

FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
REMARKS FOR "YOU GOTTA HAVE FRIENDS"
GAY MEN'S HEALTH CRISIS TRIBUTE TO DAVID GEFFEN AND JOAN TISCH
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
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I am delighted to join so many friends of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in honoring Joan Tisch and David Geffen, two people who have contributed immeasurable time, energy, resources and heart to this organization and to the fight against AIDS.

For nearly two decades, AIDS has claimed the lives of too many of our brothers and sisters, too many of our children, too many friends, neighbors and co-workers. Very few of us in this hall can say that our lives have not been touched in some way by this terrible disease. That is why every segment of our society -- individuals, families, communities, businesses and government -- must join in partnership to prevent the spread of AIDS, to care for those who are ill, and to find a cure.

It is a privilege for me to have this chance to thank Joan Tisch and David Geffen for their contributions to the Gay Men's Health Crisis -- and to thank them as well for the special example they set for all Americans through their generosity and compassion. As the President said in his Inaugural Address on Monday, the values of opportunity, responsibility and community are essential to the endurance of a democracy such as ours. America is renewed and sustained because, for the better part of our history, Americans have kept up a tradition of reaching beyond ourselves and giving back to a country that blesses us with opportunity.

Through their work on AIDS, Joan and David exemplify the noblest qualities of citizenship -- and of humanity. They not only make financial contributions to the causes they believe in. They make personal contributions. They give unilaterally of themselves -- without asking for anything in return.

I have heard the stories about how Joan first volunteered, very anonymously, at GMHC. How she did every job asked of a volunteer. And how, a few years later, she was persuaded to join the board and has since helped turn the Gay Men's Health Crisis from a small grass-roots operation to one of the most effective and important AIDS organizations in the world.

Hers has been the ultimate act of compassion. She leaves no doubt about the impact that one person can have through volunteer work if they care enough to try to make a difference.

Like Joan, David Geffen has made unparalleled contributions to this organization, to the fight against AIDS and to many other important causes in our country. But I want to tell you one story that, I believe, sums up what motivates David to do ~~the~~ the good things he does.

Last year, David introduced me at a fundraiser in Los Angeles and he told a wonderful story about his mother. When she passed away in 1988, her will was probated and David and his brother discovered that she had kept a secret safety deposit box. They couldn't imagine what she

owned that was so valuable. Maybe some money she had saved, or some jewelry or a family heirloom. The key was nowhere to be found so David and his brother had to go to the bank and have the box drilled open. Inside was a safe deposit box. Inside it was another small box. Inside that box was an envelope. And inside that envelope another envelope. And then something wrapped in saran wrap. They opened all these layers to find . . . their mother and father's American citizenship papers.

David told us that this episode illustrated his mother's belief that there was nothing more valuable than being an American -- nothing more valuable than being able to live and work in our country.

Well David, there is no doubt that your mother succeeded in keeping the American dream alive -- and in never losing sight of the privileges and responsibilities of living in a democracy. And yes, you are truly your mother's son.

Through the work and support of these two wonderful friends of ours, thousands of men, women, children and families living with AIDS have found compassionate counseling, hot meals, and legal assistance. Countless other citizens have gained greater understanding of the disease as well as ways to protect themselves from it.

And thanks to the contributions of Joan Tisch and David Geffen and many others who share their vision of a better America, we are gathered at a hopeful time in the fight against AIDS. New treatments, approved in record time, are showing remarkable results in arresting the development of HIV disease and beginning to improve the health of those who are living with the virus. ~~For the first time since the epidemic began in 1981,~~ ^{2400 since 1981} the number of infants born with HIV has declined, and scientists believe that pediatric AIDS can be virtually eradicated by the end of this century ^{in the U.S.}

The President has strengthened the federal government's commitment on AIDS. Over the last four years, funding for AIDS research, prevention, and care has increased by ^{more than} ~~He has created an AIDS advisory council to study and recommend further action.~~ nearly half. He also hosted the first White House Conference on HIV and AIDS. Let me thank David Geffen for sponsoring the trips of some of the attendees.

But there is still so much more we all need to do -- and can do. And if we work together, we will reach a day where AIDS has been conquered and lives and futures have been saved.

Thank you very much.

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THANK YOU!

A lot of progress be organiz & gov
have worked together

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pages + Joan Tisch's remarks.
Please call me if you need
add'l info. Thanks - Mary

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David Geffen's
introduction for
Hillary Rodham
Clinton

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THANKS, TOM.

I GOT IN THE CAR TO COME HERE
TONIGHT AND MY DRIVER HARRY SAID TO
ME "BOSS I'M NOT SURE THAT'S WHAT
THEY MEANT BY BUSINESS ATTIRE..." SO
I HAD TO QUICKLY CHANGE OUT OF MY
T-SHIRT AND JEANS.

FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, I HAVE
BEEN CONSISTENTLY ASKED BY PEOPLE
IN THE MEDIA AND IN THE COMMUNITY
ABOUT MY INVOLVEMENT IN
DEMOCRATIC POLITICS. THE
IMPLICATION IS THAT I HAVE SOME
HIDDEN AGENDA OR THAT I'M HOPING TO
GAIN SOME INFLUENCE IN WASHINGTON.
OR MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I WORK IN THE
ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, AND
THEREFORE WOULD DO ANYTHING TO
SLEEP IN THE LINCOLN BEDROOM.

PLEASE.

**THE ACTUAL REASONS ARE QUITE
SIMPLE:**

I AM AN AMERICAN

I AM A DEMOCRAT

AND I AM CONCERNED.

**I AM CONCERNED THAT THIS IS A
CRITICAL TIME FOR OUR COUNTRY...**

**A TIME WHEN CYNICISM THREATENS TO
REPLACE OPTIMISM.**

**A TIME WHEN PERSONAL FREEDOMS ARE
AT STAKE...**

**A TIME WHEN IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO
LOOK TO THE PAST FOR ANSWERS OR
COMFORT.**

**MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED TO
REMEMBER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN
AMERICAN.**

MY PARENTS ARRIVED IN THIS COUNTRY
IN TIME FOR THE DEPRESSION. MY
FATHER WAS FROM POLAND; MY MOTHER
FROM THE UKRAINE.

ONCE THEY REACHED AMERICA. THEY
HAD TO DEPEND ON THE GOVERNMENT
AND JEWISH RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS TO
SURVIVE — AND BECAUSE MY MOTHER
COULD NOT BEAR TO BE ON RELIEF, SHE
BEGAN TAKING IN SEWING AND THEN
STARTED HER OWN BUSINESS WHICH SHE
RAN FOR FIFTY YEARS.

IT DID WELL ENOUGH FOR HER TO TAKE
CARE OF OUR FAMILY AND WE LIVED A
MODEST LIFE BY BROOKLYN STANDARDS.

INSIDE THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX WAS
ANOTHER SMALL BOX, AND INSIDE THAT
BOX WAS AN ENVELOPE, AND THERE WAS
ANOTHER ENVELOPE INSIDE THAT
ENVELOPE, AND THEN THE WHOLE THING
WAS WRAPPED IN SARAN WRAP.
WHEN WE PEELED AWAY ALL THE
LAYERS, WE DISCOVERED WHAT IT
WAS...MY MOTHER AND FATHER'S
AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP PAPERS.

I TELL THIS STORY TONIGHT BECAUSE I
THINK IT ILLUSTRATES AN IMPORTANT
POINT. TO BE ABLE TO LIVE AND WORK
IN THE UNITED STATES IS A PRIVILEGE.
MY MOTHER BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS
NOTHING MORE VALUABLE THAN BEING
AN AMERICAN AND IN THIS REGARD, I AM
TRULY MY MOTHER'S SON.

TONIGHT IT IS MY HONOR TO INTRODUCE
ANOTHER WOMAN WHO HAS AN INTENSE
LOVE OF FAMILY AND OUR COUNTRY.

OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, HER
DEDICATION, INTEGRITY, INTELLIGENCE,
HUMANITY AND THICK SKIN HAVE
INSPIRED MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ALL OVER
THE WORLD.

SHE BELIEVES IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO
RAISE A CHILD. WE KNOW THAT IT HAS
TAKEN A BRILLIANT AND LOVING WIFE,
TERRIFIC MOTHER AND FIERCE
ADVOCATE OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS TO
SHOW US WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FIRST
CLASS FIRST LADY FOR THE FUTURE AND
FOR AMERICA.

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE FIRST
LADY OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON.**

MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY IN 1988, AND
WHEN HER WILL WAS PROBATED, MY
BROTHER AND I LEARNED THAT SHE HAD
A SECRET SAFE DEPOSIT BOX. WE
COULDN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE
WHAT SHE MIGHT HAVE POSSESSED THAT
WAS SO VALUABLE. WHAT COULD IT BE?
WE ASSUMED IT WAS EITHER MONEY
SHE'D SAVED... OR JEWELRY... OR SOME
OTHER FAMILY HEIRLOOM. OR MAYBE IT
WAS LOVE LETTERS FROM SOME SECRET
AFFAIR.

SHE'D HIDDEN THE KEY SO WELL THAT
TO THIS DAY IT'S NEVER BEEN
FOUND...SO WE HAD TO GO DOWN TO THE
BANK WHILE THEY DRILLED THE BOX
OPEN.

FIRST IN THE FIGHT
AGAINST AIDS

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Many Acknowledgments at the Deffen Foundation asked
me to pass along to you

If you have any question or need additional info,
please don't hesitate to call me.

Thanks,
A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Laurence Jahns.

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JOAN TISCH

The battle against AIDS gained an unlikely warrior in the spring of 1986 when Joan Tisch walked through the doors of GMHC. At the time, no one imagined this new volunteer would become one of the nation's most influential AIDS advocates -- and dramatically alter the course of GMHC's history.

In the mid-1980s, the AIDS crisis was generally stigmatized and shunned by the public at large. Joan Tisch, however, followed her instincts and, referred by a friend, sought out the headquarters of the fledgling Gay Men's Health Crisis on West 18th Street. On her application with the volunteer office, dated April 8, 1986, she wrote: "I have known several people afflicted with AIDS, some of whom have died, and I would like to be of service...."

Quickly accepted, Joan rolled up her sleeves -- and never left. She answered phones, xeroxed forms, made duplicate keys, witnessed wills, helped clients' untangle their medical bills -- and did whatever was needed in this understaffed, overcrowded crisis center. After nearly two years as an "anonymous" volunteer, Joan was asked by then board president Nathan Kolodner to join GMHC's board of directors. This was to be a pivotal point in GMHC's history.

Resolved to open the eyes of those who denied AIDS might affect them, Joan has led countless donors to GMHC's doors. Gradually, but with single-minded determination, she has forged links with power brokers, civic leaders, and society's luminaries. Indeed, during a full decade of tireless service, Joan Tisch has become a major force in GMHC's growth from a struggling nonprofit serving 1,600 clients, to an internationally respected AIDS organization that strives to meet the urgent needs of nearly 10,000 clients.

In 1991, Joan launched GMHC's President's Council, a leadership group of major donors who give a minimum of \$25,000 per year. Founded with a challenge grant from the Tisch family, this council, which Joan chairs, raises millions of urgently needed dollars every year.

Joan's personal devotion to battling AIDS has influenced her family. Husband Bob joins her in hosting dinner parties and special events, and together they are among GMHC's most generous contributors. The three Tisch children are also committed partners in the fight: Steve served as Board president of AIDS Project Los Angeles; Jonathan chaired a major AIDS benefit for GMHC at Radio City Music Hall and founded GMHC's "Corporate Fight for Life"; and Laurie is a contributing member of GMHC's Leadership Group.

Where there was no path, Joan forged a trail. As ambassador, educator, and bridge-builder, she rallied resources and raised awareness about AIDS. Proving that one individual can have a profound impact, Joan has singlehandedly enhanced the lives of tens of thousands of men, women, and children struggling with AIDS, while constantly advocating for a greater understanding of the epidemic.

**Journal Tribute
to
DAVID GEFFEN**

An entrepreneur in every sense of the word, David Geffen has been at the center of the business and entertainment worlds for more than two decades. His legendary accomplishments in the worlds of theater, film, and music reflect a career that is remarkable for its scope and evolution.

David's fearlessness and generosity have put him at the forefront of the fight against AIDS. His philanthropic efforts have provided the momentum for dozens of AIDS organizations across the country to battle HIV disease and help individuals who desperately need care and services.

The David Geffen Foundation has become one of the country's leading philanthropic organizations. Its diverse interests include cultural institutions such as UCLA's Westwood Playhouse and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, as well as AIDS organizations such as Gay Men's Health Crisis, God's Love We Deliver, and AIDS Project Los Angeles. Over the past few years, The David Geffen Foundation has made charitable contributions totaling more than \$35 million.

In 1992, David Geffen gave an unsolicited \$1 million to GMHC -- which, at the time, was the single largest individual gift ever given to an AIDS service organization. This historic gift established a heightened standard of giving and trumpeted the urgency of the epidemic. Subsequently named Honorary Chair of GMHC's President's Council (a leadership group of major donors), David's example has been critical to GMHC's ability to raise funds. Indeed, the Council has grown to over 40 members in response to his generosity and leadership.

David again made history with his recent recordsetting gift of \$2.5 million to GMHC. These funds will establish the David Geffen Center for HIV Prevention and Health Education, opening this spring. A unique initiative, the Geffen Center at GMHC marks a turning point in the AIDS epidemic. For the first time, HIV testing will be linked to professional counseling, referrals, support groups, and a broad range of other services. Key to stemming the spread of HIV, this innovative program will save innumerable lives and enhance countless others. Always a superb leader, David is making possible a new and critical front in the war against AIDS which will serve as an international model program.

Whether it is the entertainment business or the business of fighting AIDS, David Geffen's impact has been pervasive. He explains his successes this way: "My power lies in the ability to believe in things...stick to them...and not take no for answer." With his unprecedented commitment to the battle against AIDS, David Geffen has made it possible to launch formidable new offenses against the biggest health threat of our time. As he has made clear, these inroads are more personally rewarding than anything else he may achieve.

Final**TRIBUTE TO JOAN TISCH**

**Presented by Michael Douglas
"You Gotta Have Friends," Carnegie Hall
January 22, 1997**

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Nearly eleven years ago ... long before the media and the general public fully comprehended the enormity of the epidemic... before our top elected leaders publicly mentioned the word "AIDS" ... even before the red ribbon became an international symbol of caring ... a woman stepped forward and made a difference. Her name is Joan Tisch ... and indeed what a difference she has made.

I have known Joan and her husband, Bob, and her children Steve, Laurie, and Jon for many years, and I consider them friends. I can assure you that Joan never intended to make history. Rather, what brought her to GMHC was simply compassion -- the stark recognition that, as she recalls it, "There was a plague going on, and I thought there must be something I could do."

After losing several friends to AIDS early in the epidemic, Joan refused to be just another observer. She asked an acquaintance who was involved in hospice work how she could help. The friend suggested that Joan go

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downtown to a place called Gay Men's Health Crisis and volunteer for training in AIDS.

So, in April of 1986, Joan made her way to GMHC's headquarters on 18th Street, completed the intensive weekend training, and fully immersed herself in service to the nation's first AIDS organization. GMHC's cramped, overcrowded Chelsea walk-up was a world away from Park Avenue. Yet, without drawing attention to herself, Joan managed to quickly and quietly fit right in.

In her inimitable wry manner, Joan recalls those days ... how she sat on the floor in jeans sorting files, how she witnessed wills, ran errands, went to the hospitals to help clients untangle their medical bills, and even how she occasionally filled in at the switchboard ("*that* was not a perfect match," she now admits). Whatever needed doing, Joan did it. She knew it really mattered if she showed up, and fortunately for all of us, she never left.

After Joan served two years as a volunteer, Nathan Kolodner -- then president of GMHC's Board of Directors -- recognized her name on the

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daily sign-up sheet and convinced her to join GMHC's Board.

As a Board member, Joan became a remarkable ambassador for people with AIDS. With fierce determination, she confronted the forces of intolerance and indifference. She challenged myths and debunked stereotypes -- constantly reminding others that this disease affects us all.

Over the past decade, Joan has raised millions of urgently needed dollars for the fight against AIDS. She has reached into her world and pried open doors and hearts and pocketbooks -- many of which had been firmly shut against the sick and the dying.

Joan eventually brought her family members on both coasts into the crusade. And, five years ago, she launched the GMHC President's Council -- which today she chairs -- for major donors who give \$25,000 or more each year. That group of dedicated donors has become a bedrock of support for GMHC, thanks to Joan.

In fact, her work over the years has helped to fuel GMHC's growth from a

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fledgling agency to the world's largest and most respected AIDS organization. When Joan arrived on the scene, 1,600 clients were being served. Today, nearly 10,000 people with AIDS annually receive GMHC's free services.

Can one person make a difference? Just ask those thousands of men, women, and children with AIDS who have been touched in some way by Joan's pioneering courage and generosity.

For her remarkable record of commitment to people with AIDS -- as an educator, activist, and builder of bridges, I am honored tonight to present Joan with the inaugural GMHC "Friends" Award.

Ladies and gentleman, Joan Tisch ...

Remarks of Joan Tisch
Acceptance of GMHC "Friends " Award
You Gotta Have Friends
Carnegie Hall
Wednesday, January 22, 1997

Thanks, Michael. When I started as a volunteer at Gay Men's Health Crisis more than 10 years ago, Kevin Madden headed the volunteer office and his assistant was Rick Kroll. We came to know each other well in the cramped quarters on 18th Street. Later, when I joined the Board, I worked closely with Board President Nathan Kolodner and Executive Director Richard Dunne. Kevin, Rick, Nathan and Richard are not with us tonight. Their short, creative lives were sacrificed to AIDS. And that is why we are here.

Not surprisingly, I am often asked why I personally am involved in the fight against AIDS. Well, I have many reasons, but six very specific ones -- my grandchildren. Today, education is the only vaccine they have.

Your support tonight will help GMHC ensure that young lives -- our kids and their kids, our friends, our neighbors, our fellow community members -- will no longer be ravaged by this plague. GMHC teaches people to protect themselves and their partners.

GMHC also holds out hope to all people devastated by AIDS, giving them comfort, support, treatment information, food, financial and legal advice. We also have special services for women, children, and families struggling with this harsh disease.

Surely everyone here has heard the news of the progress that is being made with experimental treatments for AIDS . Unfortunately, many people can't tolerate or afford these new therapies. Doctors do not yet know enough; survivors have not yet survived long enough. As much as we would like to declare victory, unfortunately we also know that this plague is far from over.

With AIDS still very much with us, our presence here tonight validates my personal belief that we can and we WILL emerge victorious. However, let us also acknowledge that there is still so much more to be done. There are human lives to be saved. And, what could be more important than that? Therefore, I hope that I can count on each of you here tonight for your continued commitment.

Thank you all for this meaningful honor. Special thanks to the event co-chairs and the performers, to my family for their support, and to a special friend of many years, David Geffen.



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