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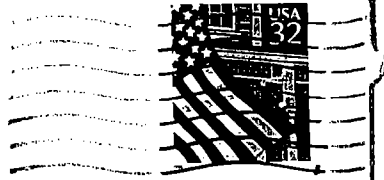
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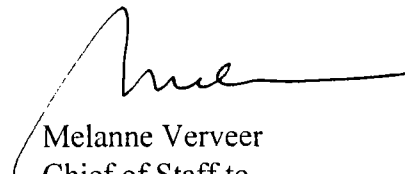
Dear Ms. Angell:

Thank you for your letter to the First Lady, and for keeping us updated on Reach Out and Read's progress.

It is easy for Mrs. Clinton to be enthusiastic about your program, which is a model for our nation. Mrs. Clinton conveys her appreciation for your important work, along with her best wishes for continued success. She is proud to be associated with your efforts.

Thank you for all you do to keep children healthy in mind and body.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanne', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



July 15, 1998

Barry Zuckerman, M.D.
Professor and Chairman of
Pediatrics
Boston Medical Center
Founding Director
Reach Out and Read

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Old Executive Building, Room 100
Washington, DC 20500

ROR National Staff

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Perri Klass, M.D.
Medical Director

I am sending you our latest June version of the Reach Out and Read Monthly Report on behalf of Dr. Perri Klass and Dr. Barry Zuckerman here at Boston Medical Center. Because of your generosity and enthusiasm regarding our program, Dr. Klass would like to keep you updated on all of our Reach Out and Read events.

Christine Angell
Nancy Berman

Patricia Cowan, R.N.

Elaine Grossman, M.Ed.

Abigail Jewkes, Ed.M.

Matthew Veno

Kate Williams

We greatly appreciate your participation in and support of the Reach Out and Read program. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 534-5701.

Sincerely,

Christine S. Angell
Administrative Assistant

**REACH OUT and READ
MONTHLY REPORT
June 1998**

Application and Inquiry Statistics

APPLICATIONS:

Applications Submitted for July 1st application review deadline:
44 applications for 59 sites in 23 states (please see attached list for locations)

INQUIRIES:

95 general inquiry packets mailed out.

Pending Applications for July 1, 1998

44 Applications for 59 Sites in 23 States

Connected applications are indicated with a *

Arizona

John C. Lincoln Hospital-Phoenix-Evelyn Lieberman

California

David Grant Medical Center-Travis AFB-Molinda Chartrand, MD

Harbor UCLA Medical Ctr-Torrance-James Seidel, MD, PhD

La Clinica de la Raza-Oakland-Arlene Gulbe

Southern Indian Health Council-Alpine-Lisa Welch-Scalco

UCLA Children's Hospital-Los Angeles-Brenda Hanning

Colorado

Exempla Healthcare-Wheatridge-Christy Chandler

Connecticut

One Application, 4 different coordinators, one medical director::

**Community Health Center, Inc.-Groton-Margaret Flinter, RNC*

**Community Health Center, Inc.-Meriden-Margaret Flinter, RNC*

**Community Health Center, Inc.-Middletown-Margaret Flinter, RNC*

**Community Health Center, Inc.-New Britain-Margaret Flinter, RNC*

**Community Health Center, Inc.-New London-Margaret Flinter, RNC*

**Community Health Center, Inc.-Old Saybrook-Margaret Flinter, RNC*

Roslyn & Leslie Goldstein Children's Health Center-Stamford-Phyllis Lapin

Florida

Separate Applications, One Coordinator:

**Apopka Children's Health Center-Apopka-Robin Orrell*

**Winter Garden Children's Health Center-Winter Garden-Robin Orrell*

Mailman Center for Child Development-Miami-Renay Rouse

Illinois

Erie Family Health Center (4 sites)-Eire-Rob Clarick, MD

Iowa

NE IA Maternal/Child Health-Decorah-Katie Falck, PNP

Indiana

ECHO Healthcare Center-Evansville-Walter Julian

**Hendricks Pediatrics-Avon-Sandra Simmons, MD*

**Indiana Adult & Pediatric Medicine-Plainfield-John Kersteff, MD*

Kentucky

University of Kentucky Peds Clinic-Lexington-Donna Grigsby, MD

Louisiana

Karl K. Long Pediatric Clinic-Baton Rouge-Angela Sue Ferguson

Maryland

Greater Chesapeake Medical Group-Annapolis-Kimberly Minear

People's Community Health Center, Inc.-Baltimore-Lisa-Ann Rush

Massachusetts

Mattapan Community Health Center-Mattapan-Gaston Poufong

New Hampshire

Lakes Region General Hospital-Laconia-Kimberlie Bidgood Wilson

New Jersey

Child Life Program, Children's Regional Hospital-Camden-Claire Cowen

Nebraska

Panhandle Community Services Community Health Center-Gering-Jerry Lewis

New York

Genesee Health Service Pediatric Group-Rochester-Jeannine Thomas

Interfaith Medical Center-Brooklyn-Carol Pepe, CSW

North Carolina

4 sites, one application:

**Guilford Child Health-Greensboro-Ellen Roberts, RN*

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**Guilford Child Health-Greensboro-Ellen Roberts, RN*

**Guilford Child Health-High Point-Ellen Roberts, RN*

Special Care for Special Kids-Wilkesboro-Laura Gentry

Yadkin County Health Department-Yadkinville-Carolyn Choplin

Ohio

Separate Applications, One Coordinator, Four Medical Consultants:

- *BMF Pediatric Care/Hopple Street-Cleveland-Mary Kay Martin Heldman*
- *BMF Pediatric Care/Rachford-Findlay- Cleveland-Mary Kay Martin Heldman*
- *BMF Pediatric Care/BMF Norwood- Cleveland-Mary Kay Martin Heldman*
- *BMF Pediatric Care/BMF Addyston- Cleveland-Mary Kay Martin Heldman*

Children's Hospital Center-Cincinnati-Rosemary Schmidt, MD
Health Hill Hospital for Children-Cleveland-Betsy Weimer
Medical College of Ohio-Toledo-Barbara Mikola
North Central Ohio Family Care Ctr-Galbion-Marcia Brown, MD

Oklahoma

Variety Health Center Mid Del-Del City-Roseanne Harley, ARNP

Pennsylvania

Mercy Children's Medical Center-Pittsburgh-Michelle Rupert, BSN

Texas

Ben Taub General Hospital-Houston-Amy Wortham
Cross Timbers Health Clinics, Inc.-De Leon-Vickie Holcomb
Rusk School Health Promotion Project-Houston-Laura Kennedy

Separate Applications, One Coordinator:

- *Su Clinica Familiar-Harlingen-Deborah Cortez, RN*
- *Su Clinica Familiar-Brownsville-Deborah Cortez, RN*
- *Su Clinica Familiar-Raymondville-Deborah Cortez, RN*

Utah

Louis Borgenicht-solo practice-Salt Lake City-Dr. Borgenicht

Vermont

All resubmitted VT applications:

Gifford Medical Center-Randolph-Bonnie Allen
The Hitchcock Clinic-Windsor-Janet Pope
Middlebury Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine-Middlebury-Breena Holmes, MD
Milton Family Practice-Milton-Alicia Jacobs, MD

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REACH OUT AND READ TRAININGS—June 1998

- 6/9 BMC Residents—Boston, MA
Franciscan Children's Hospital—Boston, MA
- 6/15 Association for the Care of Children's Health Annual Conference—Kansas City, MO
- 6/26 Baton Rouge, LA

Monthly Report--June 1998

Abby Jewkes

- 6/3 visit and clinic tour with Usha Pannaker, recent graduate of Boston University School of Medicine and MPH candidate at Boston University School of Public Health, who will be going to Beth Israel Medical Center/Children's Hospital of New Jersey in Newark for residency and will assist in their ROR program
- 6/15 presentation and training session with Jean Harty, MD and Wendy Turnbull, PhD at the ACCH Annual Conference in Kansas City
- 6/18 visit and clinic tour from staff at BMF Pediatric Care (4 clinics) in Cincinnati, which has applications pending

Charlotte, North Carolina

- I spoke with Barbara Qualls at NCFL on 6/22 about the Knight Foundation proposal and how ROR and NCFL will work together in Charlotte
- I informed Dr. Marsha Rhodes, Director of Pediatrics at Carolinas Medical Center, that the proposal was approved; she is working on the application and assures me that everyone is very excited about ROR (6/25)
- On 6/30 there was an initial meeting with Steve Greely and Michelle Chiola of Development Communications Associates, Inc. regarding the project; the first meeting involving ROR, NCFL, and DCA will tentatively take place in Charlotte in September

Seattle

- Washington Literacy, a statewide literacy organization based in Seattle, received funding from the Nesholm Foundation to pilot the ROR program in 3 sites; they are working with Hilary Bethke, MD of the Children's Hospital in Oakland, CA to arrange provider training in July.

South Carolina

- There is tremendous interest from providers, the Department of Health, the Department of Education, the Governor's Office, the Primary Care Association, libraries, and school boards throughout the state in beginning ROR programs. Training is scheduled for 9/18 at Children's Hospital in Columbia, where they have funds from their hospital foundation to purchase books and hire a part-time coordinator.

Rhode Island

- Sarah Gleason was hired as the Rhode Island Coordinator and will begin working in late July.

ROR Listserv

- Approximately 100 individuals from ROR sites are participating in the listserv and report it is a great way to communicate with one another.

Monthly Report June 1998

Pat Cowan

Books

All ROR and Healthy Steps sites have received the new ROR Summer 1998 Recommended Book Catalogue published by Scholastic. The response is enthusiastic and orders are pouring in at the Jefferson City Sales Center. Book credit use is up and certain titles need to be reordered already.

Video

Final editing of the rough cut footage is going well, with some additional appearances yet to be added. ROR staff have weighed in with positive responses and good suggestions after viewing the rough cut on our new TV.

Library

Planning sessions have begun for Library Card Day on ACC 5 Primary Care Clinic ROR site on August 18th and 20th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Boston Public Library Outreach and Children's Department librarians will be participating in Story Time, crafts and discussions.

Inpatient Kid's Library on 4 East is receiving new books and updating thanks to Child Life Director, Cathy Rabinowitz, ROR volunteer Kerry Cronin, professional librarian at the BPL and P. Cowan, book orderer. The expanded collection will include books now available in foreign languages.

Volunteers

Rocking, Big Book reading [responsive] and posing for photos shot by proud parents was the order of the day at the NICU [Neonatal Intensive Care Unit] Reunion. This reader noted that sixty families were in attendance.

Orientations this month included interns from Jumpstart and high school students from the urban/suburban student exchange Metco program.

A Mellon Trust breakfast at which Drs. Zuckerman and Klass spoke resulted in a flurry of volunteer applications [13]. In attendance were old volunteer friends from WGBH TV and new friends from the Children's Museum.

**Boston Medical Center
WGBH Summer Program 1998**

Date	Video	Activity	Materials
7/2	Zin, Zin, Zin the Violin	Make musical instruments (noise shakers)	Paper plates, stickers, rice beans, oatmeal containers
7/9*	Borreguita & the Coyote	little Bourreguita or little Coyote	file folders markers, paper scissors, glue Cotton
7/16	Hermit the Crab	make crabs	paper plates stickers, paper markers, glue googlie eyes
7/23	Tar Beach	?????????	
7/30**	Amazing Grace	body tracing	big paper markers
8/6*	Chickens Aren't the Only Ones	make chickens	plastic easter eggs, cotton balls, marker, paper, glue

* Julia will be out

**Amy and Donar will be out

Additional Notes.

- Pat Cowan will arrange for a VCR and extension cord each week. She will also inform the clinic staff that we will be there with the Ready To Learn project. She will also bring her table cloth for kids to sit on.
- Julia will check into possible markers and crayons for kids to use.
- Donar will purchase snacks We will store craft & snacks at Boston Medical. Amy & Donar will get craft materials.

Development Activities - June, 1998

Corporate and Foundation:

- Knight Foundation - received notification of \$96,495 award to expand program in Charlotte, North Carolina and assess local literacy activities. Planning meetings have begun with ROR and DCA.
- Breakfast Meetings - Invitations were sent to over 80 local foundations and individuals. Both Barry and Perri spoke. Breakfast hosted by Mellon Trust was attended by 15 people. The breakfast held at BMC drew 5. A list of attendees is attached. We are currently in the process of following up and preparing proposals to appropriate foundations.
- Riley Foundation -

Donors:

- Hirsh Family Foundation donated \$4,900 to implement METCO summer reading program. Referrals for students was made through the Wayland and Wellesley METCO coordinators. A student coordinator was hired and training sessions held. Students (6) will begin to read in clinics the week of July 6, 1998.
- Wellesley Hills Congregation Church - received \$2,500 donation from proceeds of church auction.
- Prepared "Summer Update Mailing" to be sent to donor list.(250 names)

Event:

- Met with Lisa Schwarz(formerly BU Development) to begin planning "young friends of ROR" event which will be held in November. She has formed a committee and a first meeting will be held on July 14, 1998, with Barry and Perri to present.
- ROR Birthday Party - met with Barry to further discuss format of ROR birthday celebration with First Lady. Slated for Spring 1999.

Administrative

- Met with communications consultant Laura Frost to discuss communications package.
- Manual updates.
- Data base received - training will take place mid-July.



Summer News for Reach Out and Read Friends

As we close our fiscal year, and you begin your summer routines, I wanted you to know the wonderful results we have achieved in the past twelve months. Thank you. We truly could not have done it without your generous financial support, which has allowed us to grow and reach out to secure additional funding.

Barry Zuckerman, M.D.
Professor and Chairman of
Pediatrics
Boston Medical Center
Founding Director
Reach Out and Read

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Perri Klass, M.D.
Medical Director

Christine Angell
Nancy Berman
Patricia Cowan, R.N.
Elaine Grossman, M.Ed.
Abigail Jewkes, Ed.M
Matthew Veno
Kate Williams

Our national reputation continues to keep us on the literacy "radar screen". Dr. Perri Klass, ROR Medical Director, was invited to testify before the Senate in April. On the same day, Mrs. Clinton helped launch a city-wide ROR expansion in Chicago. In May, Laura Bush, First Lady of Texas and former children's librarian, made the announcement of the Enron Corporation grant in Houston! Literacy is a truly bipartisan issue.

The demand for new ROR program grants continues to increase each quarter. We were able to award fifty new grants, (our largest) in the last review cycle. This brings Reach Out and Read programs to 300 hospitals and community health centers. The result: **over 4,000 pediatricians are giving books to over 750,000 children at each well child visit in 46 states across the country.**

I am proud to tell you that Reach Out and Read has been awarded new grants from the following foundations to support our continued expansion: the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the Irving Harris Foundation, the Hasbro Children's Foundation, the Hirsh Family Foundation, the Pritzker Cousins Foundation, the Reader's Digest Foundation, and the Rhode Island Foundation.

Support from our corporate friends now includes Agvar Chemical Corporation, The Dreyfus Corporation, Cordelia Corporation, Enron Corporation, Mellon Trust, Newman's Own, and Scholastic, Inc.

In addition to expanding ROR programs, we have been awarded two innovative grants that focus on the next phase of ROR - strategies for permanence. First, the Pritzker Cousins Foundation has awarded us a two year national training grant to design and implement ROR training capacity in eight regions of the country.

This grant required a full match, which was provided by the Cordelia Corporation of New York. Both organizations have a strong interest in literacy and early childhood development, and we are honored by their commitment to our work.

Second, we have received our first grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation which provides funding for two important new pieces of work: the opportunity to bring ROR to Charlotte, North Carolina, (one of the Knight Ridder communities) and to begin a dialogue with the National Center for Family Literacy to explore linkages with this important literacy organization. We hope that this will be the first of a series of Knight Ridder cities we will be working in.

And in the past year, Reach Out and Read has been incredibly fortunate to be honored by the generosity of individuals who recognize the value of our work and their vital role in its continuance. Thank you to our new and past donors.

Reach Out and Read's mission remains unaltered: to make books as routine as immunizations in pediatric practice, and to assure that all children grow up with books and with parents who understand the vital importance of reading aloud to their young children.

We want you to know we appreciate your support, and we continue to need your help and good wishes. We hope your summer is a good one, with time to enjoy the books you love.

Sincerely,

Elaine Grossman. M.Ed.
Director of Development

PS...TRAVEL ALERT As you can see from the news above, the staff is traveling more than ever and we would be grateful for donations of unused airline miles. Our trips are expensive because training is mid-week and we are not eligible for excursion fares. If you think you can help please call Nancy Berman at 617-534-7626 for details. Mileage is transferable, and the fewer dollars spent on travel, the more dollars we have for books!

**Community Health Centers – Matt
June 1998**

NACHC:

Health Center Recruitment

- Grant applications for July review include applications from 15 community health centers
- I proposed some strategy thoughts to NACHC during a visit to DC on 6/12. Conversations with Cal George and Kathy McNamara at NACHC indicate that they will be meeting in mid-July to assess progress in our partnership to date, and formulate strategy. It sounds like there is a new burst of excitement on their part in this partnership.
- National / State Community Health Center trainings:

This Month:

- Connecticut Primary Care Association Conference, Portland, CT – Laurel Shader, MD (Fair Haven Community Health Center, and Matt Veno

In the Coming Months:

- August 25: NACHC Community Health Institute, New York City
- September 12: Clinical Directors Network, Kiamesha Lake, NY (tentative)

National Service

- Our two state VISTA initiatives (Massachusetts and Alabama) are moving forward. Application (pretty much a formality) are being submitted to the two state offices of the Corporation for National Service for 6 VISTAs to serve at community health center ROR programs in the two states. The Mass. VISTAs will be at Boston health centers and will be coordinated from the ROR national office. I met with Margaret Williams to explore how we might coordinate our VISTA efforts in Boston. The Alabama VISTAs will be coordinated through our main partner/site Family HealthCare of Alabama, which has extensive national service experience.
- I attended a strategy planning session of the NACHC HealthCorps initiative on 6/13. This group included six health centers that are using AmeriCorps leaders and volunteers to coordinate and help institutionalize Reach Out and Read programs. They are all in the first months of ROR, but this presents an exciting new resource to help ROR get off the ground at health centers. We will have monthly conference calls to assess progress and share experiences.

Senate Legislation

June was a relatively quiet month on the Reading Excellence legislation, as there was no movement to bring to the floor the bill passed in late May by the Labor and Human Resources Committee. But, with one day left before the senate adjourned for the July 4 break, Sen. Kennedy's office called asking for my help. Senate Republican leaders were trying to "hot line" the house version of the bill, by amending it to the education bill passed by the senate earlier that week, completely bypassing the senate committee legislation. She asked me to contact as many ROR sites as I could as soon as I could, and have them contact their senators. She recommended that they urge the following action:

- Resist the move to "hot line" the house language;
- Urge passage of the bipartisan Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee language that passed 18-0;
- If we had to choose between the house language and letting the bill die, that we would rather the bill die, and we can try in the fall to get funds from the FY'99 appropriations

With the guidance of Nick Littlefield, this was the ROR response:

- Contacted all ROR programs in states with senators on the Labor and Human Resources Committee and made the above recommendations
- Put an action alert on our listserv that reaches over 100 ROR sites nationwide to urge action
- Contacted partners with an interest in the legislation and the ability to respond, such as Reading is Fundamental, First Book and the National Association of Community Health Centers
- Contacted the Vermont chapter of the AAP, who said she would have pediatricians in the state contact Jeffords
- Called the education staff offices of all senate Labor and Human Resource Committee members and urged them to resist the "hot lining" of the house language.

In the end, on Friday afternoon, the maneuver by Sen. Lott to pass the house language was defeated. We are now developing a strategy with Kennedy's office, and our national partners, looking to the last few months of the senate session to get something passed through other means.

Boston Health Centers:

- An application was approved for Mattapan Community Health Center, bringing the number of greater Boston health centers with ROR to 21 Boston area health centers
- Pat Cowan and I met with Rich Meyer of the Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy. We discussed strategy for streamlining the process of getting their volunteers to be volunteer readers for ROR health center programs in Boston. We will be hosting an orientation/training of potential new volunteers on October 22 at BMC, where we will also detail volunteer opportunities at each Boston health center that participates.

- Jumpstart AmeriCorps volunteers that need summer assignments are being placed at ROR health center programs throughout Boston.
- I met with Nancy Berman and Sherida (?) about the effort to have Metco students do volunteer reading at the health centers this summer.

Westchester County, New York & Alabama:

- Programs in these two efforts are in the process of getting their programs into gear. Not much to report at this time.

RIF

- I attended a meeting with Bill Truehart, Director of RIF, on 6/8. Broad outlines of potential collaboration were discussed including (1) jointly seeking funds for RIF/ROR programs from both government and private sources, (2) using the RIF infrastructure to support ROR programs beyond startup and (3) allowing ROR programs access to RIF book discounts and matching funds.
- I had a followup meeting on 6/12 at RIF, with Rachel Walker (RIF), Margaret Monsour (RIF) and Kathy McNamara (NACHC) to start discussions of what form the latter two above mentioned areas might take, particularly with community health centers. It was primarily a getting to know each other meeting, as Margaret and Kathy were new to the discussion.
- We had a follow-up conference call on 7/2 (Matt Veno, Kathy McNamara, Margaret Monsour and Lisa (I don't know her last name), CFO at RIF). We used the NACHC/ROR memorandum of agreement as a focus of discussion, going item by item, giving RIF some sense of how our partnership developed, and invited them to think how they saw RIF fitting in. Our vision was to expand on the current document to include RIF in our future plans for partnership.

Miscellaneous

- I submitted a proposal to have Reach Out and Read present at the Annual Conference of National Association of State Title I Directors in New Orleans in January 1999. I have had some discussion with some folks at the Association, and was given some indications that local ROR programs may be able to access federal Title I funds for program support.



DEAR Abby Jewkes,

6/23/98

Thank you so much for taking the time to give Dr. Bien, Dr. Vaughn and myself a tour of your Reach out and Read program! It was wonderful to get to see everything in action! Also, thank you for your information regarding evaluation. We'll be sure to pass on to you what evaluation we come up with!

We look forward to working with you! Thanks again for your time and information.
Sincerely, Mary Kay Hedman

Subject: Reach Out and Read

Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 16:33:51 -0400

From: Marge Kars <Karsm@bronsonhg.org>

To: Abby.Jewkes@bmc.org

Abby,

I read your email from the Nifl-health listserve and just wanted to pass on that our hospital and graduate medical education program KCMS in Kalamazoo Michigan is a recipient of a ROR grant. The program at the KCMS pediatric clinic which includes pediatricians providing books to moms and children at well baby visits, questions about reading in their visit with parents and volunteer readers in the waiting room is part of a literacy program called Ready to Read. This is a community wide effort that was started last year as a collaboration of several different community agencies. As part of the program both hospitals in the community provide a cloth book and an invitation to visit the public library for a library card along with a list of books to read to children. We volunteer readers at other sites in the community (25) including child care centers that serve a population of at risk children. Our goal is to insure that all children in Kalamazoo county are ready to read and learn by the time they enter school. Dr. Robert Needleman has come to speak to parents and medical professionals twice for our program.

It's exciting to be part of such a large endeavor and it was important for us to be a part of ROR early on in the development of our program.

I guess this is just a cheer leading message to tell you how important I think your work is.

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July 7, 1998

Dear Friends and Supporters of Giant Steps for Children,

Giant Steps for Children is taking its own giant step in a new direction this month, continuing its growth and impact in the community. As of July 20, Giant Steps will have a new Executive Director - Mrs. Kim Boyd.

I will be leaving Giant Steps to begin teaching at a local high school, and it is with great sadness that I leave this organization that has been so good to me during the past year.

I am leaving Giant Steps in excellent hands, though. The Board of Directors is stronger than ever, and Kim Boyd is just the right person to take Giant Steps to the next level. Her energy and passion, combined with her background in business and non-profit organization experience make her more than capable of guiding Giant Steps through this exciting period of growth.

I appreciate your support for Giant Steps, and have enjoyed serving as the Executive Director of this fine organization. Kim will ensure the growth and success of Giant Steps, and her kind and energetic attitude will make her a pleasure for you to work with.

Please take care and keep in touch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Barry', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rachel Barry
Executive Director



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F O U N D A T I O N

June 10, 1998

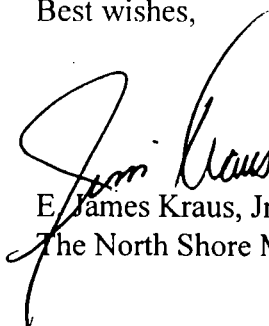
Boston Medical Center
Reach Out and Read Program
Abby Jewkes, Director
One BMC Place - 5th FLHR
Boston, MA 02118

Dear Ms. Jewkes,

Thank you for your recent support of North Shore Children's Hospital. Your contribution of books for use in our Reach Out and Read Program will be of great assistance to the growing number of young patients who benefit from our services. For donation purposes we have credited your gift, as requested, at a value of \$1,500.

Private, charitable support is extremely important in today's environment of dwindling health care resources. Now so more than ever, special gifts such as the these books, help to make a measurable difference in the services we offer.

Best wishes,



E. James Kraus, Jr., President
The North Shore Medical Center Foundation

*Associate your
marvelous assistance
once again!*

Salem Hospital • Shaughnessy-Kaplan Rehabilitation Hospital
North Shore Children's Hospital • Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Salem

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May 19, 1998

Robert Needlman, MD
Assistant Professor, Pediatrics
Rainbow Babies and Childrens Hospital
11100 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44106-5000

Dear Robert:

This is a very long, overdue letter of Thank You for participating in the April 8, Ready to Read Children's Literacy Forum. We received evaluations from 26 of the 55 participants and they were unanimous in their praise for each of the speakers and the format of the program. It sounds like we were able to hit the right mix of speakers and topics to mark the kick off of what we hope to make an annual event.

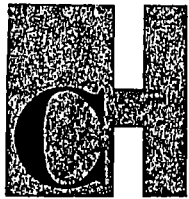
I've enclosed pictures that were taken Wednesday morning when you spoke to the nursing staff on the Mother-Baby Unit and your visit with the new parents on the unit. I was especially appreciative of your comments with the nursing staff about the packet the new moms receive before they go home.

I had a chance to speak to Dr. Halley, the pediatrician you spent some time with at KCMS. As I'm sure she told you she appreciated the opportunity to spend time with you. I gave her a copy of the ROR manual and was happy to get the additional copies from ROR.

I hope you'll allow me to send you updates occasionally on what we're doing with Ready to Read. Your enthusiasm for what we're doing is always so rewarding to me.

Thanks again


Marge Kars, Co-chair
Ready to Read



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MICHAEL B. GREEN
President

1 June 1998

Ms. Pat Cowan
Reach Out and Read
Boston Medical Center
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South Block High Rise, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02118

Dear Pat:

On behalf of Katherine Seraikas and Suzanne Boulter, MD, I would like to thank you for the gift of two boxes of free Shaw's books to Concord Hospital's Reach Out and Read program at the Capital Region Family Health Center. Their arrival came at a perfect time as we begin to set the wheels in motion for our new program.

Enclosed is a recent article from the Concord Monitor announcing Reach Out and Read to the community. We are thrilled to be the first ROR site in central New Hampshire. We appreciate the continued support you and your staff have given to all of us over the past year.

Sincerely,

Pamela R. McDonald
Special Events Coordinator

Enclosure

Copies to: Suzanne Boulter, MD
Katherine Seraikas



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June 18, 1998

Ms. Abby Jewkes
National Program Administrator
Reach Out and Read
Boston Medical Center
1BMC Place, Dowling 5 South
Boston, Massachusetts 02118

Dear Ms. Jewkes:

I am delighted to thank you and your associates at Reach Out and Read for the program's recent gift of one thousand books to the newly established Reach Out and Read program at Loyola University Medical Center's Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital. This generous contribution that will aid in the first years of such a significant program is greatly appreciated.

The Reach Out and Read program is one of the ways Loyola University Medical Center enacts its mission to care for the whole patient. By promoting literacy in children, the Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital extends its services beyond mere physical care and strives to enrich the lives of its young patients. Reach Out and Read's commitment to the establishment of this program at Loyola is indicative of the compassion your organization feels for the lives of others.

This support for the Reach Out and Read program is greatly valued by both Loyola University Medical Center and by its patients. On behalf the young children who will directly benefit from this gift, I am most thankful.

Sincerely,

Anthony L. Barbato, M.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Loyola University Medical Center
Loyola University Health System

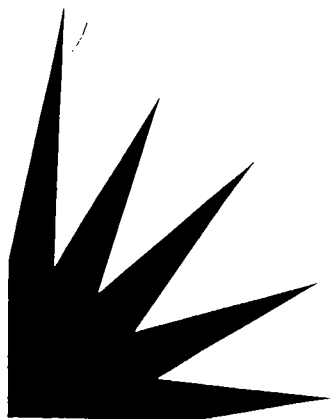
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THE SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

1997 ANNUAL REPORT



This early Hospital building, constructed in 1872, served San Francisco for 35 years. It was the primary defense against the City's frequent epidemics of cholera, diphtheria, plague, and smallpox. In 1906, its Emergency Department admitted victims of the Great Earthquake. The building was intentionally burnt to the ground in 1908 to control an outbreak of plague.



The San Francisco General Hospital Foundation's mission is to improve the health of the San Francisco community by improving patient care at the Hospital. The Foundation provides funds for Hospital projects and programs that cannot be funded from any other sources.

Reach Out and Read

Thousands of San Francisco children, mostly from the City's lower-income neighborhoods, rely on the Hospital's Pediatric Clinic for all of their health needs. As a result, each year the Hospital receives about 15,000 visits from children ages six-months to six-years for routine, well-child checkups.

Last year the Foundation funded a new program to attack a debilitating epidemic among these patients and their families: illiteracy. Of the children regularly served by the Hospital's Pediatric Clinic, 40% have less than 10 books in their home, and frequently their parents have reading disabilities or do not speak English. Under these circumstances, these children face enormous obstacles in acquiring reading skills.

The new "Reach out and Read" program takes advantage of the clinic visits to give a real boost to reading in the home and to promote interest in reading and books.

At the Pediatrics Clinic, young children and their parents are now met by a trained volunteer who reads out loud to the child, and chats with the child's mother or other guardian about the importance of literacy and reading to their children – even just looking at the pictures together.

Then, during the child's medical examination, the pediatrician introduces a book appropriate to the child's age, language and culture. The doctor uses the book while assessing the child's development ("What color is this?") and also talks to the mother about the importance of reading to the child. Ultimately, at the end of the exam, the doctor gives the book to the child as a gift.

That book, and the program behind it, turns out to be extremely valuable to the child's reading prospects. Research has shown that this simple encouragement from one of the family's most respected authority figures – the doctor – very significantly increases the importance which the child and the family places on reading and literacy. And, there is more direct evidence that the program is encouraging the children to read: already youngsters returning for another checkup are asking, "Where's my book, Doctor?"



"Just as immunizations protect children against infectious diseases, early reading will protect them from the scourges of ignorance and illiteracy."

**– Kevin Coulter, M.D.,
Director of the Children's
Health Center at SFGH.**

The Reach Out and Read program was funded for 1997 and 1998 by \$48,950 in grants from the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Finley Charitable Trust (from the East Coast), the Morris Stulstaff Foundation, an anonymous family trust and the Eva Benson Buck Charitable Trusts, plus substantial in-kind contributions of books and volunteer support. We are currently seeking funds to continue the program in 1999.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 4, 1998

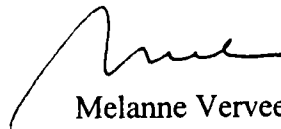
Ms. Susan Andersen
1701 16th Street, NW #732
Washington DC 20009

Dear Susan:

Thank you very much for your letter. What a small world! The First Lady got a terrific reception at the University of Michigan and, in fact, quoted from the Op-Ed in her speech. We also had some good discussion with Lee Ballinger and others on this topic.

Thank and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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5/3/98

Hi Melanne -

Just a brief note to mention the interesting coincidence (for me) that while the First Lady was at the Univ of Michigan last week, she met with prodact, Nancy Cantor (along with pres., Lee Bollinger). Nancy was one of the letter writers in my non-inactive file at the Office of Pres. Personnel, so it puts a face on her name -- for that letter. I'm sure you saw the great opeds they wrote together in the Wash Post on race, etc. (enclosed). Anyway, I just liked the fact of the meeting.

I've been hard at work on final touches for the position paper I'm doing for Etzioni's Institute at GWU, "Service Learning: A national strategy for youth development." It will, I think, be the most integrative, comprehensive overview of the literature on youth outcomes of service, along with policy recommendations, & I hope will give Service Learning a shot in the arm.

Hope all's well (or as well as can be expected),

Best,
Susan

Susan Anderson

Prof., NYU

Sen. Res. Assoc., GWU

Lee Bollinger and Nancy Cantor

The Educational Importance of Race

4/28/98 ^{WASH} Post

Until fairly recently, our society enforced the separation of the races in virtually all important areas—social, economic, political and educational. As a result of racial isolation, African Americans and white Americans often learned about each other by relying on unfounded images and stereotypes. Demeaning and hurtful images proliferated in the media, in textbooks, in movies and on radio and television. There were no countervailing institutions to perform the function of education and understanding. By design, we did not know each other.

In the decades since *Brown vs. Board of Education*, institutions of higher education have strongly influenced a change in this design. They have opened their doors and aggressively recruited minority students—African Americans at first, and then other underrepresented minority students, to create remarkably diverse student bodies.

Today, with a campus where nearly 14 percent of students are African American, Hispanic and Native American, the University of Michigan is the target of a lawsuit that seeks to prohibit us from ensuring a racially diverse student body by using race as one factor in admissions. The suit, brought by the Center for Individual Rights (CIR), is at the center of a great public debate over one of the most important issues of our time: how our governing constitutional principles permit us to use race to achieve a truly integrated society.

Virtually all institutions with selective

admissions consider race when they choose among applicants who experience shows can thrive in and contribute to a more vital educational environment. This practice was explicitly upheld against constitutional challenge in the Supreme Court's 1978 decision in *University of California v. Bakke*—and wisely so, for now that we have the design in place, we have begun to know each other.

Institutions of higher education have pursued a conception of education that emphasizes the joys of variety and the benefits of engaging those with different experiences and perspectives. This means we ask of every applicant: What will you contribute to the whole, not where do you stand in splendid, isolated comparison with everyone else?

A first-class education is one that creates the opportunity for students, expecting differences, to learn instead of similarities. Likewise, encountering differences rather than one's mirror image, is an essential part of a good education. Race is educationally important for all students, because understanding race in America is a powerful metaphor for crossing sensibilities of all kinds.

Our public universities have always cast a wide net in admitting students. Selecting a student body is not a simple matter of drawing a line though some rank ordering of individual applications. Universities have been especially watchful for merit wherever it is found. They have been alert to the potential of those who may not have had full opportuni-

ty to manifest their talent (immigrants, for example), those who have served the country (e.g., veterans), or who have unconventional talents. They must be responsive to the communities from which they derive (e.g., state residents) as well as to the nation itself (through geographic diversity).

The CIR lawsuit presumes that admissions is an atomized process in which each applicant is evaluated according to his or her "qualifications" and measured against every other applicant. They offer up grids that have been used in our undergraduate admissions process. These grids assign different weights to a variety of factors—academic grade-point average, test scores, alumni relationship, race, residency and so on—that help us make an admissions decision. Different outcomes will follow, depending on any variety of factors. CIR's real argument is not with our use of these grids. There are no grids in the law school process, yet CIR challenges our use of race there, too. Rather, to CIR the fact that race is one of these factors at all is what makes the process unacceptable.

CIR's challenge to "affirmative action" in higher education is a challenge to our philosophy of education and to the historical purposes of our great public universities. Implicit in its claim is a presumption that we admit some students who are not qualified. Let us be clear: All students admitted to the University of Michigan meet threshold requirements establishing that they are fully

qualified to do the work of a demanding undergraduate program. That being the case, surely CIR's objectives rest on an oversimplified idea of what is, in fact, a complex process of selecting students, as well as on a constricted view of the role of universities and the nature of merit. They also rest on a profoundly mistaken conception of education and the role of race in a modern education.

CIR seeks to eliminate all consideration of race in college admissions. If it is successful, as it was in an earlier lawsuit against the University of Texas, we will in all probability soon return to a largely segregated system—de facto rather than de jure, to be sure, but segregated nonetheless. The University of Texas Law School now has only four entering African American students, where former classes had more than 30. We are particularly alarmed at the significant drop in minority admissions at the most selective institutions in the University of California system, which operates under an affirmative action ban.

The country cannot afford to deprive institutions of higher education of the ability to educate generations of young Americans—minority and nonminority—in an environment that enables all to flourish, and understand each other, in a truly integrated society.

Lee Bollinger is president of the University of Michigan. Nancy Cantor is the university's provost.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 4, 1998

Dr. Susan Andersen
1701 16th Street, NW
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Dear Susan:

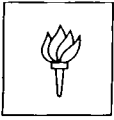
Thank you very much for your letter and for Vaclav Havel's speech which I have given to the First Lady and shared with others here. We cannot live without hope.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
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February 24, 1998

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20050

Dear Melanne:

You've probably seen the enclosed speech by Vaclav Havel on the topic of "hope" -- given in Hiroshima in 1995 at the Future of Hope Conference. It's something I've found moving and inspiring over recent years, and so pass it along now as a potential source of sustenance for you and the First Lady -- and others there who may find it of some value or interest.

All the best to you, as ever,

Susan M. Andersen
Professor of Psychology (NYU)
Senior Research Associate, Institute for Communitarian
Policy Studies, George Washington University

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February 20, 1998

Dr. George A.O. Alleyne
Director
Pan American Health Organization
525 Twenty-third Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037

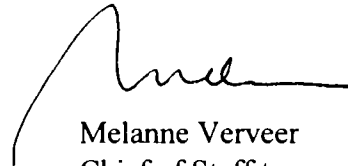
Dear Dr. Alleyne:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and invitation to speak at the Second Summit of the Americas in Santiago, Chile in April.

I will call Irene once we know more about Mrs. Clinton's schedule.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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12 February 1998

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to invite you to be the principal speaker at the Roundtable on "The Challenges for Health in the XXI Century," that will take place in Santiago, Chile on the occasion of the Second Summit of the Americas.

The proposed Political Declaration of the Presidents of the Americas, as well as the Plan of Action for follow up to the Second Summit have included health as an important component of the poverty eradication effort. The Initiative on Health Technologies Linking the Americas, which is part of the Plan of Action, is directed to promote the development and use of effective low-cost health technologies and their concrete application to solve health problems. These technologies will help achieve sustainable development and greater equity.

Our roundtable will be part of the events associated with the Summit, and will take place on 18 April 1998. We are aware of your commitment to social and economic development, and follow with interest and pleasure your activities in the areas of health and education. It is for this reason that we feel that your presence would give special significance and assure the success of this Roundtable.

I look forward to your positive consideration of this invitation.

Sincerely,

George A. O. Alleyne
Director

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the United States of America
The White House
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13 February 1998

Ms. Melane Verveer
Office of the First Lady
Old Executive Building
Room 100
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melane:

As per our telephone conversation, I am attaching the invitation letter for Mrs. Clinton to be a speaker at the Roundtable on Health, that we are organizing as an event associated with the Summit of the Americas.

Once we have her confirmation, we will contact the other speakers. We are thinking of speakers representing civil society, the scientific community, and some other political figure. Dr. George Alleyne, Director of PAHO, will moderate the panel, and the Minister of Health of Chile will close by thanking the participants.

Regarding the date for the Roundtable, probably the best would be on April 17, because it will compete with less things occurring exactly on the dates of the Summit, but we have put the 18 of April on the letter assuming that Mrs. Clinton might only arrive on the 17 at night. Please advise me if this is a correct assumption.

We have a few options with regard to the site for this discussion. As you can imagine, space will be in short supply during those days. In order for us to obtain the most appropriate place for this event, it will be important to have Mrs. Clinton's confirmation as soon as possible. I have been already in touch with the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and they are very supportive. Nevertheless, they want to finalize the agenda of related events as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any of these issues.

Sincerely,

Irene Klinger
Chief, Office of External Relations

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1998

Ambassador Mohammed Al-Sabah
Embassy of Kuwait
2940 Tilden St, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador Al-Sabah:

Enclosed are photographs from Mrs. Clinton's meeting
with Dr. Rasha Al-Sabah on December 15, 1997.

We would be grateful if you could forward the
photographs, with Mrs. Clinton's compliments.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 6, 1998

Ms. Azizah al-Hibri
School of Law
University of Richmond
Richmond, VA 23173

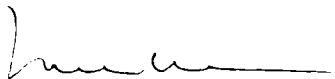
Dear Ms. al-Hibri:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your letter and for "Islam, Law and Custom: Redefining Muslim Women's Rights." It is a valuable source of information.

I am enclosing the First Lady's remarks at the Eid ul-Fitr event held at the White House.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Thank you for your invitation to celebrate the Eid together. I regret that an earlier commitment at Emory Law School prevented me from attending.

Enclosed is an article of mine on Muslim women's rights. I offer it to you as a token of my appreciation.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Sayid al-Habib
1/29/93

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 13, 1998

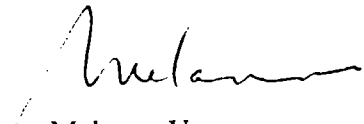
Dr. Susan Andersen
1701 16th Street, NW
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Dear Susan:

Thank you very much for your letter and kind words about the First Lady's talk in Davos. As we know so well, "civil society" is a most important topic. I don't know yet whether Mrs. Clinton will be addressing the Peter Schwartz Foundation in early March.

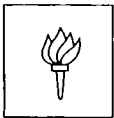
Best wishes. It was great to see you at the MCI Center!

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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*P.S. I learned that it will not
be possible for her to do the
February event.*



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February 5, 1998

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Melanne:

It was great to see you last month at the Martin Luther King event -- and at a happier moment. I pray you and yours are continuing to find the inner strength to douse the flames in these now-ever-changing winds.

On a different topic, I noted that in the First Lady's address to the World Economic Forum she emphasized defining civil society and the belief that welcoming opportunities in the global market economy should not lead us to overlook the imperative to find a way to combat unbridled consumerism and materialism. I could not agree more, as you know. We all need to help provide a framework in which people have something greater toward which to strive. Should the First Lady choose to address the Peter Schwartz Foundation on March 4th, which I gather she is considering (they seek to advance character education in the DC Public Schools), I hope she'll again sound these themes, which have a concrete quality less susceptible to media skepticism, perhaps, than other matters in character education. In addition, putting character into action, by investing oneself in rebuilding communities (one's village), ground up, in concert with the not-for-profit sector, to serve the common good with others in citizen service, can raise spirits in young people (and adults) and serve as a vehicle for character. The need to address service in character education is pressing, and it would be of value for this to be considered by those thinking about character education in the District.

In any event, my very best wishes, as always,

Susan M. Andersen
Professor of Psychology (NYU)
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November 13, 1997

Mr. Bruce Reed
Domestic Policy Council
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20050

Dear Mr. Reed:

Following up on my letter of October 14th (to Judith Winston, cc'd to you), I was delighted to hear that your office inquired about the potential of Service Learning to promote racial/intergroup healing in a request to Corporation for National Service (regarding Learn and Serve America).

I've not seen the materials the Corporation sent along to you, but in case they did not include (or did not highlight) the attached report, I enclose it for your perusal. (It was issued by the Council of Chief State School Officers in collaboration with others.) The report briefly describes Service Learning and notes some of the outcomes it can achieve, as demonstrated by the best multi-site research project to date. This research indicates that the outcomes of Service Learning include increased tolerance for diversity and learning to work cooperatively with others. The relevant, brief summary statements appear on pages i, ii, and iii, and I've highlighted them.

In addition, other research shows that when people define themselves inclusively as part of a larger community that embraces others from diverse backgrounds, this is an important factor in prosocial behavior, and is also an outcome of Service Learning. This is not to say that other kinds of working together toward shared aims in the context of K-12 and higher education (doing theater, playing sports, as examples) cannot have similar impacts when attentive to maintaining diversity and facilitating collaboration. Nor is it to say that more research is not needed, because clearly it is. It is only to say that Service Learning provides an excellent tool for achieving these ends, and does so in a way that positively impacts civic attitudes, a commitment to volunteerism later in life, and character education, more broadly. Hence, it has great promise as a vehicle for promoting healthy intergroup relations among young people — when systematic efforts are made to ensure that the Service Learning activities do not become the exclusive province of only one racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic group. (For schools that are not particularly integrated, partnering with community-based organizations that provide such diversity would be necessary.)

Melanne -
You just did
a letter to her.
Do you want
something else
drafted? see attached

Ideally, all schools and institutions of higher education should provide (on a voluntary basis) opportunities for Service Learning at every grade or educational level, so that all students can increasingly discover their commonalities and build friendships across racial divides, as they work together toward shared goals and overcome social segregation.

Since Service Learning will be part of America Reads -- with 10th graders tutoring 2nd graders in reading -- it provides a venue in which the Race Relations Initiative can intersect with America Reads. In this respect, I was happy to read in the Post this morning that your memo (with Gene Sperling) to the President about concrete actions the Race Relations Initiative might take included enhanced literacy work in minority communities.

All best wishes,

Susan M. Andersen
Professor of Psychology (NYU)
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April 13, 1978

The Honorable Tom Allen
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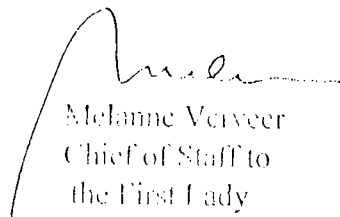
Dear Congressman Allen:

Thank you for your letter and the book on Africa, *Info Africa: Intercultural Insights* which you forwarded from your constituents at Intercultural Press.

I passed the book along to the First Lady. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
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March 18, 1998

Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
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Dear Ms. Verveer:

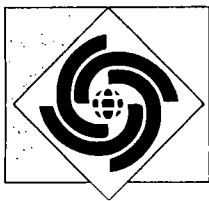
Constituents at Intercultural Press have asked me to forward the enclosed book to the First Lady. They understand that President and Mrs. Clinton plan to visit Africa. As you will see, the authors of the book -- Into Africa: Intercultural Insights -- have extensive experience in international affairs.

On behalf of my constituents, I would appreciate your bringing it to the First Lady's attention with my best wishes for a successful trip.

Sincerely,

Tom Allen
Member of Congress

Enclosure
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March 17, 1998

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Bill Johnson
Tom Allen, Congressman
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Our managing editor, Judy Carl-Hendrick (a friend of Jack French's) indicated that you have agreed to have Congressman Allen pass our new book, *Into Africa: Intercultural Insights*, along to President and Mrs. Clinton prior to their trip to Africa. Author Yale Richmond is a veteran of thirty years as a cultural officer with the U.S. Foreign Service with postings around the world, and his coauthor, Phyllis Gestrin, has had over sixteen years experience in African affairs with both UNICEF and the U.S. Agency for International Development. We are very excited about this new book and are confident that it will be a welcome resource for the first couple during their trip.

Enclosed please find a spiral-bound version of *Into Africa* for their perusal. The book is still at the printer and we expect to have the finished product available by May 1. I have included a copy of our most recent catalogue as well.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to call me at 846-5168 or 800-370-2665 (out of state). Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

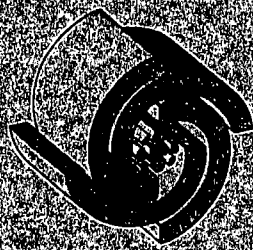
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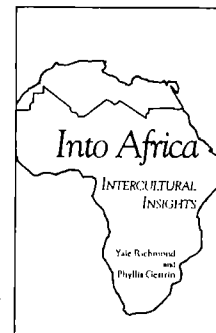
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Yale Richmond and Phyllis Gestrin

An invaluable source for anyone wanting to "experience" Africa...the authors begin with a subject of unimaginable scope and somehow make it concise and comprehensible...a truly magnificent work for both scholar and novice...this book serves as a unique introduction to the cultural and economic mores of a people long misunderstood...it's about time that such a publication has come forth.

—Warren M. Robbins, Founding Director Emeritus,
National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution

Despite the attention its misfortunes have received in the media, Africa, especially sub-Saharan Africa, remains largely unknown to non-Africans. Now, in this thorough, lively, and carefully researched book, authors Yale Richmond and Phyllis Gestrin explore the cultures of contemporary sub-Saharan Africa and bring its peoples and cultures to life. *Into Africa* provides valuable intercultural insights for those who are interested in doing business or working with organizations in sub-Saharan Africa and for professors of African studies and others involved in African educational programs, trainers and development assistance professionals, and anyone else who wishes to learn more about this dynamic part of the world.



The authors begin with a Zulu proverb: "A person is not a person without other people." After a close look at the significance of community, the authors examine ethnicity issues and language divisions (especially anglophone and francophone) and examine modern Africa in terms of its colonial legacy. They then move on to provide an overview of religion, law, schooling, the role of women and marriage, demographic imperatives and health issues—the basics of contemporary African society. In the next section, they focus on interactions with Africans, and in the third section take up doing business and establishing professional relationships. Here the reader will find explicit guidelines on how to be most effective in developing relationships with Africans and in achieving the goals that brought them to Africa.

A fourth section explores regional differences and a fifth offers detailed guidelines for conducting workshops and training programs in Africa. Also included is a chapter called "Africans, Americans, and African Americans," in which the authors examine issues which reflect the complex interrelationships of the three cultures. The book contains three useful appendices, one providing information on countries, capitals and languages spoken; another listing recommended readings; and a third giving internet, fax, and telephone connections for finding additional information.

Throughout the book, the authors use quotations, proverbs, stories and anecdotes from African cultural sources as well as individual Africans and Western expatriates to illuminate various aspects of the culture. The authors chose a particularly powerful Kikuyu proverb—"Listen carefully and you will learn"—to emphasize the importance of bringing an open, inquiring mind to Africa. To be effective there, one must be ready to learn African culture, understand the nature of the society, and adapt one's approach to fit African perspectives.

Yale Richmond is a veteran of thirty years as a cultural officer in the U.S. Foreign Service with postings and travel around the world. Phyllis Gestrin has more than sixteen years' experience in African affairs, including postings in Somalia and Zaire with UNICEF. She is currently on assignment to the African Bureau of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

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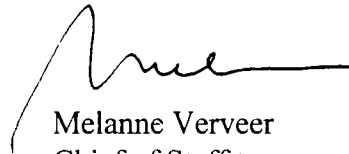
Dear Mahnaz:

Thank you for your note, and the information about the symposium on "Eliminating Violence Against Women With a Focus on Muslim Societies."

As you know, Mrs. Clinton is vitally interested in your work and we hope you'll let us know about the proceedings. The program looks like it will be excellent. We only wish we could be joining you there!

Very best wishes, and thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Dear Melanne,

11 August '98

Knowing of your interest in the issue of violence and of Muslim women's rights, I'm enclosing information on the international symposium "Eliminating Violence Against women and Girls in Muslim Societies" to take place in Amman, Jordan at the end of September.

Over seventy national and regional organizations and a large number of experts and activists have already registered to participate. It looks



as if it will provide an interesting forum
for lively debate. I will send you the proceedings
and look forward to discussing the findings
with you if you have the time when we return
in early October. Thank you very much for
your continued interest in our work and
with my warmest good wishes.

Mahmud

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A limited number of hotel rooms are reserved at the Radisson SAS Hotel. The cost is US \$77 per night for single occupancy, and US \$86 for double occupancy. Please contact the hotel directly before July 31, 1998 to make reservations. Address: Radisson SAS Hotel, P.O. Box 6399, Amman 11118, Jordan; Tel: 962-6-560-7100; Fax: 962-6-566-5160.

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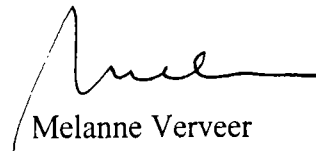
It was wonderful to hear from you again!

Thank you for your kind letter, and offer to assist with Vital Voices. Theresa Loar, Director of the President's Interagency Council on Women at the Department of State, is coordinating these projects and I suggest that you contact her at:

US Dept of State
2201 C Street, NW #2906
Washington, DC 20520
Tel. (202) 647-6227

Congratulations on your commitment and continued engagement.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

August 28, 1998

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

Dear Ms. Verveer:

In 1995 I had the opportunity to work with you and Mrs. Clinton in Ukraine, where I was working on a maternal child health project with the American International Health Alliance. In conjunction with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day, Mrs. Clinton visited the hospital that we had been working with, and she assisted us in launching the Ukrainian Nurses Association. As a result of her visit, many of our programs moved forward successfully. Her efforts to advance women's causes worldwide were attracting and earning international acclaim during that year.

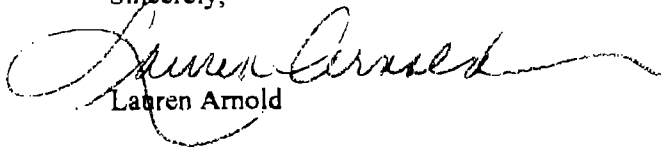
Coincidentally, this year, I visited Mongolia to begin another project on maternal child health. Currently, I am with Ernst & Young in health care consulting and am serving as a volunteer corporate advisor to the Soros Foundation, the funder of this project. In Mongolia, we are modeling our work upon our accomplishments in Ukraine – creating programs of informed consent, education, privacy, and independence for women in the health care venue. During my visit in Ulaanbaatar, I learned, from Ambassador Alphonse La Porta, that Mrs. Clinton had recently visited Mongolia and that one of the themes of her trip was women's issues.

I am writing to ascertain the opportunity to contribute to the Vital Voices programs, the most recent experiences we are having in Mongolia, and to offer any assistance to you that you may need in planning and conducting the Vital Voices programs.

It is with pride that many professional women, worldwide, watch Mrs. Clinton's work. Her demeanor, posture, views, and ethics are extremely admirable. Her influence in shaping women's futures will be very positive and long-lasting.

It would be an honor and a privilege to work with you and Mrs. Clinton again.
I can be reached at (215) 448-5081.

Sincerely,


Lauren Arnold

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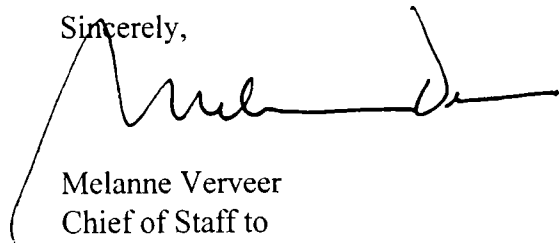
Dear Mr Anderson:

Thank you for your invitation to the First Lady to attend the American Bar Association's Annual Meeting on August 7, 1999 in Atlanta. Mrs. Clinton is honored by the invitation which has been warmly reiterated by others as well.

Since this is almost a year away, it is not yet certain whether Mrs. Clinton will be able to attend. But I have forwarded your invitation to Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling to the First Lady, and she should be in touch.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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August 13, 1998

Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
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Dear Hillary:

As one of my first acts as president of the American Bar Association, I have reconfirmed my invitation to the President to speak at the Opening Assembly of the Annual Meeting of the ABA on Saturday, August 7, 1999, in Atlanta.

As I mentioned to you in my letter of October 29, 1997, the invitation to you and the President is joint and several. I especially want you to be there.

To that end, I will be grateful if you would be the principal speaker at the luncheon for the ABA's Central and East European Legal Initiative at noon on August 7. This is the project chaired by Homer Moyer. It is a remarkably successful program. There were 800 people in the audience at this year's luncheon in Toronto. I believe that there would be one thousand or more if you are the speaker.

Homer and I have discussed this, and he is as enthusiastic about it as I am. I have told Homer that if you are available on Saturday, August 7, and the President is not, that I would want you to speak at the Opening Assembly that evening instead of the CEELI luncheon. That is agreeable to Homer if it is to you.

You have dear friends in the American Bar Association, and I would especially like to celebrate that friendship during my year as president of the Association.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Philip S. Anderson

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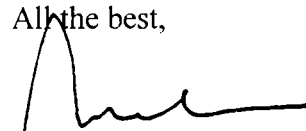
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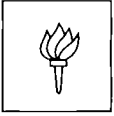
Thanks for your letters, and the position paper on Service Learning. Your commitment and wisdom continue to be an inspiration to all who care about service learning.

I will share your work with others here.

All the best,

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August 28, 1998

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20050

Dear Melanne:

If the President were to make a second statement to the American people concerning the Lewinsky matter, a "disarming authenticity" is what I would feel we need. Perhaps it would be something like:

I'd like to speak to you, once again, about the Monica Lewinsky matter, because I know the last 6 months have been painful for the nation. Many Americans have wished it would all go away, and although I doubt that these words tonight can make it go away, either from your television set or from discussions here in Washington, given the times we live in, I do want to talk with you again.

As you know, I've focused my energies over the last 6 months on going to work everyday for the American people, working hard to make a contribution in terms of real policies that matter to Americans, because for me that is what matters most of all. I have labored long and hard this year, as in prior years, along with the incredibly talented team in my Administration, and I think I am succeeding in this, which of course is my life's work. I believe this Administration is succeeding. And we are committed to accomplishing still more.

As you know, however, I've not been such a success in my private life and in my marriage. We all have our flaws. I say this not to diminish my own. I say it to admit that I am flawed. I am also deeply sorry about my behavior. I have apologized to my family, and I am grateful to them for their support. I am now apologizing to my closest aides, my supporters, and the American people at large. What I did was wrong. And I regret that I was not more candid in January about it. I am very sorry. I know this has shaken us all to the core, and I apologize to you for that.

At the same time, as you all know, I must do the job you elected me to do. I will continue to fight for the policies you care about, to go to work for you, the American people, everyday – to make this country better

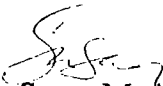
in concrete, day-to-day ways. I know in my heart that this is what you want me to do, that you want to see action and progress on issues that matter to you here in Washington over the next two years, not a do-nothing Congress and not a do-nothing White House. I pledge to you to do my best to make this happen. I care deeply about the policy agenda I set forth in my State of the Union Address, and I know most of you do as well. We must keep on track with this important work.

Again, I am deeply sorry for the pain and confusion this scandal has caused, and I pledge to you that I will live up to your faith and hopes over the coming years. May we take heart that there are pressing matters at hand for America, both domestically and internationally, and that we are in fact poised to be able to resolve some of these pressing issues as a unified nation – for the good of our country and the world – as we enter the 21st century. May God bless us all in our efforts. May God give us the strength and the wisdom to pull together now, once again, to do the good works of our country.

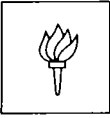
Thank you again for your attention, and for your continuing support. Goodnight and God bless.

Of course, Melanne, I have no idea if you will find this of any use, but I am sending it along just in case.

All best, as ever,


Susan M. Andersen
Professor of Psychology

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September 9, 1998

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Melanne:

I gather that some of these ideas I've sent along concerning community service and service learning have been reasonably well-received. In this spirit, I'm now sending along a position paper I wrote on Service Learning while on sabbatical in Washington this last academic year, "Service Learning: A National Strategy for Youth Development," issued by the Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies at GW.

As you know, I care deeply about the potential role that Service Learning might have in America Reads, as well as in Character Education. I also believe it can be of great value in the Race Relations Initiative, which I've obviously been in touch about. It seems to me that Service Learning can be seen as a vehicle for Character Education, as well as for Civic Education, both of which can dovetail the America Reads Initiative.

For your possible interest, then, I'm still sending along the position paper, which is partially policy and advocacy. It presents Service Learning as an integrative strategy with which to address some of the vulnerability and protective factors among youth raised by the recent survey of adolescent health and risky youth behavior (Blum & Rinehart, 1997; Resnick et al., 1997), which is now being discussed in varying venues, with an eye toward relevant policy. In addition, the document is also partly a literature review covering the research literature on youth outcomes in Service Learning. This research shows that Service Learning participation is significantly associated with some of the same protective factors that this large-scale study says are needed among youth, especially, the need for social connection. The research also suggests that Service Learning facilitates both character and civic education, in terms of social responsibility, the ethic of service, and acceptance of diversity, among other outcomes, without any academic decrement, and perhaps with some academic improvement, certainly in terms of school and civic engagement, and also some evidence concerning risky youth behavior.

The literature review covers research both in higher education and in middle/high school, and is comprehensive. It also includes the Brandeis study funded by the Corporation, by the way, but based on the interim report, even though I gather that the final report will be a bit different. (I gather that the main differences will be characterizing findings concerning grade point average more narrowly and reporting significant impacts on delinquency only in middle school, rather than marginal impacts on both pregnancy and delinquency in middle and in high school.) Otherwise, the review is current and more exhaustive than any I've seen.

As this new congressional session gets moving I hope this piece, though detailed, may be of some interest to you and/or to others there. I also hope that in spite of all that's going on there you are well.

All Best,

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