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Will arrange
tickets to
shows if you
visit New York

Ms. Williams

Dear Friends:

We've missed being able to welcome you to the National Theatre, but while we wait for our new season to commence, I wanted to bring you up-to-date on Viator Associates' other activities.

I have recently opened an office in New York to handle press for two hit Broadway shows: **An Inspector Calls** and **Cats**. **An Inspector Calls**, starring Philip Bosco and Rosemary Harris, won four Tony Awards this year, including Best Revival of a Play. **Cats**, Andrew Lloyd Webber's hugely popular musical, will be celebrating its 5,000th performance on September 28th.

If you are planning a trip to New York, I would be delighted to arrange tickets to these or other Shubert shows for you. Please don't hesitate to call my New York office at 212/921-3800.

Warmest regards,

Alma Viator
Alma Viator

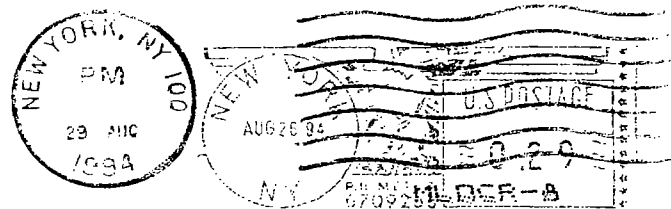
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Ms. Maggie Williams
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August 30, 1993

Ms. Deborah Wadsworth
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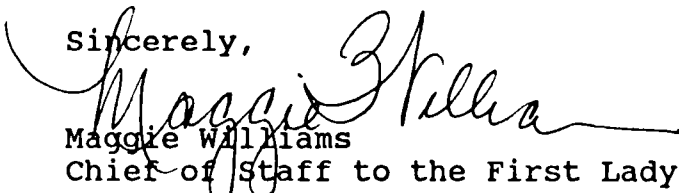
Dear Ms. Wadsworth:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and report. I appreciate you sharing your ideas about education reform with me.

I apologize for the late response to your letter. As I am sure you can understand, we receive voluminous amounts of letters daily and though we try it is difficult to respond individually to each letter in a timely manner.

Your comments provide the Clinton Administration with a better understanding of this complex issue. I can assure you that they carefully consider the views of concerned individuals like yourself before making policy decisions concerning education. Thank you for taking the time to make your voice count.

Sincerely,



Maggie Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

THE PUBLIC AGENDA FOUNDATION



July 9, 1993

Ms. Margaret Williams
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*Booklet describes
miscommunication
that continues to
plague education
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Dear Ms. Williams:

The tenth anniversary of the publication of *A Nation at Risk* has prompted a lot of reflection and discussion about the state of school reform in the United States -- just how far we've come in the past decade and how far we still need to go.

While there is no doubt that much progress has been made in many communities, in countless others, the best laid plans have run into roadblocks that seem to develop out of nowhere.

Divided Within, Besieged Without: The Politics of Education in Four American School Districts is a new report from Public Agenda which describes the extreme miscommunication that continues to plague education reform in America. It is a study of four communities, undertaken with the help of the Charles F. Kettering Foundation, in an attempt to shed some light on the responsibilities of many of the stakeholders themselves for much of the gridlock.

I think you will find it engrossing, at times discouraging, but fundamental to improving the quality of our conversation about education in America.

Sincerely,

Deborah Wadsworth
Executive Director



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GRIDLOCK AMONG LOCAL INTEREST GROUPS THREATENS EDUCATION REFORM

(NEW YORK) --- Disturbing accounts of political gridlock among interest groups involved in schools may be slowing the process of education reform throughout the country, according to a major new study by The Public Agenda Foundation. *Divided Within, Besieged Without: The Politics of Education in Four American School Districts* suggests why school reform initiatives are progressing haltingly. Ten years after *A Nation At Risk* -- the widely respected publication which documented America's failing school systems -- steps toward reform continue to stall.

The study, conducted by the Public Agenda Foundation for the Charles F. Kettering Foundation, is based on more than 200 face-to-face interviews with a broad cross-section of teachers, principals, administrators, school board members, parents, business executives, and other local citizens who have been active in school reform in four representative U.S. school districts.

"In all four communities, groups that should work together -- groups that must work together if there is going to be progress -- seemed continually pulled apart by suspicion, by prejudice, and by fear of losing hard-won gains. In conversation after conversation, talk about long-term goals descended almost immediately into talk about local politics, local disputes, who did what to whom, and how to prevent it next time around. If this study is indicative of national trends, Americans angered by gridlock in Washington may find an equally intractable gridlock much closer to home," the report states.

"This report sounds a clarion call to anyone interested in school reform. Time is being wasted by petty politics, and nearly everyone involved must take a share of the blame. School reform is beset by political inertia, and, unless those who have invested so much of their lives in the reform process begin to act differently, the real danger is that their mission will fail," said Deborah Wadsworth, Executive Director of Public Agenda.

The report details gaps in communication among educators, between parents and educators, and between business leaders and educators. It concludes with several recommendations for improving dialogue.

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Because of the unusually intense concern about protecting the confidentiality of those interviewed, no identification of the four school districts involved in the study or of the people interviewed is given in the report. However, the four districts are geographically and demographically diverse, and are all considered to have good to excellent schools systems.

This report continues research into attitudes about education reform that Public Agenda conducted over the past two years. The research is summarized in two reports: *Educational Reform: The Players and the Politics (1992)* -- a national survey of education stakeholders' attitudes and values driving education reform; and *Crosstalk: The Public, The Experts, and Competitiveness (1991)* -- an indepth study of education and the economy as viewed by leaders and the public. Both reports are available by contacting Public Agenda at 212-686-6610.

The Public Agenda Foundation is a nonpartisan, nonprofit public opinion research and education organization working to help citizens better understand complex policy issues and to help the nation's leaders better understand the public's point of view. Founded in 1975 by Daniel Yankelovich and Cyrus Vance, Public Agenda has worked with issues including foreign policy, health care reform, AIDS, the environment, crime, the deficit, and many others.

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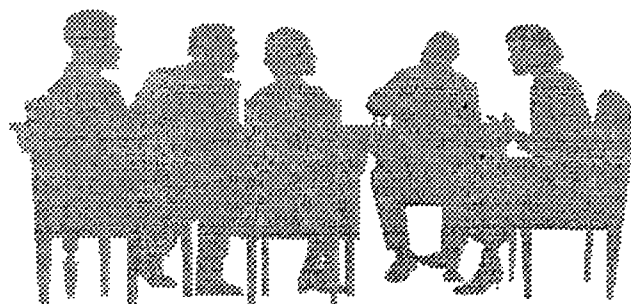
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DIVIDED WITHIN, BESIEGED WITHOUT:

The Politics of Education in Four American School Districts



**A Report from the Public Agenda Foundation
Prepared for the Charles F. Kettering Foundation**

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1993

Kim McLane Wardlaw
President
Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles
P. O. Box 480197
Los Angeles, California 90048

Dear Ms. Wardlaw:

Thank you for your letter of October 19, 1993. Your kind invitation for Mrs. Clinton to attend the Women Lawyers Association and the Women Doctors Association of Los Angeles' joint dinner is greatly appreciated.

I have forwarded your correspondence to the Scheduling Office.

Again, thank you for your invitation.

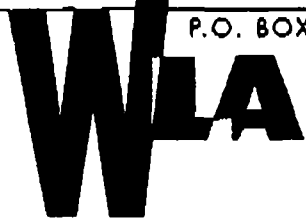
Sincerely,


Maggie Williams
Chief of Staff to the
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*Kim -
She'll try
but it doesn't
look hopeful
She will be fed
up with Congress*

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Dear Maggie:

Each year, the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles and the Women Doctors Association of Los Angeles jointly present a dinner program relating to women's health and legal issues. Last year, for example, our speaker was Dr. Susan Love, whom I am sure you know, who spoke on recent developments in medicine and law in the area of breast cancer.

This year, given the importance of the Administration's health care reform proposals, we are hoping to obtain a representative of the Administration to speak on the impact of the health care plan on women's medical issues. We would love to have Hillary Rodham Clinton address these issues at this year's dinner, and we certainly believe this would be a more than appropriate forum for educating women's advocacy groups on the benefits of the Clinton health care proposals. Recognizing the constraints of Mrs. Clinton's schedule, however, we would ask that if Mrs. Clinton could not participate in such a dinner, that you would work with us in finding a suitable surrogate, perhaps Donna Shalala, to address the needs and concerns of women over the Clinton health plan.

Traditionally, the dinner is held in February, although we would be willing to work around Mrs. Clinton's or a surrogate's schedule to facilitate their participation in the dinner program. Please let me know your thoughts on the foregoing, and again I appreciate any help that you might give me.

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With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Kim Wardlaw

Kim McLane Wardlaw
President

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cc: Mr. Tom Epstein
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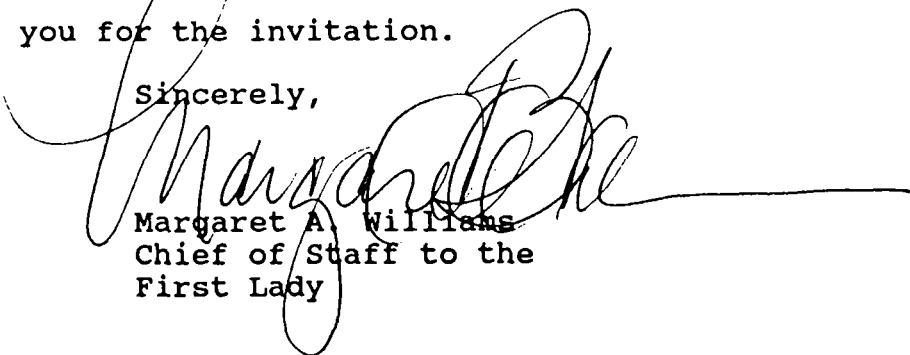
Abigail Warnecke
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Dear Ms. Warnecke:

Thank you for your letter of October 24, 1993. Your kind invitation to Mrs. Clinton to speak at the national conference of the Graduate Women in Business Network on March 4-5, 1994, is greatly appreciated. I have forwarded your request to the Scheduling Office.

Again, thank you for the invitation.

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Williams
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Business Women's Forum

October 24, 1993

Ms. Margaret A. Williams
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Williams:

Attached is a copy a letter to the First Lady, inviting Mrs. Clinton to speak at the national conference of the Graduate Women in Business Network at the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. The conference runs from the afternoon of March 4th through Saturday March 5th. We would very much appreciate your attention to this matter.

As you can see from the letter it is a important opportunity for the First Lady to speak to current and future business leaders. We have assembled an impressive group of speakers, a list of which is also attached.

I can be reached at 804-979-3096. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions about the conference. I look forward to talking with you about this opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Abigail E. Warnecke".

Abigail E. Warnecke
Conference Chairperson
Graduate Women in Business



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Business Women's Forum

October 24, 1993

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

As the chairperson for the Graduate Women in Business conference, it is an honor to invite you to speak at our annual conference on March 4 & 5, 1994 at the Darden Graduate School of Business, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. It is my sincere hope that after reading this and the enclosed information, you will understand the importance of this event and the value of sharing the experience and wisdom that you have gained from your unique position. It is truly a great opportunity to have a direct impact on a broad spectrum of women who will be leading U.S. businesses into the 21st century. We hope you will attend.

The National Network for Graduate Women in Business was founded fourteen years ago at the Wharton Business School, to support women pursuing graduate degrees in business. This year over 150 women from 30 of America's finest business schools will gather at Darden to discuss many critical issues facing today's business leaders. The title of this year's conference is "*Leadership: Women in a Changing World*". Among the topics to be explored include: styles of leadership; the effect of gender on those styles; the benefits of combining one's passion with one's career; and ultimately how we, as leaders, will utilize technological innovation to meet the ever-increasing sophistication of consumers in an integrated world-wide economy. A number of prominent women have confirmed their desire to share their insights in these areas. We are particularly pleased to have your friend, Ruth Harkin, as a speaker.

It would be impossible to term this event a complete success without your presence. There is no question that you are an expert on the change that we are about to encounter. You have broken barriers at every step in your career. You have decided when to push hard, to achieve goals that are important to you and the people you represent (e.g. health care and education in Arkansas). You have also known when to step back, not allowing your legitimate personal desires to impede your long-term goals for our country (e.g. your decision to use your husband's last name to assuage the voters of Arkansas). Your experience on various boards and work in difficult substantive areas as a top attorney provide you with invaluable experience to be an advisor to women embarking upon their careers as future business leaders. Further, you are a significant role model for women who, in their twenties and thirties, are grappling with issues of marriage, family and career. The world has never experienced a First Lady who not only has her own career, but also takes on such a major role in bettering our country.

Your husband's election was the culmination of years of hard work. He has done more for women in one year than his predecessors did in twelve. It was an honor for me to play a small role in his election through non-event fund raising. As chairperson for this conference I am attempting to have a concrete impact on women in business. Please join this particular effort and enlighten us on how to take advantage of the foundation that you and he have fought so hard to create.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Abigail E. Warnecke
Chairperson
Graduate Women in Business
(804) 979-3096

Confirmed Speakers for the 1994 Graduate Women in Business National Network Conference

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
•Patricia Cloherty - also president-elect of National Venture Capital Association and member of Committee 200 an organization of women executives which run companies or departments with over \$50 million. She was Carter's Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.	Patricof & Co. Ventures	President
•Michele Hooper - also member of the Young President's Organization.	Caremark International	Corporate Vice President and President Int'l Business Group
•Ellen Knapp	Coopers & Lybrand	Vice Chair, Technology
•Sandra Horbach - 1982 Wellesley College graduate and Fulbright scholar.	Forstman Little	Partner, only woman of 6 general partners
•Nina McLemore - member of Committee 200 and Young President's Organization.	Liz Claiborne Accessories Division	EVP Corporate Development President (recently retired)
•Ruth Harkin	O.P.I.C.	President
•Nancy Barry - Women's World Banking is a global non-profit organization with 50 affiliates in 40 countries providing credit and sources of financing for women in developing countries.	Women's World Banking	President
•Maxine Clark	Payless Shoe Source	President
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•Wendy Logan	Johnson & Johnson Hospital Products	Vice President
•Geraldine Laybourne	Nickelodeon	President

Graduate Women in Business

The Graduate Women in Business is a national network of graduate business school women. The Network is organized for educational purposes and acts as a catalyst for women in business schools as they make the transition from graduate programs to effective professional careers. The goals of the Network include highlighting the accomplishments of women in management, promoting job opportunities and contact between graduates and students and supporting women earning degrees in graduate business schools. Each year a member school is selected to host the Graduate Women in Business Conference and this year, Darden, the MBA Program at the University of Virginia, has been selected.

1994 Conference

Leadership: Women in a Changing World

This year the conference will focus on how women learn and evolve as leaders, and will look at different styles of leadership and how they might be associated with gender. Given these discussions about leadership and learning, the conference will also address how women are changing the new global environment. The conference will explore these issues and assist graduate women as they develop their own styles and look for rewarding opportunities within a globally changing workplace. This conference provides a way for new ideas and viewpoints to be presented to both men and women, and will form a foundation on which we can shape the future.

Darden's

Business Women's Forum

The Darden Graduate School of Business Administration is a top general management MBA program at The University of Virginia. The Business Women's Forum (BWF) at Darden exists to promote the role of the professional women at Darden and in the workplace. The goal of the group is to share experiences, provide support and develop constructive plans of action. These actions include presenting women in positions of leadership, promoting unity among Darden women, providing academic support for members and establishing a strong network of Darden alumnae. Darden and the BWF have consistently been able to draw top business leaders to speak on current issues facing today's managers. These speakers in just the past year include, Michaela Walsh, founder of Women's World Banking, Geraldine Laybourne, President of Nickelodeon, Arnold Hiatt, CEO of the Stride-Rite Foundation and executives from Mobil Corporation and several other Fortune 500 companies.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 29, 1993

Ms. Ivanna Weikert
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Dear Ivanna:

Thanks so much for your kind note. I was delighted to learn that you will be interning in Marian's office this summer. I know that you will find your internship to be a rewarding experience.

Good luck in all your future endeavors.

Very truly yours,

Maggie Williams (DL)
Maggie Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

Dear Mrs. Williams,

5/13/93

I am writing to let you know that I will be interning this summer in Maria's office at the Children's Defense Fund. I want to thank you for your help in helping me believe in myself and for telling me who to contact. You are a true example to Trinity women, those who remain and especially to those of us graduating this May. Your perseverance, determination and success lead the way for so many of us. I thank you for this and for your spoken and unspoken encouragement. I have truly benefited from it.

Continued success to you.

Sincerely, Danna Weikert

① Show Maggie.

② Good Luck in
your future
endeavors.

Thanking you
for your help

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 25, 1993

Ms. Cynthia Magriel Wetzler
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Dear Ms. Wetzler:

Thank you for your letter of May 30, 1993 and your enclosed article. We are grateful for the important work individuals like you are doing to help meet the challenges facing our nation. Mrs. Clinton is aware of your hard work and dedication to projects of concern to women and children.

I have forwarded your correspondence to the Office of Presidential Personnel.

Thank you for your comments and support.

Sincerely,

Maggie Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

CYNTHIA MAGRIEL WETZLER

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wants work

May 30, 1993

Ms. Margaret Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am sending you a copy of my letter to the First Lady which includes an article I wrote on "Take Your Daughters to Work Day."

Because of the influx of mail to the First Lady's office I would like to register my support for Hillary Rodham Clinton's work and role with you as well.

If my work is of interest to you I would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Magriel Wetzler
Cynthia Magriel Wetzler

*TY letter: for your concern
of these issues....
+ newspaper article*

CYNTHIA MAGRIEL WETZLER

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May 30, 1993

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Office of the First Lady
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1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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Dear Hillary Rodham Clinton:

I support you and your efforts to redefine what it can mean to be human, to be female. Your unwillingness to compromise yourself is inspiring and exciting.

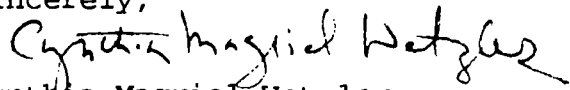
I'm worried about the same things you're worried about-- a "crisis of meaning" in our lives. The 90's seem to reflect a real yearning, deep and wordless, for more wholeness and connectedness in our lives.

Of particular concern to me is the parenting of our children. How do we nurture our children's deepest, most inner self? How do we honor them, find time to be silent with them at the beach, marvel at a flower? Raising daughters in the 90's is an issue I am exploring on an ongoing basis.

As a freelance writer and psychiatric social worker, I address these concerns in my articles and newspaper column. I am enclosing my piece regarding "Take Your Daughter to Work Day," which highlights concern for the plunge in self-esteem suffered by adolescent girls.

I would be honored to work with you on projects of concern to women and children. I would be willing to help in any way that my talents allow. I live with my husband and two children, 14 and 16, in Pound Ridge, New York. I would be pleased to hear from your staff.

Sincerely,


Cynthia Magriel Wetzler

cc: Ms.Lisa Caputo
Ms.Pam Barnett
✓Ms.Margaret Williams

Our Daughters Dare to Reach for the Stars

by CYNTHIA M. WETZLER

It's still happening. A 14-year-old girl, popular with her friends, the lead in the school play, broke down in tears in a private conference with her English teacher. She had just made high honors, all A's, and part of her was very proud. But the other part of her, the "I really want to be attractive to the boys" part was in despair, nervous that her intelligence would detract from her femininity.

It's 1993 and it's still happening. A group of 13- and 14-year-old

The stars are there.
Sometimes little women
need to have someone
whisper in their ear,
"Reach for them."

girls, when asked if they would prefer single sex or coed classes, responded immediately, "Coed!" Yet, after talking together and touching some deeper feelings, they all decided they liked the idea of all-girl classes.

Why? They realized, they said, they acted differently in the company of boys, more reticent in class, less willing to voice ideas. They realized they were afraid the boys would make fun of too many bright answers — or worse, dismiss them as "too brainy." To be popular they must start actively to play the part of being "a girl."

Female Impersonation

Gloria Steinem calls this behavior, which begins in pre-adolescence, "female impersonation." It's a role assigned to us for life.

The conflict is deepened for girls by the persistent messages from society, the media and other ill-advised adults that an assertive, bright, confident woman is somehow a menace and unfeminine.

Just look at the beating that the first lady has endured. She is breaking the legacy of the gracious (although she is also that) tea-pouring volunteer and is using all her God-given abilities. She is paying a

Moments of Being

price for her refusal to compromise her talents. Hillary Rodham Clinton would be less the target of hostility were she to remain domestic, soft and contented.

Recent studies including a survey of 3,000 fourth through 10th graders by the American Association of University Women show that the confidence of girls and their expectations in life drop dramatically in adolescence, alarmingly more than for boys. The Carol Gilligan research from Harvard documents a damaging loss of self-esteem in adolescent girls. Studies show that this erosion of girls' estimation of their abilities impacts adulthood.

Visible, Valued, Heard

In response to this research the Ms. Foundation for Women has launched a nationwide campaign to help create an environment where girls are "visible, valued, and heard." The Ms. Foundation is committed to end this loss of self-esteem and its negative effect on girls, which breeds emotional distress, discrimination, and negative body image. Part of their effort was the launching of Take Your Daughters to Work Day, which took place on April 28.

Across the nation girls between the ages of 9 and 15 went to such workplaces as advertising agencies, TV stations, banks and photography studios to stimulate expectations for life choices they may not have otherwise considered.

The Ms. Foundation reports an overwhelming response to the day. "It was 10 times what we expected," said Miriam Zoll. "We estimate 500,000 to 1,000,000 girls participated." The word is that the girls were treated with respect and taken seriously. At The New York Times there were hundreds of girls working along with a parent, relative or friend, all made to feel important. This is precisely what the day was conceived to bring about. The Ms. Foundation plans to make this a yearly event.

Unpleasant Memories

Marie Wilson, president of the Ms. Foundation, reports that many women have responded to the day by remembering their own loss of confidence. They have asked how they can keep this from happening to their daughters, to all daughters.

Some old memories were brought up for me — unpleasant ones. I remember a high school awards assembly. I was sitting next to the class president, a boy. My name was announced. I had won the French prize. The boy leaned over and sneered, "Oh, a French brain." I hated walking up to the stage to receive my honor. Prom queen would have been better.

I accepted a position right after college on the staff of a fashion magazine. Hitch. Before I was hired I was asked by personnel to go home and improve my typing skills. I had failed the typing test. When I attained 65 words per minute I started my new job and never typed once.

Then there was the time I stuffed my newly earned graduate degree in the back of my desk drawer. I was seeing a young man who didn't have one.

Things are better now than they used to be. Female law school graduates are not being offered secretarial positions in law firms. But the message from the Harvard studies remains urgent. Society's deep-core dispatch to our girls is still: A pretty smile will make you more acceptable than a strong mind.

Role Models

My daughter, Sarah, was invited to participate in Take Your Daughter to Work Day by her uncle, an attorney in New York City. She spent time with two of the many female attorneys in the large law firm, talking about their cases, getting a feeling of what it is to practice law. What did these professional women think of the day?

Amy Wilber, a corporate lawyer in the firm and who is coincidentally a new neighbor on Horseshoe Hill, said, "In a perfect world we wouldn't need this day. But right

now girls need to see role models of women using their minds and brains and being assertive. We may hear we have opportunities but subliminally we still get different messages from the media and commercials."

Susan Sheppard, another lawyer in the firm and a litigator, felt the day was "extremely important." She sparked a real interest and respect in Sarah for her *crimi pro bono* work. We later heard from Sarah all the details of the trial of a teenage boy who didn't care if he went to jail.

What About the Boys?

What about the boys? There was a disgruntled bunch who had to go

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to school on April 28 while the girls got to see the world. Was it fair?

"The simple fact is that no one has to assure her sons that a boy can grow up to be president," said Anna Quindlen. "There is no doubt that boys need a hand, too. But it's a different hand, a different way, to take them where they need to go ... what they need to learn isn't found in the office."

Some schools, using a suggested curriculum from the Ms. Foundation, engaged the boys who remained in school that day in activities with teachers, parents, and male role models that questioned attitudes and stereotypes about themselves and girls.

Take Your Daughter to Work Day, as I see it, is not about separatism but about human beingness. We are giving our girls a chance to broaden the scope of their dreams. The stars are there. Sometimes little women need to have someone whisper in their "Reach for them."

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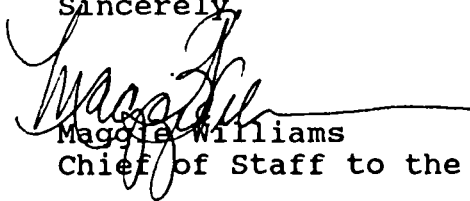
Sister Barbara Whelan
Executive Director
Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc.
47 West Street
Boston, MA 02111

Dear Sister Barbara:

Thank you for your letter and the information about Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc. Programs which assist youth at risk are important to this Administration's goal of providing to our nation's people hope and the opportunity for a better life.

I hope that you will continue to work with us to make the coming years a time for renewed opportunity in America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maggie Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Maggie Williams
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

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May 14, 1993

Thanks for info

Ms. Margaret Williams
Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff
for Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Williams:

Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc. is a nationally recognized model program serving runaways, homeless youth, and other young people in high risk situations. We are writing to you, as the new Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff for Hillary Rodham Clinton, to offer information on this vulnerable population of young people, and how Bridge, with the help of federal initiatives, works to give them renewed hope and opportunities for lives away from the streets. As you and other members of the Clinton administration work to overcome the devastating problems our country faces now, we hope you will consider the needs of runaways and homeless youth, a population which will help to define our future.

It is difficult to estimate the number of homeless and runaway youth in the US; they are a group whose existence is barely recognized. They come from a range of socioeconomic backgrounds, and from the cities and the suburbs. Yet there is a striking similarity in their family experiences. Most have grown up in severely troubled families in which they were the victims of physical, sexual, and/or emotional abuse. They have lived with parental alcoholism and drug abuse, violence, and neglect. Invisible and overlooked, runaways and homeless youth have neither family support, access to most social services, nor other resources. A 1991 national survey of 185 youth agencies found that, among runaway and homeless youth across the country, 58% had trouble with school, 46% had a substance abuse problem, 14% had a substance abuse addiction, 31% suffered from physical abuse, 21% suffered from sexual abuse, and 21% had suicide ideation. Bridge youth are part of this troubled population.

Bridge Over Troubled Waters was founded in 1970 by educators and health care professionals to assist homeless and runaway youth living on the streets of Boston. The Bridge founders, three of whom are still with the agency, were on the forefront of a movement in the 1960's and early 1970's to create alternative youth services separate from the criminal justice system and the courts. The work of the Bridge founders and others who recognized this growing need led to the passage of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act in 1974. As a comprehensive and effective agency, Bridge is a current recipient of all three federal grants available under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: the Basic Center Program, the Transitional Living Program, and the Drug Abuse Prevention Program.

Throughout its 23-year history, Bridge has been the only agency in the Boston area with a streetwork program to reach troubled youth on their own turf, an open intake system to serve youth without restrictions, and programs designed specifically for high risk youth. With a staff of 42 and over 250 volunteers, Bridge serves over 4,000 youth each year.

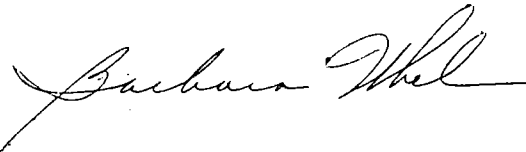
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In order to develop fulfilling lives, neglected and abandoned youth, such as those served at Bridge, require a supportive, supervised environment away from the streets and their influences, where they can receive a broad range of services to address the complicated mix of social, economic, and personal problems. Without services such as those provided by Bridge and other similar programs across the country, runaways and homeless youth are likely to remain on the streets or in the adult homeless shelters, and remain at high risk to become the next generation of disenfranchised, homeless adults.

Thank you for your attention to our letter and for your outspoken concern for the most vulnerable members of our society. We look forward to working with you and the new administration to develop effective results-oriented programs and services, with funding adequate to achieve our goals of helping runaways, homeless youth, and all those most in need, to overcome barriers and become productive, secure, and fully integrated members of our society.

Sincerely,

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Sister Barbara Whelan
Executive Director

NATIONAL RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

“ . . . everyone we asked said that you run the best program of this type in the country . . . ”

—— Bryant Gumbel, "Today" Show
April 12, 1990
during an interview with Barbara Whelan
Bridge Executive Director

1992

U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Human Resources

Received testimony from a former Bridge client about the abuse she suffered in her childhood, her life on the streets, and the help Bridge has provided her through its multi-service program system.

1991

U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice, Hearings on Status Offenders, Risks, and Remedies

Received Bridge testimony on sexual abuse experienced by street youth and the difficulty young runaways have in revealing and healing from the trauma.

1990

U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Children, Family, Drugs, and Alcohol

Requested testimony on current trends and realities that face youth today.

1989

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Human Development Services

Commended Bridge Clinical Director for her work and policy development for youth infected with HIV.

1988

President's Commission on HIV

Received testimony by the Bridge Clinical Director on behalf of the *Child Welfare League of America* on the AIDS epidemic, runaways, and homeless youth.

1984

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Selected the first Bridge transitional living program as a national model to be replicated around the country.

1982

Act Together: a collaboration of the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation

Chose Bridge from 500 applicants competing nationally for funding. Bridge was one of 13 agencies chosen to receive a major grant to develop its first transitional living residence, The Bridge House.

1975

U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

Cited the Bridge Runaway Program for excellence, deemed it a national model, and encouraged other runaway agencies throughout the country to study Bridge's program design and implementation methods.

Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc. was established in 1970 "to do whatever may be necessary or desirable in assisting youth who are on the streets with no one to comfort them to achieve a place in society as normal and useful citizens." Through the years, Bridge has evolved into a multi-service agency with programs designed to meet the changing needs of runaways and homeless youth, and serves about 4,000 young people each year.

Bridge Over Troubled Waters

Services to Runaway and Homeless Youth

Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc. was founded in Boston in July 1970 to serve runaways, homeless youth, and other youth on the streets with nowhere to turn. Since then, Bridge has evolved into a comprehensive multi-service agency, serving an average of 4,000 youngsters each year. Bridge services are summarized below.

Street Outreach:

- Intervenes in the lives of runaways, homeless youth, and other youth in high risk situations and offers alternatives to street life and substance abuse dependency.
- Visits areas where street youth gather each weekday afternoon and evening, develops trusting relationships with youth, explains services offered at Bridge, refers youth to appropriate services, and maintains contact with those who enter counseling.

Medical and Dental Services

- Provide medical and dental care to street youth, runaways, and throwaways.
- Promote the needs of street youth by acting as a liaison to the medical community.

Runaway Services

- Attempt to reconcile families of runaway youth or youth at risk by facilitating stronger family relationships through counseling and other supportive services and by providing temporary emergency housing, as needed.
- Arrange stable alternative living situations for youth when family reunification is not an option.

Counseling Services:

- Initiate and maintain positive relationships with street youth.
- Empower street youth to change their lives, become independent of street life, and move toward productive futures.
- Include long-term substance abuse counseling, personal counseling, basic survival services, and referrals.

Family Life Center:

- Provides pregnant and parenting teens with information, support, advocacy, and counseling to promote successful parenting skills, and includes workshops in pre-natal care, child development, nutrition, and well baby care.
- Encourages mothers to earn their GED diplomas through the Bridge GED program, provides child care when mothers attend class, and offers counseling to parents on educational, employment, housing, and child care needs.

Education/Pre-Employment Program

- Provides educational, pre-employment, guidance, and job development services necessary for youth to enter and advance in jobs, training programs, or higher education; and offers adult basic education classes to develop literacy needed for most employment.
- Offers a word processing training program for high school graduates and GED recipients.

Residential Component

- Houses homeless youth, young adults, and single parents in Bridge Houses (the Single Parent House and Transitional Living Program), providing affordable supportive housing plus weekly group counseling, individual counseling, independent living skills education, stress management and time management skills, support for completing a high school level education, and experience in daily housekeeping as well as working at a paying job.
- Houses residents in the Bridge Transitional Apartments, providing clients who have been through one of the Bridge Houses with an additional year of less formal supervision in their own apartments, plus individual and group counseling and other supportive services, leading to gradually increasing independence.

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The
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to Save
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*13- and 14-year-olds
in Albuquerque*



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Bridge Over Troubled Waters runs a "transitional living" program in Boston to help former runaways like Ronnie Lemieux, 16, left, put their lives together.



STRUGGLING TO SAVE OUR KIDS

Many more than ever face the crises of childhood: violence, drugs, bad schools, poverty, divorce, or two parents at work. And no one seems to care. • *by Louis S. Richman*

Teenagers, failed by parents, schools, and communities, are perhaps in the most danger. Today, some 600,000 feral youth roam the streets of America's cities and towns — long since having given up on school and putting themselves at risk of crime, drug addiction, and, increasingly, AIDS.

Ronnie Lemieux, 16, was one of them. He was born in a blue-collar neighborhood of Boston, the youngest of three children whose father left when he was 2. For the next ten years the family

lived with Ronnie's maternal grandmother, who provided the structure and love that their frequently absent mother could not. But when the grandmother died four years ago, Ronnie and his fragile family had to fend for themselves. As the Lemieux family wandered from apartment to apartment around Boston, Ronnie would enroll in a new school — eight over the next four years — but never went to class. He would hang out with friends on the streets where their mischief soon turned to drugs and crime. By 14, his daily drill involved buying a 40-ounce bottle of beer for breakfast, scoring some "herb" (marijuana), and downing more beer for lunch. For money, he and his friends broke into homes and mugged an occasional passer-by, but they soon found dealing drugs more profitable. Ronnie says he would earn several hundred dollars a week selling "angel dust" and cocaine. He bought a 9-mm handgun for protection. After a fistfight with his mother's boyfriend, he left home for good.

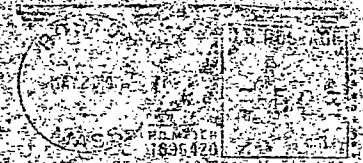
By the time Ronnie turned 15, he had seen a close friend killed and had been wounded himself. When, finally, the

Massachusetts Department of Social Services caught up with him last winter, even Ronnie knew that his life had become too dangerous to continue unchanged. He was referred to a private local group called **Bridge Over Troubled Waters** that works with homeless youngsters and was offered a place in its South End "transitional living" residence.

During the three months since moving into the **Bridge** facility, Ronnie has begun putting his life in order. The tightly structured but supportive program requires all its youngsters to attend school and hold a job. Despite his spotty education, Ronnie has already passed his high school equivalency exam. He works full time at a Cambridge restaurant and is saving money for college. "I'm determined to change," he says. "Nothing they ask me to do is hard because it is what I want."

And if he hadn't found a last chance with **Bridge**? "I'd have no choice but to go back to selling drugs," he says. "By 18, I'd be dead." For the health of its own civilization, America just cannot afford to let Ronnie fail again.

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TO: Ms. Margaret Williams
Asst. to the President and
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Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
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September 3, 1993

Raymond P. White, Jr., DDS, Ph.D.
National Chairman
Oral Health 2000
211 East Chicago Avenue
Suite 820
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Dr. White:

Ms. Williams appreciated your recent letter inviting her to attend the Second National Oral Health 2000 Consortium which will be held next month in Washington. Unfortunately, her schedule is such that it will not be possible for her to accept.

I know Ms. Williams would want me to thank you for your invitation and to send her best wishes for a very successful meeting.

Sincerely,

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Evelyn S. Lieberman
Assistant to the Chief of Staff

for Eric's Signature

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August 17, 1993

Ms. Margaret A. Williams
Assistant to the President
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Williams:

With the launching of Oral Health 2000 last year, we undertook a daunting task. For the first time ever, all the constituencies of dentistry and the private, public, and voluntary sectors joined forces to create a landmark model dedicated to improving the oral health of our nation's public.

Dentistry, which has avoided much of the fragmentation and sky-rocketing costs that faces the medical profession, is proving to be a valuable model for primary health care advocated by many nationwide. Using prevention-based and cost effective therapies, dentistry provides an efficient community-oriented model for health care.

Despite dentistry's technological, scientific, and delivery system advances, many population groups including single parent families, inner city children, minorities, the disabled, and the elderly often fail to have access to or benefit from even minimum standards of oral health care.

To address these needs, the Second National Oral Health 2000 Consortium, will be held September 11-13, in Washington, D.C. Cosponsored by the American Fund for Dental Health and the Public Health Service's Department of Health Resources and Services Administration, the consortium will focus upon the importance of oral health in primary care. The enclosed preliminary program presents an overview of the meeting. We'd like you to join us.

If you find yourself unable to attend due to prior commitments, please pass the enclosed information and registration materials along to an alternate representative. We look forward to receiving your response and working with you as Oral Health 2000 grows.

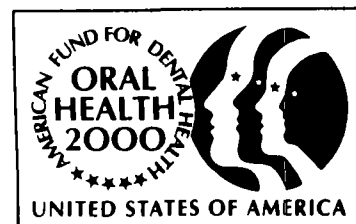
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Koop to Address Oral Health 2000 Consortium

Honorary Chairman Dr. C. Everett Koop, retired U.S. surgeon general, will address participants at the Second Oral Health 2000 National Consortium, September 11-13 in Washington, D.C.

Entitled "Ideas to Reality," the consortium will build upon the base established last year in Irvine, California. Emphasizing oral health in primary care, consortium participants will discuss methods of changing beliefs common to many health care professionals and the public that segregate the mouth from the remainder of the body.

"There are people who do not recognize oral care as an essential part of primary health care, which commits us to turning around that misconception," stated Dr. Stephen Corbin, associate director of External Relations, Division of Oral Health, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Regardless of what happens with health care reform, by itself, the adoption of a standardized benefits package will not be enough to assure access to oral care for all Americans. Community-based action allows all interested constituencies to join together and make a contribution toward achieving the National Healthy People 2000 objectives."

Drs. Koop and Corbin will be joined by 300 other individuals devoted to improving Americans' oral health. Cosponsored by the Public Health Service's Department of Health Resources and Services Administration, the consortium will focus on the role of consumers, providers and partners in primary health care. Speaker sessions and small work groups will identify action-based solutions through state and local grassroots efforts.

Work groups will tackle a set of issues including sports injuries, tobacco cessation, oral health care in nursing homes and insurance. Special emphasis will be placed upon primary care in relation to the elderly, access issues, the medically compromised and pediatric care.

The Oral Health 2000 initiative draws upon the strength and experience of leaders from government, industry and non-profit organizations to establish a network of resources and ideas to address the 16 oral health goals of the Healthy People 2000 national agenda. Traversing the traditional boundaries of dentistry, Oral Health 2000 promotes health maintenance through education and disease prevention.

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"Like any other social problem, confronting issues related to oral health care requires the combined talents of individuals from varied backgrounds," commented Ms. Denise LeBloch, Oral Health 2000 manager. "Creating a national hub for the oral health wheel allows us to maximize the use of often-limited resources to reach as many individuals as possible. With Oral Health 2000, we seek to avoid overlap in services while providing a number of models for adaptation in other locations."

"Improving America's oral health by the year 2000 requires the commitment and dedication of many organizations, corporations and individuals," stated Ms. Anne Harvey, program director for the American Association of Retired Persons, a participant in the Oral Health 2000 initiative. "The AARP believes oral health is a critical part of overall health and well-being, and is committed to helping its members lead a healthier life."

The American Fund for Dental Health convened Oral Health 2000 in 1990, following a charge from the National Institute of Dental Research. Founded in 1955, the American Fund for Dental Health is the nation's major health foundation exclusively devoted to the advancement of the dental professions and the public's oral health. Through the years, the AFDH has raised and allocated over \$68 million to support dental research, dental education and the delivery of dental service programs.

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Dentistry Provides Model for Primary Health Care

Washington, D.C.--Dentistry, which has avoided much of the fragmentation--and matching skyrocketing costs--that faces the medical profession, provides a valuable model for the primary health care advocated by many individuals involved with national health care reform.

Primary care and its relationship to consumers, providers and partners will be explored at the Oral Health 2000 Second National Consortium, September 11-13 at the Stouffer Mayflower Hotel. Cosponsored by Oral Health 2000 and the U.S. Public Health Service Health Resources and Services Administration, the consortium will focus on the importance of providing prevention-oriented, lifelong oral care for all Americans in an ambulatory setting assessable to the community.

"With the nation's eye on health care reform, we must look at dentistry's adherence to a system based on a single individual who coordinates care for patients and refers them to a specialist when necessary," stated Dr. Raymond White, chairman of the Oral Health 2000 National Committee and a professor of oral surgery at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. "This allows for a better continuum of care and also contains costs. Often times, a generalist can offer a more integrated approach to health care."

Unlike physicians, 85 percent of dentists provide general care, according to Ms. Martha Liggett, general counsel and assistant executive director, division of government affairs for the American Association of Dental Schools. Although the number of dental school graduates with specialist training has remained steady at approximately 1,200 annually, this represents a growing percentage as the number of total graduates has shrunk from 6,000 each year during the 1970's to the current figure of 4,000.

"Dentistry is it," Ms. Liggett commented. "We should be the prototype in terms of efficient, community-based preventive care. Our challenge is to ensure access to care for everyone."

"Right now, we're not reaching the bottom third of the population," said Dr. Sheila McGuire, an assistant professor at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and the sole dentist on the White House Health Professionals Review Group of the Task Force for National Health Care Reform. "If oral health care becomes part of the benefits package stemming from the Clinton administration's health care reform efforts, many people will be encouraged to seek oral health care. However, there will still be access issues to address."

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More than financial barriers stand between many poor Americans and proper oral health care. Language and cultural differences may prevent individuals from seeking out care, while others may have difficulty finding transportation to a dental office.

"We continually need to improve our game plan," Dr. McGuire added. "So much of what needs to be done in dentistry is not high-tech, high-cost care, but preventive measures, like school-based programs for applying sealants to students' teeth."

During the Second Oral Health 2000 National Consortium, a panel of oral health experts will address primary care in connection to pediatrics, the elderly and the medically compromised. A second panel discussion will focus on successful access programs, including a mobile dental clinic providing care for indigent children and an educational and screening system for the residents of long-term care facilities.

The Second Oral Health 2000 National Consortium provides a forum for participation and networking, bringing together the broad constituencies that comprise Oral Health 2000 in order to further the initiative's goals. A national, collaborative effort convened by the American Fund for Dental Health, Oral Health 2000 unites the public, private and voluntary sectors in a prevention-based education, research and service program to prevent oral diseases, eliminate tooth loss and alleviate barriers to care.

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Oral Health 2000 Second National Consortium



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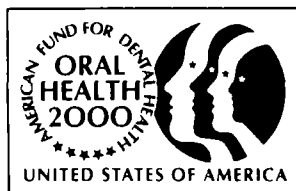
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REGISTRATION

Registration Fee (per person and includes materials, receptions, and conference meals):
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Make check or money order payable to American Fund for Dental Health, and indicate in the memo area "Oral Health 2000 National Consortium."

Mail registration form and payment to:

Oral Health 2000 Second National Consortium
American Fund for Dental Health
211 E. Chicago Avenue, Suite 820
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Registration confirmation and agenda will be sent to you by August 20, 1993.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations must be received before August 16, 1993, for full refund. After August 16, 50% of the registration fee will be refunded.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A special rate of \$135 single or double occupancy is available at the Washington Stouffer Mayflower Hotel for consortium participants. Reservations must be made by August 23 by calling the hotel directly at (202) 347-3000. Ask for reservations and indicate that you will be attending the American Fund for Dental Health meeting. Any reservations made after the deadline will be processed by the hotel on a space-available basis at the prevailing hotel rate.

Your hotel reservation does not register you for the conference. Please be sure to register for the Oral Health 2000 National Consortium by mailing the form below to the American Fund for Dental Health.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the Oral Health 2000 Second National Consortium, please contact Ann Charbonneau at the American Fund for Dental Health, (312) 787-6270.

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ADVOCATES STRESS NEED FOR IMPROVED ACCESS TO ORAL CARE NATIONWIDE

Ways to improve access to dental health care, long a concern of those in the profession, are gaining national attention as the Clinton administration moves toward health care reform this summer.

Regardless of whether the national reform plan includes expanded coverage for dental care, the focus on access represents a major opportunity to finally change a health care system that has segregated oral health from general health, many longtime health care reform advocates say.

"To get real solutions, we have to overcome one major obstacle," said Dr. Stephen Corbin, associate director for External Relations, Division of Oral Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "There is a misconception that oral health is not an essential part of general health. We view Oral Health 2000 as a unique strategy for changing the mindset and diversifying the participation, both in terms of ideas and resources."

National Alliance for Oral Health President Mary Kay Richter pointed out Oral Health 2000's landmark role in uniting consumer groups, dental

organizations and industry to work for greater access to dental care.

"I think Oral Health 2000 is in a position to do something special," she said.

With a change in perception, dental health advocates can target sources of new funding more easily and expand access to care, Dr. Corbin stated. Advocates can track populations with specific risk factors and develop educational and promotional messages targeted to them.

"But in the end, talking and planning will not make a difference unless we can also bring some additional resources to bear on the problem," he commented.

While health care professionals dispute what type of reform should take place, all agree the present Medicaid system has failed, including its provision of dental health benefits.

Under Medicaid, dental coverage for adults is hit or miss in most states. Although it mandates dental care for children, 80 percent of children in the Medicaid program each year do not receive any dental services, according to the Health Care Financing Administration. While spending for every other

service category in Medicaid increased from 1975 to 1990, spending for dental services decreased by almost 30 percent.

Meanwhile, tighter budgets at all levels of government are cutting into the profession's already-limited ability to provide access to care, said Dr. Herbert Hazelkorn, director of public health dentistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago. For example, the City of Chicago at one time had 35 dentists providing public health dental care, he stated. Today, that number is down to nine. Possible cuts this summer could reduce that number to three.

"The simple issue is that people can't afford care and coverage is not available through publicly financed programs," stated Dr. Larry Coffee, executive director of the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped. "The government has to be more responsible in how it's dealing with the issue."

People who are employed and not eligible for government assistance may also have trouble obtaining the care they need. Private insurance provides dental coverage for fewer than 100 million people.

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NYU College of Dentistry's "Your Child's Teeth" program, funded by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, provides homeless and low-income parents and their children with important oral health care information. See story on page 5.

New Coalition Seeks Mandated Dental Coverage For All

The Coalition for Oral Health, a group of professional associations and patient advocacy groups, recently called for a basic package of preventive and primary health care benefits that includes oral health care.

A coalition statement on health care reform said mandated oral health care benefits should be available to all Americans, whether they are covered by public programs or private insurance. The recommendation contrasts with that of the ADA, whose task force on health reform last year stopped short of calling for mandated oral health coverage

for those with employment-based health benefits.

Dr. Jack Dillenberg, president of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, testified for the coalition on Capitol Hill in March.

The coalition package proposes that specific dental procedures be covered for everyone who has health insurance. Minimum benefits for children, adults, and the elderly would include oral exams and cleanings, dental sealants for children, fluoride treatments, emergency services, and non-surgical periodontal therapy. Additional dental services for special needs patients and

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