

LOW-TERM CARE CONTACTS

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June 10, 1999

Ms. Sarah Bianchi
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Dear Ms. Bianchi:

It was a pleasure to meet you last week during the discussion with Vice President Gore and the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations. The Vice President's keen interest and extraordinary command of the issues of importance to our nation's seniors are noteworthy and very gratifying.

Realizing that this is a tribute, in large part, to the extensive work done by staff, I want to commend you for helping to shape the Administration's long-term care initiatives, especially the proposals that concern assisted living in senior housing. This is, perhaps, the most promising method for making assisted living affordable for seniors of low and moderate incomes. This has been a top priority for the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging and we pledge our continued efforts to see that this objective is achieved.

I know from Michael Rodgers of our staff, just how much time and effort you have put into this initiative. Thank you for that. I look forward to working with you and the Administration on these important issues in the future.

Sincerely,

Len Fishman
President

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June 9, 1999

Ms. Sarah Bianchi
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Dear Ms. Bianchi:

Family Caregiver Alliance is pleased to invite you to the first national invitational, state policy conference on family caregiving. ***Family Caregivers: Partners in Long Term Care*** will be held in San Francisco, California on October 29-30, 1999. You are one of a select number of national or state leaders to whom we are extending this invitation.

San Francisco-based Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA) is organizing this important event in cooperation with a National Advisory Committee of experts representing: AARP; Council of State Governments; Long Term Care Campaign; National Academy for State Health Policy; National Alliance for Caregiving; National Conference of State Legislatures; National Health Council; and the New Jersey Division of Senior Affairs. Funding for the conference, to date, is from the Archstone Foundation, AARP, and the True North Foundation.

The purpose of the conference is to *stimulate the development of state policies and programs to support family and informal caregivers of frail elders and persons with disabilities*. We hope to accomplish this by engaging you and other state-level policymakers in meaningful discussions leading to actions that will benefit family caregivers.

Caregiver support is increasingly becoming a priority for many state governments because of the high costs of *not* taking any action. As the long term care needs of America's aging population grow, coupled with the high cost of long term care, state policymakers are increasingly looking for ways to provide help for caregivers and strengthen their role in long term care without massive new expenditures of funds.

At the conference, you will:

- Be exposed to cutting-edge thinking from leaders in long term care and caregiving.
- Learn about "best practice" model programs in other states.
- Meet peers in other states who shape state policy for family caregivers.
- Exchange ideas and strategies with your peers in in-depth facilitated discussions.
- Enjoy being in beautiful San Francisco!

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This conference will bring together state legislators, administrators in the executive branch (governors' offices, state department directors, key staff) and national and state advocates to highlight what is being done in the public sector to support caregiving families. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss strategies and develop blueprints for policy development and legislation at the state level.

Attendance at this state policy conference on caregiving is by invitation only. Please complete and return the enclosed form by **July 15, 1999** to confirm your attendance. If you or a designated representative are unable to attend, your space will be offered to another leader.

Those who indicate that they plan to attend the conference will be sent written confirmation, hotel registration information, and a preliminary conference agenda in July, 1999. For your information, the hotel rate at the conference hotel, Holiday Inn-Financial District/Chinatown, is \$139.00 for a single or double room. Continental breakfasts and lunches will be provided.

FCA is the lead agency in California's statewide system of Caregiver Resource Centers (CRCs). Serving as California's Statewide Resources Consultant, FCA operates an information clearinghouse on brain impairments and caregiver assistance; develops and disseminates publications; coordinates training and education programs; conducts policy and applied research; carries out public policy and program development; maintains a comprehensive website on long term care; and provides technical assistance to California's CRCs and other organizations nationwide.

Please contact Lynn Friss Feinberg, Project Director, with any questions at: (415) 434-3388, e-mail: lfeinberg@caregiver.org, or fax: (415) 434-3508. We truly hope that you are available to join us in San Francisco for this important event!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen A. Kelly".

Kathleen A. Kelly
Executive Director

Attachment

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Family Caregivers: Partners in Long Term Care
San Francisco, CA. October 29-30, 1999

Please print clearly or type all information

Please check one of the following boxes:

- ☐ **I WILL be attending the conference** - please complete form and return
- ☐ **MY REPRESENTATIVE WILL attend** - please complete form and return
- ☐ **I will NOT be attending the conference** - please fill in your name only and return form

Conference Attendee:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

e-mail: _____

Please **FAX** this form to Family Caregiver Alliance at: (415) 434-3508
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