher's Portfolio Award and a \$1,000 cash grant.

Some of America's most renowned artists and writers have won The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards when they were students. The list of alumni includes: Richard Avedon; Truman Capote; Frances Farmer; Red Grooms; Bernard Malamud; Joyce Maynard; Duane Michals; Philip Pearlstein; Sylvia Plath; Robert Redford; and Andy Warhol.

Approximately 2,000 student winners, teachers, parents and friends will gather in Washington, D.C. on June 21, 1997 for ceremonies celebrating the creative achievements of this year's awardees. Recipients of The Scholastic Writing Awards will read excerpts from their winning work at The Library of Congress. The National Awards Ceremony, to be held at Constitution Hall, will include a video-taped message from The First Lady and remarks by prominent members of the art and writing communities. A reception will follow at The Corcoran Gallery of Art, where guests may view The Scholastic Art Awards National Exhibition of 1997. This exhibition, featuring 225 award-winning works of art, will be open to the public from June 21 until July 13, 1997.



The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards were founded in 1923 by Scholastic Inc. and are now administered by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc., a not-for-profit organization. During their nearly 75-year history, The Scholastic Awards have become the largest and most democratic recognition programs for students in grades 7-12. Each year, entry materials reach 12 million students in 99% of America's public, private and parochial schools, generating more than 250,000 entries. Entries are submitted to the 67 regional programs of The Scholastic Awards across the United States. Approximately 50,000 works receive local recognition. The most exceptional works from these regional programs are forwarded to New York City for national jurying, with approximately 1,100 works of art and writing selected to receive national awards.

National jurors for The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 1997 include: Judy Blume, novelist; Sandro Chia, painter; Agnes Denes, conceptual and environmental artist; Toi Derricotte, poet; Percival Everett, author; Janet Fish, painter; Nikki Giovanni, poet; Joy Harjo, author; Robert Lee Morris, jeweler; Esmeralda Santiago, novelist; Cindy Sherman, photographer; and Donald Sultan, painter and printmaker. The jurying of 15,000 works for The Scholastic Art Awards was held at The SoHo Building, a premium gallery space in New York City.

Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc. is supported by: National Endowment for the Arts; Arthur Andersen & Co, SC; J.M.R. Barker Foundation; Barnes & Noble; Helen Benham & Richard Robinson Charitable Trust; The Leonard Bernstein Center; Binney & Smith Inc.; Alex. Brown & Sons, Incorporated; Barbara and Leslie Buckland; Chase Manhattan Bank; Frankfurt, Garbus, Klein & Selz, P.C.; General Electric; Goldman, Sachs & Co.; Harris Family Foundation; H. J. Heinz Company; The Alexander Julian Foundation for Aesthetic Understanding & Appreciation; James D. Kaplan and Ann Helene Iverson; Karen A. & Kevin W. Kennedy Foundation; The New York Times Company; The Newman's Own Fund and Paul L. Newman; Parachute Press, Inc.; The Aaron M. Priest Literary Agency, Inc.; Quad/Graphics; Robinson-Morrill Fund; The Maurice R. Robinson Fund, Inc.; Scott Rudin Productions; Scholastic Book Group; Scholastic Inc.; Scribner; Lindsay and Brian Shea; Simon & Schuster; The SoHo Building; Strathmore Paper Company; Texaco Foundation; United States Information Agency; Viking Penguin; Warner Books Inc.; The Worldesign Foundation, American Institute for Graphic Arts, and Industrial Design Society of America; and many other individuals, foundations and corporations.

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Art Portfolio

Photography Portfolio

Photography

Painting

Drawing

Sculpture

Ceramics

Mixed Media

Printmaking

Textiles & Fiber Design

Jewelry/Metalsmithing

Film/Video/Animation

Computer Graphics

Design (Environments, Graphics, Products)

Ceramics

WRITING

Writing Portfolio

Short Story

Short Short Story

Essay/Non-fiction/Opinion Writing

Dramatic Script

Poetry

Humor

Science Fiction/Fantasy

PORTFOLIO STUDENTS 1997

Art

1. Leslie Boamah (301) 962-0794
10819 Georgia Avenue, Apt 201
Wheaton, MD 20902
- Teacher: Dr. Ohri (301) 649-8280
Albert Einstein High School
919 University Blvd. West
Silver Spring, MD 20901
2. Marni Horowitz (718) 788-5340
446 Sixth Street
Brooklyn, NY 11215
- Teacher: Barbara Velazquez (718) 258-9283
Edward R. Murrow H.S.
1600 Avenue L
Brooklyn, NY 11230
3. Jennifer Lee (201) 967-0417
280 Merritt Drive
Oradell, NJ 07649
- Teacher: So Yoo Park (201) 767-8766
So Yoo Art Studio
193 Closter Dock Rd.
Closter, NJ 07624
4. Kyung Joo (Helen) Lee [(718) 321-8096]
42-11 Kissena Blvd., #3A
Flushing, NY 11355
- Teacher: Douglas Potter
Benjamin Cardoza H.S. (718) 631-4880
57-00 223rd Street
Bayside, NY 11364
5. Kamiiron Pritchard (315) 424-4911
238 Moore
Syracuse, NY 13210
- Teacher: Nancy Peck (718) 631-4880
T.J. Corcoran High School
Glenwood Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13207

Writing

6. Rachel Coppola (518) 399-6090
36 Garnsey Rd.
Rexford, NY 12148
- Teacher: Ronni Kent (518) 382-2511
Niskayuna High School
1626 Balltown Rd.
Niskayuna, NY 12309
7. Brooke Foster (817) 581-6283
201 W. Mill Valley Drive
Colleyville, TX 76034
- Teacher: Susan Pittman (817) 251-5210
Grapevine High School
3223 Mustang Dr.
Grapevine, TX 76051
8. Ryan Greenlaw (515) 233-4256
1216 Roosevelt Avenue
Ames, Iowa 50010
- Teacher(s): Annette Rowley, LoAnn Campbell,
Keith Carlson
(Carlson will be attending Washington
ceremonies?)
Ames High School (515) 239-3710
Ames High Drive
Ames, Iowa 50010
9. Jennifer LeRoy (301) 516-6147
1132-1 Columbus Circle
Andrews Airforce Base, MD 20762
- Teacher: Carolyn Gomez-Fronza
West Springfield High School, (703) 913-3800
6100 Rolling Rd.
Springfield, VA 22152
10. Claire McMurray (913) 236-9311
7307 Rosewood
Prarie Village, KS 66208
- Teacher: Judy Barnes (913) 967-7800
Shawnee Mission East High School
7500 Mission Rd.
Shawnee Mission, KS 66208

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June 9, 1997

To: Ms. Kerry Wright
Ms. Carrie Greenstein
Office of The First Lady
The White House

From: Susan Ebersole
Executive Director
Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc.

Fax: (202)456-5340

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Dear Kerry and Carrie,

Attached are drafted remarks for The First Lady's video taped message to The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards National Ceremony in Washington, D.C. on June 21. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the attached. I will be delighted to speak with you at any time. Telephone: (212)343-6891.

Sincerely yours,



Susan Ebersole
Executive Director



It is my distinct pleasure to congratulate the 1997 recipients of The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and to welcome each of you, your teachers and your families to our nation's capital on the auspicious occasion of your accomplishments in art and writing.

The arts play a central role in the life of every nation providing not just daily enrichment, but the life force of imagination. The arts challenge our intellectual integrity, afford us great beauty, offer spiritual reflection, mirror our humanity, provide sustenance in times of trouble, and help us to celebrate.

As a parent, I believe that an education in the arts is the birthright of every child as the arts allow children to explore and develop their own creative instincts and expressions. Arts education provides young people with abilities that reach far into other areas of the curriculum. I believe we must protect the rights of young people to pursue creativity as an avenue of life long fulfillment and contribution to culture. As a country we cannot do this without standing behind creative educators who provide the context in our schools for young people to thrive in the arts.

The works of art and writing represented in the exhibition at The Corcoran Gallery of Art and the reading at The Library of Congress exemplify the very best artistic expressions created by students throughout this country. Next year The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards will celebrate its own 75th anniversary, as well as three quarters of a century of creativity in the lives of young artists and writers in this country. The power, verve, conviction, vision and artistic authority in the works of the young artists and writers represented here convince me that America will continue to produce contemporary art and literature that leads the world in the highest forms of artistic excellence through the next millennium.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
THE 1997 SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS**

It is my pleasure to congratulate the 1997 recipients of The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, their families, and their teachers, and to welcome each of you to our nation's capital.

I join you in thanking the Alliance of Young Artists & Writers, its Board of Directors and its national sponsors for their efforts to encourage and reward young people who display uncommon artistic and writing talent. I also want to commend the teachers, parents, and mentors for the time and energy they give to support and nurture these students in their creative pursuits.

The works of art and writing that we recognize today and which are on exhibit at the Corcoran Gallery of Art embody the highest levels of achievement among our nation's young artists and writers.

Not only are they superb aesthetic accomplishments, they are contributions to our nation's enduring culture. For more than 200 years, our country has depended on artists and writers to help enrich American cultural life and advance the ideals of democracy. These young men and women are the guardians of a great national tradition, one that will be more essential than ever as we enter a new and challenging century. Through art and writing, through images and ideas, we learn to see the world through others' eyes. We gain a greater knowledge of the community around us and a deeper appreciation of the rich diversity that has made this nation great.

As the world changes at break-neck speed, enriching our nation's cultural life remains vital to advancing our democracy and strengthening the values of freedom, tolerance, opportunity, and community that we and generations us before have come to cherish. Far from a luxury, art, writing, and other creative activities deserve our support -- our support as individual citizens, organizations, businesses, and as a nation. By investing in the potential of young artists and writers such as those honored today, we will energize America's intellectual and cultural life far into the future, and secure our nation's place as the world's leader in promoting peace, harmony, prosperity, and progress.

Congratulations to you all and best wishes for a successful -- and creative -- future.

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPE REMARKS FOR
THE 1995 SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS CEREMONY
JUNE 17, 1995**

To all of the recipients of 1995 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, their families and their teachers, congratulations and welcome to our nation's capital. I am sorry not to be with you today, but I share the excitement and pride you must feel on this special occasion.

I am delighted that America's most promising young artists and writers are being hosted at two of our nation's most important cultural institutions - The Library of Congress and the Corcoran Gallery of Art. I am also pleased to join in congratulating the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers -- its Board of Directors and national sponsors, for their important efforts to reward and promote a remarkable group of artists and authors, who will no doubt contribute much to this country's cultural heritage.

Through their original works, the 1000 awardees have distinguished themselves and their schools in their aspirations and their achievements. The level of talent and technical facility represented among these young men and women would be difficult -- if not impossible -- to duplicate anywhere else in the world. You are a microcosm of America's diverse creative and cultural heritage.

Sadly, we live in a time when arts and humanities education are being devalued. School budgets are being cut and the arts and humanities are especially vulnerable. While we respect the need for fiscal responsibility, we need to recognize that art instruction and writing ability are central to a comprehensive education. Moreover, arts education is transforming when used to enliven and illuminate other academic disciplines.

What these young people are doing in their creative pursuits is vital to the direction of our country. Through discipline and verve, they have created new standards of excellence that will help America maintain preeminence in the arts and in culture internationally.

This country has always valued imagination and creativity -- in fact, they are part of the legacy of the pioneers and immigrants who founded our nation. Human imagination -- your imagination -- is the fuel that will lead us into the next millennium. That imagination and your creative spirits must be allowed to guide us on our journey.

Thank you and congratulations to you all.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Videotape Remarks for the
1996 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Ceremony
June 15, 1996

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Good afternoon. I am honored to be part of this national celebration of youth and creativity at Constitution Hall, and am particularly pleased to recognize the achievements of the recipients of the 1996 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

The young artists and writers who we recognize today have come to our capital from every corner of the nation -- from suburbs and small towns, rural areas and big cities. Each of you has unique talents and experiences, but together, you represent the strength of our nation's diversity and the collective spirit that the arts bring to our lives.

In a nation as diverse as ours, the arts remind us of the common values that bind us together as one people. The arts help us transcend political, religious, racial and ethnic divisions by helping us to understand one another -- through prose, poetry, sculpture, photography, and every other artistic endeavor.

Writers and artists like yourselves help us rejoice in our rich cultural heritage and share the beauty and complexity of the world around us. And in these challenging times, when some are questioning the value of public support for the arts, we must rededicate ourselves as a nation to supporting the arts as a way of coming together while we celebrate our diversity.

That is why the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are so important. I hope that each of you will leave Washington with a renewed sense of the valuable contributions that you are making to the cultural heritage of our nation. Through your imagination and creativity, you are helping create a better future for generations to come.

I wish that I could be with you in person to share in this special day with your families, teachers and mentors. Please know that the President joins me in sending best wishes and congratulations on your wonderful achievements. Thank you.

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of orchestra professionals and volunteers in the world. Speakers include Derek McGinty, and Rep. David Skaggs (D-CO). Topics to be discussed include music education, arts as a national priority and the connections between audience and music.

The American Symphony Orchestra League provides leadership and service to American orchestras while communicating to the public the value of orchestras and the music they perform. Founded more than fifty years ago, the American Symphony Orchestra League is one of the oldest and largest service organizations for the performing arts. The League serves more than 800 orchestras, including chamber, youth, and collegiate orchestras as well as professional and community orchestras of all sizes and budgets. The organization also supports a network of thousands of orchestra musicians, conductors, managers, board members, volunteers, staff members, and business partners. They provide members with a communications network, information and data on orchestras, training and development programs, and a national voice for arts advocacy.

Tribute to Sister Dorothy Ann Kelly

On June 14, the College of New Rochelle will hold a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City in honor of Sister Dorothy Ann Kelly and her 25 years as President of the College. Sr. Dorothy Ann is retiring from the presidency on June 30, and will become chancellor of the College. Your video will be incorporated into a longer video tribute to Sr. Dorothy Ann, chronicling her life and work and including clips from people she has known and touched along the way.

A highlight of the evening will be the inaugural presentation of the ^{SR} Dorothy Ann Kelly, OSU Woman of Conscience Award. Recipients will be Mary Lou McNaney, Sr. Claire O'Mara and Rosa Parks who were chosen "in recognition and celebration of their moral leadership and courageous acts of conscience."

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The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers Scholastic Art and Writing Awards

This year's Scholastic Art and Writing Awards ceremony, at Constitution Hall on June 21, will

honor the work seventh through twelfth graders. Four hundred students will attend, and with their parents and teachers will make up an audience of 2,000. Your video will be played at the beginning of the ceremony, and will welcome the students to Washington and set the tone for the program. It will be introduced either by Dick Robinson, President of Scholastic Inc., or Chuck Harris, Chairman of the Board of the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The keynote speakers will be artist Tim Rollins and writer Thulani Davis.

The Alliance for Young Artists and Writers is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1992 to administer the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. The awards were initiated in 1923 and are the only ones in the country that encourage and reward student development in art and writing throughout the secondary school years. More than 250,000 works of art and writing are judged in regional competitions each year, and 50,000 students, from diverse cultural backgrounds, receive local recognition.

The 1,127 students that will receive national awards were judged the best of the regional contests, and will be offered more than \$650,000 in scholarships and awards nominations. Ten \$5,000 portfolio awards will be given to the top art and writing candidates, and this year a special award for interdisciplinary work, sponsored by the Leonard Bernstein Center, will go to a young man who wrote and composed a musical. Past award winners include Joyce Carol Oates, Sylvia Plath, Philip Pearlstein, Richard Avedon, Truman Capote, Robert Redford, Duane Michals, Bernard Malamud, and Andy Warhol.

You have recorded videos for ceremony the last two years. Last year, you emphasized the role that art plays in celebrating diversity, and in 1998 you discussed the Clinton Administration's commitment to arts education.

The Children's Memorial Hospital Children's Trust Award

On June 24, Chicago's Children's Memorial Medical Center will sponsor the presentation of the Children's Trust Award to Dr. C. Everett Koop, pediatrician and former surgeon general, and Fred Rogers, creator and host of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Your video will be introduced by Jan Jennings, President and CEO of Children's Hospital, and will be played at the beginning of the program. The video will follow performances by the Suzuki Violin and Piano Academy and the Chicago Children's Choir and precede Mr. Jennings' opening remarks.

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The Children's Trust Award was launched in 1988 to highlight creative solutions to the complex problems facing young people. It recognizes men and women who have made exceptional contributions to the welfare of children. The first, and thus far, only recipient, was First Lady Nancy Reagan, in 1989, for her "Just Say No to Drugs" campaign.

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"Kid Witness News" is providing students with a unique opportunity to demonstrate their abilities and express their ideas through video, just like the one you are watching right now. It is exciting to know that this technology can be used to develop cognitive, communication and organizational skills. I applaud Panasonic and its more than 100 employee volunteers developing and supporting this innovative program as well as the many teachers and administrators instructing and implementing "Kid Witness News" in classrooms throughout the country.

To all of the children who participate in "Kid Witness News", you have proven that there is quite a bit adults can learn from your vision, your dreams and creativity. So congratulations, and keep doing your best to show us "the world through your eyes."

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS TO THE
CHILDREN'S BOOK AND AUTHOR BREAKFAST**

I am delighted to have this opportunity to speak to all of you gathered at the Children's Book and Author Breakfast and to thank you for your efforts to promote reading and literacy among America's children. The education and literacy of our children is an urgent task for all of us who care about the next generation, including America's book professionals.

We live in an Information Age that presents children with boundless opportunities and unprecedented challenges. Yet, 40 percent of our children lack the fundamental skills to compete in the global economy and prosper in the 21st century. Forty percent of fourth graders cannot read a book on their own.

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It will take all of us, working individually and collectively, to help our children learn to read and to keep them on a path of learning throughout their lives.

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The President and I thank you for your commitment to help recruit volunteers for the President's America Reads Challenge. Having the book industry behind this effort will make it much easier to meet the goal of having every child in this country reading independently by the end of the third grade.

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I regret that I can't be with you in person today. I am proud to serve as your Honorary Chair, and delighted for this opportunity to speak to you, even if it must be via video technology.

Children suffering from hunger, poverty, homelessness, inadequate health care, disease, illiteracy, violence and abuse are not confined to a single nation or a single continent. The cries of desperate children are heard all around the world. And it is the plight of those children that brings us together today because we believe that every child, in every country, deserves a fair chance in life.

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We also know that in every country, government must be a partner in this effort. Here in the U.S., the Clinton Administration has made children and families a top priority. As my husband often says, government can help give parents the tools they need to be good parents. It can help ensure that children have a healthy start in life, a solid education and the skills they need to compete in the global economy. It can encourage businesses to adopt family friendly policies, benefitting both families and the bottom line. It can ensure that the air our children breathe is clean and that their water is safe to drink.

We have worked to make our streets and neighborhoods safer to ensure that children are protected from violence. And we have new laws to address domestic violence, which also terrorizes children. The Administration has developed a plan that aims, by the year 2002, to double the number of children adopted or placed in permanent homes from the foster care system, and it has initiated an anti-drug strategy that will help young people recognize the dangers of using illegal drugs.

Yet, as we all recognize, there is much more to be done. Businesses, schools, community groups and religious institutions must all be partners in this effort. Yes, it does take a village. Both in my own country and around the world -- in small towns and urban centers -- I have been privileged to see what is being accomplished on behalf of our children. We must ensure that every child is loved and respected -- that all children have access to education, are free from

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I want to thank all of you, especially Pennsylvania Peace Links, for inviting me to be a part of this year's National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution. I only wish that I could be with all of you in Pittsburgh, surrounded by so many people who are committed to breaking the cycle of violence, to building bridges of understanding, and to making peace in our communities.

As we prepare to meet the challenges of a new millennium, your work is more crucial than ever. Never has our nation been as rich in ethnic, racial and cultural diversity as it is today. Nor has any previous generation of Americans been confronted so urgently with the task of learning to respect and empathize with one another, to recognize a common humanity, to stake out common ground.

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Last month at the Summit for America's Future in Philadelphia, the President, joined by a host of former Presidents and leading citizens, called upon all Americans to make service a part of their daily lives. I believe that encouraging our children to begin volunteering at a very young age can be an important way to provide them with a greater appreciation for the diversity of our communities. Through service -- cleaning up rivers, working with police to make their neighborhoods safer, helping children learn to read -- our young people can discover greater senses of responsibility for themselves, their neighbors, and our nation. They can learn what the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. meant when he said, "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve." So I encourage you to help bring the ethic of service to more and more of our children's lives.

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CHILDREN'S BOOK AND AUTHOR BREAKFAST**

I am delighted to have this opportunity to speak to all of you gathered at the Children's Book and Author Breakfast and to thank you for your efforts to promote reading and literacy among America's children. The education and literacy of our children is an urgent task for all of us who care about the next generation, including America's book professionals.

We live in an Information Age that presents children with boundless opportunities and unprecedented challenges. Yet, 40 percent of our children lack the fundamental skills to compete in the global economy and prosper in the 21st century. Forty percent of fourth graders cannot read a book on their own.

The ability to read is the foundation for all learning. Study after study has shown that students who are unable to read well by the end of the third grade are more likely to become school dropouts and truants.

It will take all of us, working individually and collectively, to help our children learn to read and to keep them on a path of learning throughout their lives.

Last month, the President and I hosted a conference at the White House to explore issues related to early childhood development and learning. What we learned is that a baby's brain is a work in progress. It needs nourishing through activities with parents or caregivers like reading books and telling bedtime stories. Many of us have known instinctively that reading is a good and fun thing to do. Now we know that it strengthens the bond between parents and children and actually helps a baby's brain grow.

The President and I thank you for your commitment to help recruit volunteers for the President's America Reads Challenge. Having the book industry behind this effort will make it much easier to meet the goal of having every child in this country reading independently by the end of the third grade.

Few efforts can make a more dramatic difference for the future of our country than persuading parents and caregivers to read and communicate with their children. Thank you for recognizing the important role you can-- and do-- play.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
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I'm sorry that I am unable to join you in Paris. I would like to thank the Just Think Foundation, UNESCO and Disney for sponsoring this important meeting. And I especially want to thank all of the young people who have come from all over the world to discuss the issues that they face every day.

It is easy in today's world to watch the evening news and conclude that the problems in the world are insurmountable. Too many children live with hunger, poverty, lack of education and homelessness; millions of children around the world live with violence -- violence born from ethnic, religious or cultural conflicts-- and violence that results from the breakdown of family, community and other institutions that once provided an anchor for our young people.

But beyond the horror stories and the news reports, there are people like all of you gathered in Paris, young people seeking to live in peace and understanding with their neighbors and working to address the difficult problems facing your families and communities.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR KID WITNESS NEWS AWARDS**

Good evening. I am pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate tonight's recipients of the 1997 New Vision Awards and to recognize all of the young people across the United States who participate in the "Kid Witness News" program.

"Kid Witness News" is providing students with a unique opportunity to demonstrate their abilities and express their ideas through video, just like the one you are watching right now. It is exciting to know that this technology can be used to develop cognitive, communication and organizational skills. I applaud Panasonic and its more than 100 employee volunteers developing and supporting this innovative program as well as the many teachers and administrators instructing and implementing "Kid Witness News" in classrooms throughout the country.

To all of the children who participate in "Kid Witness News", you have proven that there is quite a bit adults can learn from your vision, your dreams and creativity. So congratulations, and keep doing your best to show us "the world through your eyes."

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May 14, 1997

VIDEOS

DATE: May 15, 1997
TIME: 10:30 am- 11:30 am
LOCATION: Roosevelt Room
FROM: Carrie Greenstein

I. PURPOSE

- To record six videos for upcoming events.

II. BACKGROUND

Kid Witness News

Kid Witness News, a hands-on video education program for school age children, will hold its annual gala awards ceremony on Monday, May 19, at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City. The awards banquet will honor winning videos in 17 categories. The congratulatory video will be played at the end of the ceremony and introduced by Joel Siegal of ABC. There will be 275 people in the audience.

Kid Witness News (KWN) is a video education program developed and supported by Matsushita Electric Corporation of America (Panasonic) and the public school system. The program was created to encourage students to develop valuable cognitive, communication and organizational skills through the use of video. The program equips schools with complete video studios and enables participants to exhibit their interests, abilities and creativity through the production of videos.

Under teacher supervision, students research, write, act, produce, direct and edit videos which bring to life the subjects they are studying in school. The videos feature stories about science, the environment, safety, multiculturalism, violence and other topics. Two hundred elementary, middle and high schools in over 100 cities across the United States and Canada participate in KWN. Panasonic provides each facility with a video studio and instructional materials such as camcorders, monitors, editing decks, tapes and microphones. KWN students and teachers also participate in video conferences and tape exchanges to promote learning and sharing between schools.

State of Israel Bonds International Tribute Dinner

The Development Corporation for Israel is holding their State of Israel Bonds International Tribute Dinner in honor of Susan Weiker-Volchok on May 18, at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City. Shimon Peres will be the featured speaker, live via satellite. The dinner marks the conclusion of Susan Weiker-Volchok's term as National Campaign Chair of State of Israel

Bonds and celebrates her new role as International Campaign Chair. Susan has been the first woman to chair the Israel Bond campaign. There will be 500 attendees at the dinner, and your video will be part of a larger video tribute to Susan.

In January, 1995, you were the speaker at the Israel Bonds Dinner in Palm Beach, Florida where Susan Weikers-Volchok, then National Campaign Chair, served as your hostess.

The Development Corporation for Israel, or "Israel Bonds", is a Manhattan-based international organization that offers securities issued by the Israeli government. The organization was founded in 1951 by Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to infuse capital into Israel for development, and to give Jews around the world a way to help the new Jewish state.

Since its establishment, Israel Bonds has raised approximately \$14 billion in investment capital, over half of which has already been repaid. The capital goes directly to enhance Israel's infrastructure, providing for projects such as new roads, power plants, oil terminals, agriculture, a new water carrier system, port facilities and the immigration and resettlement of Jews from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union. Israel Bonds is an agency of the Israeli Finance Ministry.

There has been some controversy over Israel Bonds in the past. Some members of the Israeli legislature have suggested that it would be cheaper for Israel to borrow the money it needs with international loan guarantees from banks, and that the annual interest on those loans is much less than the money it takes to maintain Israel Bonds. Proponents of the program contend that the bonds are vital to the economy and necessary to maintain an emotional link with American Jews, and Jews around the world. The abolition of Israeli Bonds seems unlikely despite the disagreement.

Children's Book and Author Breakfast

The Children's Book and Author Breakfast, hosted by the Association of American Publishers and the American Booksellers Association, will take place the morning on May 31, during BookExpo America being held in Chicago. BookExpo America is the single largest annual gathering of children's booksellers, publishers and authors. This year it will be in Chicago from May 30- June 2. The breakfast usually attracts up to 2,000 book professionals from across the country.

The convention as a whole is being used to advance the importance of reading to very young children. Book publishers and sellers are, of course, very supportive of early childhood reading programs. They plan to announce a major book industry effort to recruit volunteers for the President's America Reads Challenge at this convention. They have been working with the Department of Education on this effort and expect to have thousands of bookstores and publishing houses actively involved in recruiting reading volunteers by next fall.

Founded in 1900, the American Booksellers Association is a trade organization committed to protecting the well-being of book retailers and to promote the availability of books. Members include independents, specialty, franchise, college and university stores, chains and others.

The Association of American Publishers is the principal trade association of the book publishing industry. The 200 members located throughout the United States publish hardcover and paperback books in every field, and video tapes, computer software, looseleaf services, electronic products and educational materials like maps, globes, filmstrips and testing materials.

International Children's Summit

On June 9- 13, UNESCO, the Just Think Foundation and Disney magazines will join together to host the International Children's Summit at Disneyland in Paris, France. Six hundred children representing 40 countries will participate in workshops and brainstorming sessions to discuss issues that affect children globally.

'Society' is the theme for this year's summit and is divided into four sub-categories of education, family, community and traditions. Education is the sub-category chosen for the United States, where each team was asked to answer the question, 'If you could create a school of your very own, what would you teach and how would you teach it?' The contest was open to children ages 7 to 14 and students were asked to enter in teams of 2-3, in keeping with the overall theme of society. Twelve students (four teams) were picked as U.S. Ambassadors to the June summit. The winners were selected by a team of education and media experts on the basis of originality, creativity and educational value.

The International Children's Summit was established in 1994 as a forum in which children can speak out about their future. The Just Think Foundation is dedicated to helping kids be intelligent consumers of media and able users of media tools such as computers and the Internet.

Second World Congress on Family Law and the Rights of Children & Youth

The Second World Congress on Family Law and the Rights of Children & Youth, of which you are Honorary Chair, in association with the 1997 Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, will hold their annual meeting June 2-7, 1997 in San Francisco. Your video will be shown at the closing banquet to the conference.

The program of the conference will focus on five themes to include: Children in a Violent World; Family Law, Family Forms, and Family Functions; The Effects of Poverty; Health Issues for Children, Youth and Families; and the Impact of Culture and Education. The mission of the Second World Congress is to convene an international congress of individuals to focus on the development of positive initiatives to improve the lives of children, youth and families throughout the world, and to implement those initiatives and produce positive outcomes.

As you recall, on January 27, you met with Alastair Nicholson, Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia and Chair of the Second World Congress; Ann Milne, Executive Director of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts; Stuart Fowler, Chair of Lawasia's Family Law and Family Rights Section; and Rod Burr, President of the Law Society of South Australia, the organizers of this conference.

Peace Links

Peace Links: Women Against Nuclear War, is holding their biennial National Conference on Peacemaking and Resolution at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh from May 23-May 27, 1997. The theme of this year's conference is 'Peacemaking Journeys'. The paths that peacemakers follow will be explored with emphasis on helping young people develop peacemaking and leadership skills, and a broad dialogue on race relations. The purpose of your video is to inspire and thank the participants for their work on behalf of peacemaking efforts.

The 1500 participants come from all over the world to attend. The participants are people involved in peacemaking and conflict resolution. They work with families, with community mediation centers, with courts, at-risk youth programs, diversity issues in businesses, schools and churches. They come to this conference to share ideas and 'revitalize their spirits'.

III. PARTICIPANTS

- HRC

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THE GUARINI CENTER CONFERENCE**

Thank you for inviting me to be a part of your Annual Policy Conference. I would especially like to thank Frank Guarini [gwar-E-nee] and Eugene Cornaccia [kor-NOKK-e-ah] for their commitment to providing a forum for the discussion of public issues and their encouragement of careers in public service. This year's conference, "A Generation at Risk: Children and the Future of Our Nation", reinforces the necessity of investing in our children. As the title of your meeting suggests, investing in our children now-- even in our very youngest children-- will lay the groundwork for an American future with increased prosperity, better health, fewer social ills, and even greater opportunities for our citizens to lead fulfilling lives in a strong country.

Scientists have discovered that some of the most important preparation we can give children takes place during the earliest years of life. In a conference we held at the White House recently, on early childhood development, new research was presented that confirms what many parents have known instinctively; that reading to a child, singing to a child, even just talking to a child, promotes intellectual and emotional growth, as well as actually stimulating the growth of a baby's brain.

We are just beginning to understand the vital role that families and communities play in raising healthy and successful children. We must all work together to ensure the best possible education, health care, child care for our children. Each of us has a role to play; business, education, the health care industry, government and especially, parents.

I hope that you will use this forum to discuss practical ways in which we can work together to impart the importance of families and communities in raising our children, and personally spread the message of the conference when you return to your workplaces, homes and schools. As the poet Gabriela Mistral reminds us, "Many things we need can wait. The child cannot. Now is the time his bones are being formed; his blood is being made; his mind is being developed. To him we cannot say tomorrow. His name is today."

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April 22, 1997

VIDEOS

DATE: April 23, 1997
TIME: 1:45-2:15
LOCATION: Room 459, OEOB
FROM: Carrie Greenstein

I. PURPOSE

- To record five videos for upcoming events.

II. BACKGROUND

The Guarini Center for Governmental Affairs Annual Policy Conference

The Guarini Center of St. Peter's College in Jersey City, New Jersey, will host it's Third Annual policy Conference on May 9, 1997. Your videotape will open the Conference's luncheon session. The focus of the Conference is on the challenges that face families and communities in raising children . Topics include the following issues as they relate to children: poverty, violence, health care, education, teen foster care, and child care.

Your video will predecde the keynote speaker, Donna de Varona, ABC Sports Commentator and U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame swimmer, and be introduced by Frank Guarini. Donna de Varona will discuss her personal appearances rising above poverty and the valuable role that sports played in her journey to personal growth and self-esteem as a child and young adult.

The Guarini Center was founded in 1995 at St. Peter's College in Jersey City, New Jersey by Frank Guarini. Guarini represented New Jersey's 14th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives for seven terms, beginning in 1978. The Center was established for the purpose of providing a forum for the discussion of public issues and to encourage students to consider careers in public service. The Director of the Center is Dr. Eugene Cornaccia.

**Laurence G. Paquin High School For Expectant Teenage Mothers
30th Anniversary Dinner**

The Paquin School Anniversary Dinner will be held on May 3, 1997 at the B&O Museum in Baltimore. The theme of the event is "First Ladies for Paquin Ladies" speakers include Frances Glendening, the First Lady of Maryland who will give the keynote address, and Dr. Patricia Schmoke, the First Lady of Baltimore. Dr. Schmoke was a teen parent, and is an alumna of the Paquin School. There will be 600 alumnae and friends in attendance and the proceeds of the dinner will directly to the Paquin building fund for 'Paquin University', the day care center which will be built next door to the high school. The video will be introduced by Dr. Rosetta Stith, the Director of the School and will be played XXXX.

The Paquin School for Expectant Teenage Mothers a comprehensive public high school for expectant adolescent mothers. Each year, the program serves over 1,000 students between the ages of eleven and twenty. In addition to their academic program, the School offers prenatal and parenting programs, a comprehensive health program, daycare, early learning programs, senior citizen's partnership program, and a Pair/Share Entrpenurial Program for grandparents and young fathers.

The mission of Paquin is to provide expectant teenage mothers the opportunity to continue or complete their education inan istitution designed to meet their needs. Students receive personalized, intensive education by experienced and dedicated staff who understand, nurture, and care for the young mothers. The informality and relatively small classes enable instructors to assist young women with their personal developepment, to build their self-esteem, to strengthen academic weaknesses, to make realistic career choices, and to develop job skills.

Grand Opening of Idea City

Idea City is the headquartyers for GSD&M, Roy Spence's advertising company. Your video in celebration of the grand opening, will be shown at both of the opening events. The first event on May 1, 1997, will include 500-1,000 clients and V.I.P. guests. The evening will include several videotaped messages from friends and supporters who cannot be there in person. Roy Spence will introduce the video. The second event, on May 2, 1997, will include close to 3,000 guests. Among those guests will be friends, family, business associates, and any employee that has worked at GSD&M at any time during the past 25 years.

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One way we can begin meeting these challenges is by helping the leaders of tomorrow -- our children -- build lives of tolerance, compassion and respect for diversity. Many of you in this room have paid special attention to providing our young people with peacemaking and leadership skills for the future. I understand that you have sponsored a successful youth conference planned, led, and attended by young people themselves. I commend you on your dedication to helping our young people choose the path of peace today and in the future.

Last month at the Summit for America's Future in Philadelphia, the President, joined by a host of former Presidents and leading citizens, called upon all Americans to make service a part of their daily lives. I believe that encouraging our children to begin volunteering at a young age can be an important way to provide them with a greater appreciation for the diversity of our communities. Through service -- cleaning up rivers, working with police to make their neighborhoods safer, helping children learn to read -- our young people can discover greater senses of responsibility for themselves, their neighbors, and our nation. They can learn what the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. meant when he said, "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve." So I encourage you to help bring the ethic of service to more and more of our children's lives.

We know that change and progress will only happen when we take action. Gatherings such as this one are important because they help us realize that we are already part of a powerful movement to secure a prosperous and peaceful future for all. When we work together we can make sure that all our children grow to fulfill their hopes and dreams and our democracy endures into the next millennium and beyond. I send you my best wishes for a successful conference.

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May 14, 1997

VIDEOS

DATE: May 15, 1997
TIME: 10:30 am- 11:30 am
LOCATION: Roosevelt Room
FROM: Carrie Greenstein

I. PURPOSE

- To record six videos for upcoming events.

II. BACKGROUND

Kid Witness News

Kid Witness News, a hands-on video education program for school age children, will hold its annual gala awards ceremony on Monday, May 19, at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City. The awards banquet will honor winning videos in 17 categories. The congratulatory video will be played at the end of the ceremony and introduced by Joel Siegal of ABC. There will be 275 people in the audience.

Kid Witness News (KWN) is a video education program developed and supported by Matsushita Electric Corporation of America (Panasonic) and the public school system. The program was created to encourage students to develop valuable cognitive, communication and organizational skills through the use of video. The program equips schools with complete video studios and enables participants to exhibit their interests, abilities and creativity through the production of videos.

Under teacher supervision, students research, write, act, produce, direct and edit videos which bring to life the subjects they are studying in school. The videos feature stories about science, the environment, safety, multiculturalism, violence and other topics. Two hundred elementary, middle and high schools in over 100 cities across the United States and Canada participate in KWN. Panasonic provides each facility with a video studio and instructional materials such as camcorders, monitors, editing decks, tapes and microphones. KWN students and teachers also participate in video conferences and tape exchanges to promote learning and sharing between schools.

State of Israel Bonds International Tribute Dinner

The Development Corporation for Israel is holding their State of Israel Bonds International Tribute Dinner in honor of Susan Weiker-Volchok on May 18, at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City. Shimon Peres will be the featured speaker, live via satellite. The dinner marks the conclusion of Susan Weiker-Volchok's term as National Campaign Chair of State of Israel

Bonds and celebrates her new role as International Campaign Chair. Susan has been the first woman to chair the Israel Bond campaign. There will be 500 attendees at the dinner, and your video will be part of a larger video tribute to Susan.

In January, 1995, you were the speaker at the Israel Bonds Dinner in Palm Beach, Florida where Susan Weikers-Volchok, then National Campaign Chair, served as your hostess.

The Development Corporation for Israel, or "Israel Bonds", is a Manhattan-based international organization that offers securities issued by the Israeli government. The organization was founded in 1951 by Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to infuse capital into Israel for development, and to give Jews around the world a way to help the new Jewish state.

Since its establishment, Israel Bonds has raised approximately \$14 billion in investment capital, over half of which has already been repaid. The capital goes directly to enhance Israel's infrastructure, providing for projects such as new roads, power plants, oil terminals, agriculture, a new water carrier system, port facilities and the immigration and resettlement of Jews from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union. Israel Bonds is an agency of the Israeli Finance Ministry.

There has been some controversy over Israel Bonds in the past. Some members of the Israeli legislature have suggested that it would be cheaper for Israel to borrow the money it needs with international loan guarantees from banks, and that the annual interest on those loans is much less than the money it takes to maintain Israel Bonds. Proponents of the program contend that the bonds are vital to the economy and necessary to maintain an emotional link with American Jews, and Jews around the world. The abolition of Israeli Bonds seems unlikely despite the disagreement.

Children's Book and Author Breakfast

The Children's Book and Author Breakfast, hosted by the Association of American Publishers and the American Booksellers Association, will take place the morning on May 31, during BookExpo America being held in Chicago. BookExpo America is the single largest annual gathering of children's booksellers, publishers and authors. This year it will be in Chicago from May 30- June 2. The breakfast usually attracts up to 2,000 book professionals from across the country.

The convention as a whole is being used to advance the importance of reading to very young children. Book publishers and sellers are, of course, very supportive of early childhood reading programs. They plan to announce a major book industry effort to recruit volunteers for the President's America Reads Challenge at this convention. They have been working with the Department of Education on this effort and expect to have thousands of bookstores and publishing houses actively involved in recruiting reading volunteers by next fall.

Founded in 1900, the American Booksellers Association is a trade organization committed to protecting the well-being of book retailers and to promote the availability of books. Members include independents, specialty, franchise, college and university stores, chains and others.

The Association of American Publishers is the principal trade association of the book publishing industry. The 200 members located throughout the United States publish hardcover and paperback books in every field, and video tapes, computer software, looseleaf services, electronic products and educational materials like maps, globes, filmstrips and testing materials.

International Children's Summit

On June 9- 13, UNESCO, the Just Think Foundation and Disney magazines will join together to host the International Children's Summit at Disneyland in Paris, France. Six hundred children representing 40 countries will participate in workshops and brainstorming sessions to discuss issues that affect children globally.

'Society' is the theme for this year's summit and is divided into four sub-categories of education, family, community and traditions. Education is the sub-category chosen for the United States, where each team was asked to answer the question, 'If you could create a school of your very own, what would you teach and how would you teach it?' The contest was open to children ages 7 to 14 and students were asked to enter in teams of 2-3, in keeping with the overall theme of society. Twelve students (four teams) were picked as U.S. Ambassadors to the June summit. The winners were selected by a team of education and media experts on the basis of originality, creativity and educational value.

The International Children's Summit was established in 1994 as a forum in which children can speak out about their future. The Just Think Foundation is dedicated to helping kids be intelligent consumers of media and able users of media tools such as computers and the Internet.

Second World Congress on Family Law and the Rights of Children & Youth

The Second World Congress on Family Law and the Rights of Children & Youth, of which you are Honorary Chair, in association with the 1997 Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, will hold their annual meeting June 2-7, 1997 in San Francisco. Your video will be shown at the closing banquet to the conference.

The program of the conference will focus on five themes to include: Children in a Violent World; Family Law, Family Forms, and Family Functions; The Effects of Poverty; Health Issues for Children, Youth and Families; and the Impact of Culture and Education. The mission of the Second World Congress is to convene an international congress of individuals to focus on the development of positive initiatives to improve the lives of children, youth and families throughout the world, and to implement those initiatives and produce positive outcomes.

As you recall, on January 27, you met with Alastair Nicholson, Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia and Chair of the Second World Congress; Ann Milne, Executive Director of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts; Stuart Fowler, Chair of Lawasia's Family Law and Family Rights Section; and Rod Burr, President of the Law Society of South Australia, the organizers of this conference.

Peace Links

Peace Links: Women Against Nuclear War, is holding their biennial National Conference on Peacemaking and Resolution at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh from May 23-May 27, 1997. The theme of this year's conference is 'Peacemaking Journeys'. The paths that peacemakers follow will be explored with emphasis on helping young people develop peacemaking and leadership skills, and a broad dialogue on race relations. The purpose of your video is to inspire and thank the participants for their work on behalf of peacemaking efforts.

The 1500 participants come from all over the world to attend. The participants are people involved in peacemaking and conflict resolution. They work with families, with community mediation centers, with courts, at-risk youth programs, diversity issues in businesses, schools and churches. They come to this conference to share ideas and 'revitalize their spirits'.

III. PARTICIPANTS

- HRC

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- HRC to record six videos

V. PRESS

- Closed press

VI. REMARKS

- Scripts provided by Carrie Greenstein

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR KID WITNESS NEWS AWARDS**

Good evening. I am pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate tonight's recipients of the 1997 New Vision Awards and to recognize all of the young people across the United States who participate in the "Kid Witness News" program.

"Kid Witness News" is providing students with a unique opportunity to demonstrate their abilities and express their ideas through video, just like the one you are watching right now. It is exciting to know that this technology can be used to develop cognitive, communication and organizational skills. I applaud Panasonic and its more than 100 employee volunteers developing and supporting this innovative program as well as the many teachers and administrators instructing and implementing "Kid Witness News" in classrooms throughout the country.

To all of the children who participate in "Kid Witness News," you have proven that there is quite a bit adults can learn from your vision, your dreams and creativity. So congratulations, and keep doing your best to show us "the world through your eyes."

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S SUMMIT**

I'm sorry that I am unable to join you in Paris. I would like to thank the Just Think Foundation, UNESCO and Disney for sponsoring this important meeting. And I especially want to thank all of the young people who have come from all over the world to discuss the issues that they face every day.

It is easy in today's world to watch the evening news and conclude that the problems in the world are insurmountable. Too many children live with hunger, poverty, lack of education and homelessness; millions of children around the world live with violence -- violence born from ethnic, religious or cultural conflicts-- and violence that results from the breakdown of family, community and other institutions that once provided an anchor for our young people.

But beyond the horror stories and the news reports, there are people like all of you gathered in Paris, young people seeking to live in peace and understanding with their neighbors and working to address the difficult problems facing your families and communities.

I was delighted to hear that the theme for this year's summit is "Society," because we all have a role to play in ensuring that children everywhere fulfill their God-given potential. Children will thrive only if their families thrive and if the whole of society cares enough to provide for them. In ways large and small, all members of a society influence children's lives, whether neighbors, teachers, doctors, police officers, business executives, members of the media, or those writing the laws of a nation. That's why it takes each and every one of us to share ideas and solutions, as you are doing, to improve the lives of children the world over.

How we treat our young people, what kind of support we give them, and most importantly, how we listen to them is one of the greatest challenges that we face. The work you are doing will help bring your common challenges and aspirations into clearer focus.

Thank you for the your concern and commitment and for the great work you will do in the years ahead. You have my best wishes for a successful conference.

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