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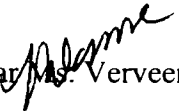
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November 10, 1998

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President & Chief of Staff to the First Lady
Office of the First Lady
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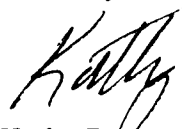
Dear  Ms. Verveer:

After more than twelve years with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), I have decided that it is time to pursue other opportunities. I will be leaving ACOG on November 12, 1998. Before departing, I wanted to express my appreciation for your assistance on behalf of women's health. My replacement has not yet been selected, but you will be notified when someone is selected. In the meantime, feel free to contact Laura Hanen, ACOG's Senior Lobbyist for any assistance you might need. She can be reached at the address below or by phone at 202.863.2534. I can assure you that you will find her very helpful and competent.

With regards to my plans, I will be assuming the position of Executive Director of the Federated Ambulatory Surgery Association (FASA). FASA is a membership association of ambulatory surgical facilities. I have enclosed a business card with information on how to contact me beginning November 16, 1998.

In closing, I've enjoyed working with you and hope that we have the opportunity to work together in my new capacity.

Sincerely,



Kathy Bryant, JD
Director
Government Relations and Outreach

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1998

Kathy Bryant
Executive Director
Federated Ambulatory Surgery Association
700 N. Farifax Street #306
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Kathy:

Congratulations on your new position at the
Federated Ambulatory Surgery Association. It is wonderful
to hear that you will be continuing to do great things.

we were delighted
~~It has been wonderful~~ to work with you at ACOG
and we look forward to new opportunities to work with you
in the future.

With very best wishes,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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December 16, 1998

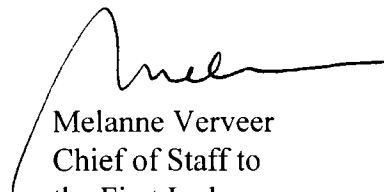
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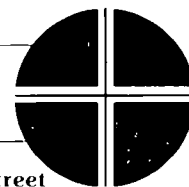
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November 12, 1998

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
c/o Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

For the past year, the 5,000 members of the School Sisters of Notre Dame all over the world have been actively involved in the campaign to bring debt relief to the poorest countries as a way of celebrating the beginning of a new millennium. The recent hurricane devastation in Central America has only made this concern more urgent.

Before the storm, Honduras was spending 40% of its GDP on debt service, leaving very little available for human services. Yet, even at that, they failed to qualify for debt relief from the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative. Given the loss of lives, crops and infrastructure, what can they do now to deal with that ongoing debt burden? I believe that we must act immediately to cancel as much of the external debt as possible for Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador. I hope that you will agree and do what you can to persuade the President to combine our country's swift and generous humanitarian assistance with significant leadership on debt relief. I am sure that Mrs. Gore will be able to describe to you what she has seen in Central America and that together you can help place the United States in the forefront on debt relief.

Thank you for whatever you can do to lift the debt burden in Central America.

Sincerely,

Sister Jane Burke, SSND
Provincial Leader

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December 16, 1998

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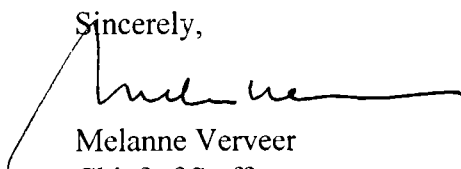
Dear Sister Jane:

Thank you for your letter about relief to Central America in the wake of Hurricane Mitch.

The President and the First Lady share your concern about the people of the region and every effort is being made to provide significant assistance ranging from food aid and medicines to rebuilding bridges and roads. Recently Mrs. Clinton visited Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador where she was able to see the effects of the storm first hand. We also spent time in the Dominican Republic and Haiti which have yet to recover from Hurricane George. During the trip, she announced some of the additional initiatives the US is taking to help these countries recover from the severe devastation and we are working diligently on the long term reconstruction needs as well as exploring the debt relief issues, immigration, and CBI enhancement. Last week, the President met with the leaders of Central America and announced additional U.S. support. He also said he would be travelling to the region in February.

I know Mrs. Clinton would want me to convey her appreciation for all you are doing to help those affected by the storm and for what you do each and every day. Very best wishes and thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

P. S. I do remember you and most especially your commitment to social justice.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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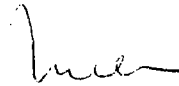
Carolyn Becraft
Assistant Secretary to the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Dear Assistant Secretary Becraft:

Congratulations on your appointment to Assistant Secretary. I regret that I could not attend the swearing-in ceremony, but wanted to extend my best wishes to you for your new position. I know you're already brimming with exciting ideas to promote women's programs and other important issues.

Happy holidays and all the best for the new year.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

December 17, 1998

Carolyn Becraft
Assistant Secretary to the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-1000

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Chief of Staff to
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*You are cordially invited to the swearing-in of
The Honorable Carolyn H. Becraft
as Assistant Secretary of the Navy
(Manpower and Reserve Affairs)
on Monday, the twenty-third of November
at one forty-five o'clock
The Pentagon, Room 4E673
Reception Immediately Following*

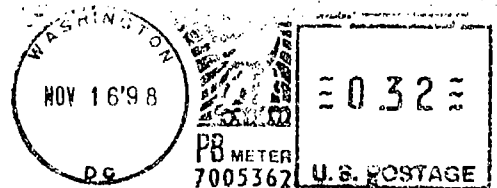
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 26, 1998

Mr. Vito Borrello
President
Every Person Influences Children
State University College at Buffalo
1300 Elmwood Ave., Cassety Hall 340
Buffalo, New York 14222

Dear Mr. Borrello:

Thank you for the information about Every Person Influences Children, which we received through Molly Raiser. I read your materials with interest, and I will share them with colleagues here at the White House.

As you know, parenting is an important issue to Mrs. Clinton. I know she would want me to convey her appreciation for your important work, along with her best wishes for continued success. Should you find yourself in Washington, do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Thank you for all you are doing for parents and children.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



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April 1, 1998

Ms. Molly Raiser
3318 O Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Molly:

After a conversation with EPIC Chairman, Ward Wettlaufer, he asked that I contact you.

As requested, I have provided five general information packets on EPIC, including EPIC's Annual Report, current newsletter, and other general information. I have also included our 15-minute promotional video.

EPIC - Every Person Influences Children started in Buffalo, NY in 1980 and has spread to 15 states throughout the U.S., with primary concentration throughout New York State and New Jersey. Two programs achieve the mission of our organization, which is to work with parents, teachers and other community members (the most influential people in a child's life) to enable children to become responsible adults.

- Our parent education program empowers parents of infants to adolescents to raise responsible children. Parents not only gain parenting tips, but, more importantly, gain self esteem in being a parent and develop a support system in their own community. All workshop facilitators are trained and certified by EPIC.
- Our character development and life skills program empowers children by enhancing 23 life skills, which promote self esteem, problem solving and decision making skills, and citizenship. Teachers are trained by our staff to utilize hundreds of EPIC activities which are easily infused into their lesson plans. They are also trained in developing strong parent/teacher relationships to enhance parental involvement in their child's education.

EPIC has been recognized as the #1 parenting program for distressed families in the country by the Better Homes Fund. Our program was also presented with the Gould-Wysinger Award for exceptional achievements in reducing juvenile delinquency.

April 1, 1998

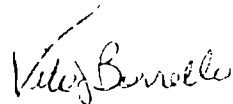
I would very much appreciate it if you could forward a copy of this letter and the attached packet and video to Melanne Verveer, Mrs. Clinton's Chief of Staff, in hopes of scheduling a meeting. I met Mrs. Clinton while attending a conference in Los Angeles in September 1996 entitled "In Harm's Way." After briefly explaining to her that EPIC was very similar to her book, "It Takes a Village," she was very interested in learning more about our program.

Ideally, EPIC would like to receive the First Lady's support in our plans for national replication, perhaps to include increased awareness and federal funding opportunities.

With the national issues pertaining to violent crimes, teen pregnancy and substance abuse, the need for EPIC's proven and effective programs have never been greater.

I will be in Washington from April 23 to April 26. EPIC has been recognized as a superior national program by Hand in Hand: Parents-Schools-Communities United for Kids, funded by the Mattel Foundation. Molly, I would enjoy the opportunity to meet with you, and perhaps, if possible, the First Lady and/or her staff. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vito J. Borrello".

Vito J. Borrello
President

VJB:jc
cc. Ward Wettlaufer, Chair
Enc.



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EPIC Program

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NEWSLETTER OF EPIC - Every Person Influences Children, Inc.

A News Update For All Friends of EPIC

April 1998

EPIC Selected as Exemplary Program by National Initiative Sponsored by Mattel Foundation

We are pleased to announce that EPIC, once again, has been recognized nationally for its innovative and exciting programs. In February, EPIC received word that it had been selected as an exemplary program - one of only 12 throughout the country - by "Hand in Hand: Parents-Schools-Communities United for Kids," a national initiative funded by the Mattel Foundation.

EPIC will be included in Hand in Hand's national public awareness campaign, printed materials, and website listing. In addition, a financial award is provided to enhance EPIC's efforts in uniting parents, children, educators and community members to interact in new ways that have a positive impact on the education of children.

Hand in Hand is coordinated by the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, D.C. The initiative was established to enhance current initiatives and share information about programs that expect, value, and nurture the role families and communities play in children's learning. Hand in Hand has helped bring attention to the broad range of ways cities across the nation have increased parental and community involvement. Since its inception in 1995, Hand in Hand has become a nationally recognized education initiative that is making a difference in the lives of children and families.

Through its annual program held every November, Take Our Parents to School (TOPS) Week, communities across the country present activities or events that involve parents, children, educators and community members in education. This year, TOPS Week will be held November 15-21. Watch for details in future newsletters to learn how EPIC will celebrate this special week.

EPIC Premieres On The Virgin Islands

In February, EPIC experienced another exciting first when Lynn Sachs, EPIC's national director of training, presented two facilitator training programs and a coordinator training program on St. Croix and St. Thomas Islands. EPIC's Caribbean debut came at the request of the newly-formed Beacon Schools initiative, a collaboration of human service agencies on the Virgin Islands, and as a result of EPIC's long-time partnership with Beacon Schools in New York City.

Beacons are school-based community centers that are open after school, evenings, and weekends to offer children, young people and families a wide range of services. The goal of these centers is to create safe havens and to stand as a symbol of hope and opportunity in the neighborhoods most affected by substance abuse, crime and violence.

We are very proud of EPIC's ongoing involvement in the New York City Beacon School program, and look forward to an equally successful partnership with the Beacon Schools on the Virgin Islands.

Announcing

Facilitator and parent manuals for EPIC's newest workshop series, *Parents of Young Adolescents*, will be available in Spanish beginning May 1st.

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December 1997

Graduating Parents Give Thumbs Up to EPIC Workshops

What do people really think of EPIC's parenting program? Just ask someone who is graduating from a workshop series and you'll get a quick and enthusiastic answer. We did just that at the recent graduation ceremony that took place in Niagara Falls, New York.



EPIC's Founder, Robert Wilson, far right, and Vito Borrello, EPIC President, second right, presented certificates to parent graduates.

As a young parent, Wayne reflected on his EPIC experience and suggested that "taking an EPIC workshop should be the first thing parents do when they are expecting a child."

Lorna DeLong, another Niagara Falls graduate, was glad she had seen the workshop announcement in the local paper just days before the series began. "The workshop covered all of the parenting issues I wanted to learn more about and it helped me realize that I wasn't alone. Other parents were going through the same thing with their children."

This graduation ceremony may have been a bit more exciting than most because of the surprise visit from Robert Wilson, EPIC's founder, but every group that completes an EPIC workshop series leaves feeling more empowered by the parenting tools and techniques they've gained from the program and the network of support they've experienced.

Congratulations to all those parents and guardians who are actively striving to be more effective guides and role models for their children.

Junior League Catapults EPIC Into 21st Century



JUNIOR LEAGUE
BUFFALO

On November 11, 1997, the Junior League of Buffalo and the Buffalo News awarded a \$125,000 grant to EPIC which will

fund the technology EPIC needs to enhance its services in Western New York and throughout the United States. The grant will enable EPIC to purchase computers and other communications and training equipment needed to establish its National Training and Communications Center. When completed, the Center will offer unique learning opportunities for parents, teachers and community agencies who are utilizing EPIC's programs.

The Junior League has been a partner with EPIC since the agency's earliest days, providing grants for EPIC's first set of manuals and for outreach materials. The Junior League has also provided volunteers through the years, who have led EPIC workshops in communities throughout Western New York. As EPIC prepares to increase its services nationwide, it is fitting that the Junior

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WHAT IS EPIC?

Founded in 1980, **EPIC - Every Person Influences Children, Inc.** is a national prevention program that helps parents, teachers and members of the community to raise children to become responsible adults.

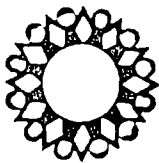
EPIC offers a comprehensive program that unites the home, school and community – the three most powerful influences in a child's life. It is a most effective tool for the prevention of child abuse and neglect, school dropout, juvenile crime, substance abuse, and teenage pregnancy.



EPIC parenting workshops are small, supportive discussion groups led by EPIC-trained facilitators. Parents come together in these groups to discuss parenting concerns and to exchange ideas and parenting techniques. EPIC workshops are offered to parents of children from birth through adolescence with accompanying parenting manuals which are available in both English and Spanish. These workshops help parents/guardians to strengthen their parenting skills for raising children in today's complex society. The workshops also empower parents to become more involved in their child's education.



In the school, EPIC's teacher and support staff training help to foster character development and life skills in students including responsible behavior, effective decision making and positive self-esteem, as well as a strong citizenship role which children need to become responsible adults. Special focus is placed on building home/school partnerships.



EPIC collaborates with the community by forming partnerships with social service agencies and the faith community who refer parents or hold on-site workshops. Local businesses enter the community partnership through financial sponsorship of the program.

The EPIC Program is a powerful tool that can improve the quality of life for children and families.

Children are our society's most precious resource. EPIC believes that every individual can make a positive difference in children's lives, whether as an EPIC facilitator, coordinator or workshop participant or simply as a positive role model for our future generations.



THE EPIC PROGRAM

A. Prevention Program

B. Home Component

- Provides workshops for:
 - Parents of Infants and Toddlers
 - Parents of Young Children
 - Parents of Young Adolescents
 - Parents of Adolescents
- Led by trained facilitators
- Coordinated by on-site coordinators

C. School Component

- Activities for students
- Develops life skills in 3 learning areas:
 - Self-concept
 - Rules, rights and responsibilities
 - Decision making/problem solving
- Implemented by teachers, grades Pre-K to 12

D. Community Component

- Networking with Social Service agencies for referrals
- Collaboration with community groups
- Recruitment of facilitators and coordinators



PROGRAM OUTCOMES

EPIC - EVERY PERSON INFLUENCES CHILDREN, INC.

A recent long term study has proven that **three years later, nearly 90% of EPIC workshop participants** continue to use the skills they learned during the workshops.

Evaluations of **EPIC parenting workshop** participants over the past ten years have shown that 80% of the parents:

- report improved relationships with their children
- increase their knowledge of, and ability to implement new parenting techniques
- improve their ability to communicate with their children's teachers
- reduce risk factors associated with child abuse and neglect

What Parents Are Saying About EPIC.....

"EPIC needs to be a part of every parent's life!"

"You learn that you're not alone as a parent, struggling with worries and concerns about your child."

Evaluations of **EPIC 's School Program** show that teachers:

- rated the program highly
- saw substantial increases in students' self-concept, citizenship skills and problem solving/ decision-making skills
- increased their interaction with parents

What Teachers and Administrators Are Saying About EPIC ...

"EPIC ties very nicely into the way we are already handling self-concept, responsibility, and discipline in our classrooms."

"On a scale of one to ten, EPIC is between nine and ten because EPIC activities are so easily infused into daily plans."

"EPIC has helped us in building home/school partnerships."



PARENT WORKSHOP

TITLES

Parents of Infants and Toddlers

- Knowing Yourself as a Parent
- Tuning-in To Your Child
- Fostering Self-Esteem
- Helping Your Child To Cope
- Setting Limits
- Building Independence
- Learning to Talk
- Establishing Routines
- Learning Through Play
- Promoting Literacy in Your Child

Parents of Young Children

- Parenting Styles And Decision-Making
- Children Need Families
- Single Parenting
- Listening And Responding To Children
- Communicating With Teachers
- Love Is A Powerful Vitamin
- Character, Conscience And Values
- Fostering Self-Esteem
- Encouraging Emotional Growth
- Coping With Daily Conflicts
- Crises That Affect Families
- Structure And Limits
- Rewards And Punishments
- Sexuality Education Begins In
The Home
- Sibling Rivalry
- Guilt And Stress Of The Working Parent
- Building Bridges Between Parent
And Child: A Substance Abuse
Prevention Workshop
- Help Your Child Succeed In School

Parents of Young Adolescents

- Growing Up Is Hard Work
- Communication Problems And
Strategies
- Who Am I? Identity And
Independence
- Making, Breaking, And Revising Rules
- Peer Groups And Friendships
- Right Versus Wrong: Character
Development
- Helping Your Young Adolescent
Succeed In School

Parents of Adolescents

- Keeping In Touch With Parenting
- Growing Up Is Hard Work
- Communication: Problems And
Strategies
- Teen Value Systems
- Love That Is Patient, Love That Is True
- High School: Parents Can Help
- Who Am I? Identity And Independence
- Making, Breaking And Revising Rules
- Self-Destruction
- Peer Groups And Teen Friendships
- Emerging Sexuality
- Teen Pregnancy
- Helping Your Adolescent Succeed In
School



EPIC SCHOOL PROGRAM DEVELOPS 23 LIFE SKILLS IN CHILDREN

Self-Concept and Self-Esteem

1. Recognize the basic needs of self and others.
2. Be aware of self and others.
3. Recognize continuous change and growth of all living things.
4. Appreciate the interdependence of all living things.
5. Act as a helpful person.
6. Be aware of the feeling nature of all humans.
7. Cope with feelings.
8. Be aware of the need for friends and other helpful people.
9. Develop caring, nurturing and sharing behaviors

Rules, Rights and Responsibilities

10. Recognize personal, civil, and other human rights.
11. Recognize the rights and responsibilities of authority figures.
12. Understand the relationship between rights and responsibilities.
13. Understand the need for rules, regulations, routines, limits, etc.
14. Develop the skills to share in the development of rules.
15. Recognize the need for daily routines and schedules.

Decision Making/Problem Solving

16. Recognize the need for options within a decision making process.
17. Develop the skills to place ideas, things, etc., into priority ranking.
18. Develop the ability to establish individual and group goals.
19. Develop coping skills to deal with the frustration of not attaining goals.
20. Recognize the need to make decisions.
21. Understand the need to take responsibility for decisions.
22. Understand the effects of attitudes on the decision making process.
23. Develop an awareness of the need to plan for change.



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- EPIC was selected by the *New York City Board of Education* as one of two programs to support parent involvement and literacy in the school
- EPIC was rated #1 nationally by *The Better Homes Fund* among programs serving transitional, homeless or high-risk families
- EPIC's home and school programs, *Growing and Learning Together* and *Growing Up Together*, are validated by the New York State Education Department as *Exemplary Programs*.
- EPIC was named a *Gould-Wysinger Award* winner by the U.S. Department of Justice for exceptional achievements in reducing juvenile delinquency. (1995)
- EPIC volunteers received the *Eleanor Roosevelt Community Service Award Certificate of Merit* for outstanding volunteer leadership. (1994)
- EPIC received the *Decade of the Child Certificate of Merit* from New York State Governor Mario M. Cuomo. (1994)
- EPIC was selected as an *Exemplary Program* by the New York State Division for Youth. (1992)
- EPIC volunteers were designated by the President as a White House "*Point of Light*." (1991)
- EPIC was the 1990 recipient of the *National Program Award*, given by the Child Abuse Prevention Council of the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Houston, Texas Chapter.
- EPIC's founder, Robert L. Wilson, was awarded the prestigious \$100,000 "*Endow a Dream Award*" by the W. Clement Stone Foundation. (1988)
- EPIC's founder, Robert L. Wilson, was awarded the distinguished *Donna J. Stone Award* for significant contribution to the prevention of child abuse, presented by the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse. (1987)
- EPIC was the recipient of the *Special Community Award* by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. (1983)
- EPIC received the *Presidential Recognition Award* for Outstanding Volunteer Community Service. (1983)
- EPIC's *Growing Up Together* program for middle level grades is endorsed by the National Middle School Association.



EPIC PROGRAM SERVICES

Home Component

- Workshops for:
 - Parents of Infants and Toddlers
 - Parents of Young Children
 - Parents of Young Adolescents
 - Parents of Adolescents
- Manuals in English and Spanish for:
 - Parents
 - Workshop Leaders
- Training for:
 - Parent Workshop Facilitators (Volunteers or Staff)
- Training and Manuals for Coordinators of the Home Component

School Component

- Training for:
 - Teachers of Grades Pre-K through 12
 - School Support Staff and Administrators
- Specialized Training for Home/School Partnerships
- Teacher Guides for:
 - Primary Grades
 - Intermediate Grades
 - Middle Level and High School
- Training and Manuals for Coordinators of the School Component

Additional Services

- Referrals to and from Community Agencies
- Program Evaluation
- Program Support and Follow-up
- Grant Writing and Technical Assistance
- Collaboratives



How To FUND

EPIC - EVERY PERSON INFLUENCES CHILDREN, INC.

Training and materials for EPIC's comprehensive education and prevention programs can be funded under many public and private sources, including programs addressing:

- Child and adult education
- Parenting education
- Home/school partnerships
- Child abuse and neglect
- At-risk youth
- Substance abuse prevention
- Teen pregnancy
- School dropout prevention
- Family literacy
- Youth mentoring
- Violence prevention

Funding to implement EPIC is available from state and local sources, including:

- State divisions for youth and local youth bureaus
- Education departments and public school districts
- Social services departments
- Substance abuse prevention agencies

Funding is also available through federal programs, including:*

- Title 1 funds (supports parent involvement in schools)
- Other funds through *The Improving America's Schools Act (reauthroization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act)*
- Even Start (funds family literacy programs, and can include parenting skills training)
- Head Start and Early Head Start
- Drug-Free Schools and Communities (supports substance abuse prevention efforts)

Other sources of funding include:

- Private Foundations
- Community Organizations
- PTAs, PTOs and other parent organizations
- Local businesses
- Service clubs, such as Junior League, Kiwanis or Rotary clubs

EPIC can assist you to prepare applications to fund EPIC in your community. Staff can provide materials for the narrative of your proposal relating to the goals and objectives of EPIC, evaluation methods, and benefits to participants. EPIC staff will also assist you to develop an EPIC budget that fits both the proposed funding source and your needs.

* The specific names of these agencies will vary from state to state.

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EPIC—Every Person Influences Children



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 26, 1998

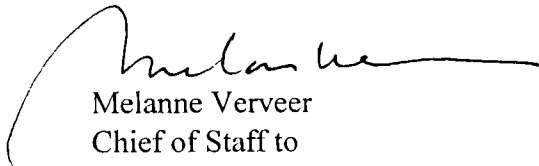
Jerry and Lorin Biederman
5720 Owensmouth Ave. #158
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Biederman:

Thank you so much for sending us copies of Earth Angels. The First Lady conveys her appreciation and best wishes. We wish you much success in your work in highlighting the good works of people and inspiring others to be "earth angels."

Thank you for your thoughtfulness, and all the best.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

Lorin and Jerry Biederman



Jerry, Lorin & Jennifer
Biederman
5720 Owensmouth Ave. #130
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

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Dear Ms. Verwee,

We were pleased to receive
a call from your office inviting
us to send our book to you
and the First Lady.

We have enclosed two books -
one for your review and one signed
to the First Lady.

Earth Angels, we believe, is a
project that would appeal to this
administration.

Thank you in advance,

Lorin and Jerry Biederman



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**Authors go on a nationwide search
for real-life good Samaritans,
celebrating their heartwarming and inspiring stories
in a new compilation, entitled
*EARTH ANGELS***

What is an Earth Angel? An Earth Angel is a real person—he or she could be a stranger or someone you've known your entire life—who shows up at a crucial moment and inspires or helps you, brings you a smile, or even saves your life. ***EARTH ANGELS: True Stories About Real People Who Bring Heaven to Earth*** (Broadway Books; Hardcover; October 15, 1997; \$18.00) by Jerry and Lorin Biederman is a compilation of dramatic stories celebrating Earth Angels who do unforgettable kind deeds and spread unconditional good-will to others.

The Biedermans have been on a mission for the past four years to find people who have made the world a better place. "You know the

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saying," say the authors, "'When you're in love, the world's in love'? Well, as much as we tried to keep our rose-colored glasses on, we were forced to acknowledge that the world was *not* in love....We wanted to find a way to help reverse the direction of modern society and we wondered if changing the world could be as easy as changing the way we look at the world." The Biedermans began by grassroots "experiments" in their hometown of Los Angeles, the *City of Angels*, searching for any "evidence of human kindness." Then they began interviewing people—in person, via their Web Site, and through classified ads in *USA Today* and their own 24-hour hotline—and the idea for **EARTH ANGELS** was born!

This heart-warming compilation of 64 stories written and told by people who were touched by an angel, is categorized by subjects such as *The Earth Angel Next Door (Friends and Neighbors)*, *Our Family, Our Earth Angels*, as well as *Teachers and Lessons*, *Healing Body and Soul*, and *Heroes Among Us*, to name a few.

Within these chapters are personal stories that capture the essence of extending good-will toward others, such as:

- *Foster*, written by a 30 year-old reporter who remembers when he was five years old and his foster mother—his Earth Angel—took him out of a shelter and reunited him with his sister;
- *In an Instant*, written by Racheal, whose brother Dion lost his own life when protecting his pregnant wife against a drive-by shooting; and

- *Blue Poppies of Tibet*, written by Pauline, a naturalist, who as a child had polio and meningitis, and was determined to walk again when a famous explorer described all the wonderful places in the world she could go.

Through their search for acts of kindness, the Biedermans were overwhelmed by the tremendous personal plights of younger people. According to the authors, "an entire high school devoted their first annual writing contest to Earth Angels." Over two thousand students wrote about a special person in their life who made a positive impact on them, including friends, relatives, and strangers.

The Biedermans feel that everyone has an Earth Angel, and this book is not only proof that people can thrive on *good* news, but it is a tribute to the *goodness* in people and the way many of us protect each other.

"Our little afternoon experiment became a seed for this book," say the authors, "and we hope that these stories will inspire you, not only to remember who is your own earth angel, but to become an Earth Angel in the lives of others."

EARTH ANGELS also includes a 24-hour Earth Angel hotline and address at the end of the book encouraging readers to share their own personal stories and to be considered for other upcoming Earth Angel projects.

EARTH ANGELS:
True Stories About Real People Who Bring Heaven to Earth

by Jerry and Lorin Biederman

Broadway Books

Hardcover

Pub Date: October 15, 1997

Price: \$18.00

A selection in the *Guidepost* book club.

Second serial rights sold to *Woman's Day* to appear in the
December 1997 issue.

About the Authors:

Lorin Michelle Biederman is an award-winning author, poet, and teacher.

Jerry Biederman is the author of seven books. At twenty-one, he co-authored his first book entitled *The Do-It Yourself Bestseller*. His second book, *Secrets of a Small Town: The Extraordinary Confessions of Ordinary People*, is the true story of his American journey for strangers' secrets.

Jerry and Lorin met four years ago, believe it was "love at first sight," and are now newlyweds. They live in Woodland Hills, California, with their dog, Disney, and are expecting their first child in December.



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September 15, 1997

**One couple's grassroots mission to find "earth angels"
--real people who bring heaven to earth--
gains momentum**

**Book, website, TV series, and national writing contest
"are just the beginning"**

Three years ago, just after their marriage, Jerry and Lorin Biederman took the newlywed saying "*when you're in love, the world's in love*" to heart and set out on a mission to find people who have made the world a better place. They placed a classified ad in *USA Today* requesting "heartwarming stories about someone who made a positive difference in your life." They got an enormous response from around the country, and Jerry, a published author, succeeded in getting a major book contract for a compilation of these stories. All told, they have now collected over 3000 stories from people of all ages, all races, and all corners of the country, from senior citizens to entire school groups. On October 15, Broadway Books will publish the Biederman's selection of 64 of the most compelling stories in **Earth Angels: True Stories About Real People Who Bring Heaven to Earth**.

The book marks just the beginning of what the Biedermans have planned. Their idea has grown into a nationwide, multimedia network that could be compared to a family searching for a missing loved one. As the gift-giving, more charitable spirit of the holidays approaches, here's what the Biederman's have underway:

* 5-city book tour in November, with 5 more "earth angels," to be announced in each location (Kansas City, Cincinnati, Dayton, Nashville, Encino, and Thousand Oaks--schedule enclosed);

* National writing contest to find another "earth angel," who will be announced on December 15;

* Grand prize "earth angel" essay will be chosen for inclusion in the paperback edition of *Earth Angels* (Broadway Books);

* A television series inspired by the book is currently in development by a 3-time Emmy-award winning producer;

more...

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* A syndicated column written by the Biedermans is in the works;

* School participation -- Impressed by the positive impact writing about "earth angels" had on their students, many school teachers and administrators are incorporating an "earth angels" program into their standard curriculum (see enclosed website printout for details);

* A website (www.DigitalStarlight.com/earthangels), a 24-hour hotline (818-734-0499), and a mailing address (18034 Ventura Blvd. #414, Encino, CA 91316) continue to collect even more stories for other earth angel projects.

"Our little afternoon experiment became a seed for a larger campaign. Our ultimate hope is that all of these activities inspire many more people to become an earth angel in the lives of others. We plan to help foster and support the natural expansion of this earth angel campaign as long as we can."

To interview Jerry and Lorin Biederman, some of the storytellers, and some of their "earth angels,"

Contact: Leslie Rossman (510) 658-7520
or Jonathan Hahn (212) 782-8941

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 26, 1998

Senator Max Baucus
511 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Baucus:

Thank you for your thoughtful note and the photo. You and your colleagues were the best CODE L with whom we have had the privilege to travel. We are grateful for your participation, leadership and advice.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



UNITED STATES SENATE

7-22-98

MAX BAUCUS
MONTANA

Dear Melanne,

Great traveling with you.
You, the First Lady, the President,
everyone, were great. Just give us
the word and the congressional Gang
of Six is at your disposal.
Sincerely, Max

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 26, 1998

Ambassador Gyorgy Banlaki
Embassy of Hungary
3910 Shoemaker St., NW
Washington, DC 20008

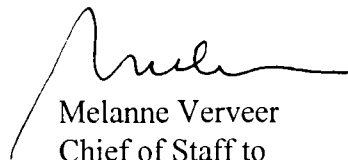
Dear Ambassador Banlaki:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter, and your friendship. I regret that I did not see you during your recent visit to the White House.

You have the great satisfaction of knowing that your accomplishments as Ambassador were considerable and I am personally grateful to you for all your kindness, especially during the First Lady's visit to Budapest.

Best wishes to you for every future success.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



The Ambassador of Hungary

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Ms. Melanne S. Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Room 100, 17th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

July 24, 1998

Dear Melanne,

As incredible as it may sound, my fourth year as Hungarian Ambassador in Washington is coming to an end. What a magnificent four years these have been! To be able to represent your country in the US is a great honor and a prestigious assignment at any time. But to do so during *these* four years has been something very special. We have accomplished nothing less historic during my tenure than moving the American-Hungarian bilateral relationship from partnership to alliance as a consequence of the ratification of NATO enlargement in the U.S. Senate. While this happened American investments in Hungary and bilateral trade reached record levels.

The exceptional Kennedy Center Gala marking Hungary's 1,100th Anniversary which generated five articles in the Washington Post, the Hungarian designed D.C. Transit Ikarus bus in the White House gardens boarded by President Clinton and Prime Minister Horn, the replica of St. Stephen's Holy Crown displayed in Statuary Hall of the Capitol and in the Carter Center in Atlanta bring back warm and proud memories. Looking back on what has been accomplished, I depart content and pleased.

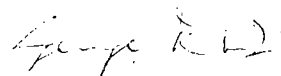
As I go through the emotionally draining process of bidding my farewells, I also start to contemplate what to do next. I am going back to the private sector, from which I was asked to serve as Ambassador four years ago. I will try to shape my "what next" as a mosaic, the specifics of which will emerge in the coming weeks and months. I have an offer or two for board directorships, will explore lecturing, teaching a course in political science, do some consulting and business opportunity creation and, in all likelihood, write a book. But for the time being I am completely open in my own mind on what I would eventually do. I will review the offers (if any) and then decide.

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of this wonderful job and assignment has been the opportunity to meet and interact with friends, partners and leaders like yourself. It has been very pleasing to have been able to draw on the insights and ideas of so many top people. There are many friendships that I take with me -- and not leave them behind.

I would like to keep in touch. If this letter inspires an idea of our possible future contacts and cooperation or you just have a suggestion that you think might make sense for me to pursue, do let me know. I would be most appreciative. As I am finding out there are few things harder than describe one's own strengths and competitive advantage assets. In addition to what the past four years as Ambassador to the US may have equipped me with in terms of experience and contacts, and to forging the experiences and perspectives of the public and private sectors --not yet a frequent occurrence in Central Europe--, at the most general level, perhaps it is the dual and simultaneous sense and capability of seeing and understanding America through the eyes of an American High School graduate, informed and sympathetic "insider" foreigner, an American-raised European, and of seeing and understanding, from the same perspective, America's outside world, which I am part of and where America's business partners are.

As I thank you for your friendship and support in the past, let me wish you all the success and happiness for the future.

With warm regards,

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Dr. Gyorgy Banlaki

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 24, 1998

Ms. Gail Berendzen
President
Women of Washington
1828 L Street, NW, Suite 920
Washington, DC 20036

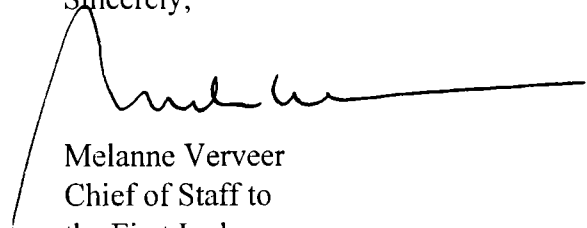
Dear Ms. Berendzen:

Thank you for your letter and invitation for the First Lady to deliver the keynote address at your "*Women and the New Millennium*" luncheon, here in Washington on September 24.

Regrettably, Mrs. Clinton is scheduled to be out of the country, and will be unable to accept your kind invitation. But I know she would want me to convey her appreciation for your ongoing thoughtfulness, along with her best wishes for a successful event.

Best wishes; if we can be helpful to the organization in the future, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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13 July 1998

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Office of the First Lady
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

Firstly, I would like to congratulate you on your recent trip to China. As you have done on so many foreign visits, you brought a new level of prestige and understanding of America to other countries. I particularly enjoyed reading about your encounters with Chinese women which would be of keen interest to our membership.

Women of Washington, as you may know, is a major networking organization, with a chapter in Los Angeles, which brings women together through personal and professional linkages. We are a nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations and provide an array of programs from mentoring for younger women to facilitating serious, substantive discussion luncheons. Our objective has been to strengthen women by giving increased attention and visibility to their endeavors.

On Wednesday, September 24th, 1998 Women of Washington will hold a major program entitled "*Women and the New Millennium*," which will celebrate the accomplishments of women in this century and look ahead to the 21st century and to the path ahead for American women. The event will be held in the ballroom at the Four Seasons Hotel at 12 noon.

It would be a great honor to have you deliver the keynote luncheon address and to share with our members your perspective on women today as well as your experiences meeting women from other countries and cultures. Your luncheon address would be followed by a panel discussion with leading women moderated by Tara Sonenshine, formerly of the National Security Council and currently Senior Advisor to the United States Institute of Peace. Among the women we have invited to be on the post-luncheon panel are Cokie Roberts, Bette Bao Lord and Doris Kearns Goodwin.

Mrs. Clinton, we have tried so many times over the past six years to honor you at Women of Washington and to have the women of this town celebrate your achievements. Scheduling has always been difficult. I hope that this fall's schedule might enable you to speak at the September event.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Gail Berendzen
President

Women of Washington

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Women of Washington/ Women of Los Angeles

Women of Washington, Inc. constitutes a premier networking organization for women in the nation's capital. In 1991, Gail Berendzen, the president, founded *WW* as a non-profit organization to assist all women, irrespective of their race, creed, nationality, or ideology. *Women of Los Angeles*, the first affiliate, was formed in 1997. *WW* and *WLA* provide opportunities for women to meet other women leaders from diverse professions and with widely-ranging points of view. The organization increases and broadens women's contacts, and thereby aids them professionally and personally. This is done through an array of programs, including well-attended forums at which nationally known figures discuss and debate key current issues and matters of particular interest to women.

Topics have included "Affirmative Action," "The Changing Roles of Women," "Radio Talk Shows: What's America Talking About?," "Politics Through the Eyes of Women Who Cover It," "Abortion: A Search for Common Ground," "Current Issues and Research on Women's Health," "The State of the Arts," "Child Abuse," "Women and Finance," "Teen Pressures," and "Working Mothers: The Delicate Balancing Act." **Speakers have included** Clifford Alexander, Jane Alexander, Elayne Bennett, Susan Blumenthal, Jim Bohanon, Bay Buchanan, Mona Charen, Eleanor Clift, Marian Wright Edelman, Susan Eisenhower, Betty Friedan, Ellen Goodman, Arianna Huffington, Ted Koppel, Madeline Kunin, Delano Lewis, Mara Liasson, Joseph Lieberman, Mary Matalin, Michel McQueen, Kweisi Mfume, Andrea Mitchell, Allen Neuharth, Kate O'Beirne, Alma Powell, Diane Rehm, Robert Reich, Cokie Roberts, Jehan Sadat, Gail Sheehy, Josette Shiner, Alan Simpson, Carole Simpson, Suzanne Somers, Helen Thomas, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Ted Turner, Jack Valenti, Naomi Wolf, and Judy Woodruff.

In addition to the monthly luncheon forums, *WW* and *WLA* hold more intimate "Conversations" with leading figures the organization's members would like to know better. There is a bi-monthly publication, *In Touch*, for bi-coastal networking. *WW* also has a year-long mentoring program, monthly breakfasts for executive level women, and a program designed specifically for younger women who are just entering the work place. Annually, *WW/WLA* host the Highlight Awards to recognize prominent men who have provided support for women and their endeavors. Many of the programs have been broadcast nationally by C-Span.

Women make up an increasingly large fraction of the nation's professional leaders, and that fraction is growing substantially. As women prepare to enter the 21st century, they want *au courant* information and high-level contacts, as well as friends and associates who share their concerns for family, community, and career. *Women of Washington, Inc.* and *Women of Los Angeles* help to meet these needs. *Working Women Magazine* calls the organization "D.C.'s hottest new networking group..." Fortune 500 companies sponsor many of its events, thus demonstrating the companies' commitment to women and their business acumen in realizing women's increasingly great influence in all sectors of American life.

Women of Washington, Inc. and *Women of Los Angeles* educate, mentor, and link women to one another. Both organizations bring disparate parts together, facilitating positive collaboration among business professionals and friendships among strangers.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1998

Ms. Heidi Cusick
Ms. LynNell Hancock
Columbia University
Journalism, Mail Code 3800
2950 Broadway
New York, NY 10027

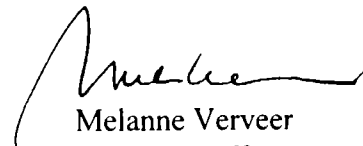
Dear Ms. Cusick & Ms. Hancock:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to participate in a conference on children and violence in April.

Regrettably, the First Lady is unable to accept your invitation as she is scheduled to be out of the country during that time. She sends her best wishes for a successful and productive conference.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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February 12, 1998

Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington D.C. 20500-0003

Dear Ms. Verveer,

On behalf of the Prudential Fellowship for Children and the News we are still anticipating an answer that the First Lady will be participating in the conference on children and violence on Wednesday, April 1, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., at Columbia University.

I thought I would update you about the speakers and details as we have them so far. We will have a continental breakfast in the World Room on the third floor of the Journalism School beginning at 8:15 a.m. The conference begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Lecture Hall, also on the third floor of the journalism building. The dean of the journalism school will welcome all of the attendees and introduce the First Lady. (Or we could ask the president of the University to introduce her if you prefer.) We would like her to speak for 20-30 minutes.

The goal of the conference is to investigate what role the media plays in clarifying or distorting stories about the lives of children who are violent or children who are victims of violence. An impressive group of experts, editors and reporters will devote the morning to exploring these complex issues from brain research and family environment to peer pressure and educational and legal influences. I have enclosed the schedule with all of the confirmed speakers.

Feel free to call me with any questions. I can be reached at 212-242-1700 or by email: hhc9@columbia.edu. The fax number at Columbia is 212-854-7837.

We think the conference is going to be quite exciting and thought-provoking, as well as news worthy. Thank you again for considering this invitation.

Sincerely,



Heidi Cusick, conference coordinator
LynNell Hancock, Director

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Prudential Fellowship for Children and the News
Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism
Wednesday, April 1, 1998
J-School Lecture Hall

Damaged Kids, Delinquent Reporting? Covering Children and Violence

8:15-9:00 Registration

Continental breakfast in the World Room, 3rd floor Journalism School
Resource table and programs in World Room

9:00-9:30 Welcome: Tom Goldstein, Dean, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism

Keynote: (First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, *invited but not confirmed*)

Introduction: Nicholas Scopetta, Commissioner, NYC Administration for Children's Services

9:30-10:30 Media-Made Monsters?

Moderator: **David Gonzalez**, *About New York* columnist, New York Times

Speakers:

Lawrence Aber, Director Columbia University's National Center for Children in Poverty

Michael Corriero, Juvenile Judge Supreme Court

Carol Simpson, ABC World News anchor, Washington D.C.

New Youth Connections journalist*

Linda Lantieri, Resolving Conflicts Creatively

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Roots of Violence: The Stories We Miss

Moderator:

Speakers:

Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, Harvard School of Public Health

Dr. Bruce Perry, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

Robin Karr-Morse, co-author *Ghosts in the Nursery: Tracing the Roots of Violence*

Don Kao, Project Reach, outreach program for youths, NYC Chinatown

12:15-1:00 Seeds of Change

Speakers. **James Garbarino**, director Family Life Development Center, Cornell University

Ann Marie Lipinski*, editor, Chicago Tribune, (not confirmed)

P.M. Panel: Religion and At Risk Youth



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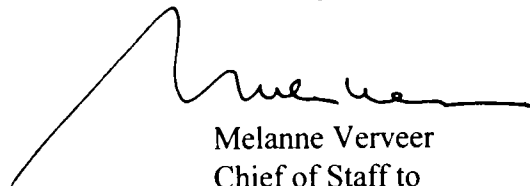
Ms. Isanna Beregovaya
Zhilyanskaya str. 88
Kyiv, 32
UKRAINE 252032

Dear Isanna:

On behalf of the President and First Lady, thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and videotape and books. Mrs. Clinton is pleased she had an opportunity to visit Ukraine and wishes you well in your important work in education.

We wish you, your students and your fellow citizens all the best.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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February 25, 1998

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Room 100
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C .

Dear Ms. Verveer,

The accompanying gifts were received by Ambassador Morningstar's office at the Department of State on behalf of the President and First Lady. The giver's name is Isanna Beregovaya, a teacher of English and Social Studies in Kiev, Ukraine.

Isanna had the opportunity to represent School No. 57 during the First Lady's visit in November and was able to capture on video a segment of the trip. Included are also books on childcare (in Russian) and a letter intended for the President. Isanna is a participant in the Partners in Education (PIE) program, which is administered by the American Council of Teachers of Russian and funded by the Advising, Teaching, and Specialized Program Division of USIA. She may be contacted until 6 March at the following address:

Isanna Beregovaya
c/o Dr. Robert Nuranen
Teacher
Sylmar High School
13050 Borden Avenue
Sylmar, CA 01342

After 6 March, the mailing address for her in Ukraine is the following:

Isanna Beregovaya
Zhilyanskaya str. 88
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karen Clark

Karen Clark
Project Coordinator
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20 January 1998 г.

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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tel. 2270092

To the president of USA
William Jefferson Clinton

Dear Sir,

Our Confederation was greatly impressed after getting acquainted with your State of the Union address of 1997, the biggest part of which is devoted to education. What we find the most important about it is your plan of reformation of education consisting of 10 principles, the central part being devoted to the teacher and priority given to education and early development of children. The last enjoys a great attention of the First Lady.

We would like to assure you that in our country we have achieved outstanding results in early physical, moral and intellectual development of children as well as physical rehabilitation which can be of definite value in the process of bringing your plan into action.

I am sending two books by Boris and Yelena Nikitin (their books are translated into 13 foreign languages but not English) and a videotape devoted to striking achievements of V.M. Bronnikov. The First Lady got acquainted with him and his work during her last stay in L'viv.

With the best wishes,

Sincerely yours
First Head Deputy of
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 7, 1998

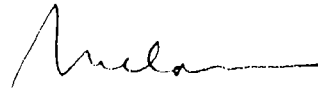
Ms. Eileen H. Bakke
2811 North 24th Street
Arlington, VA 22207

Dear Ms. Bakke, *Eileen*

Thank you very much for your thoughtful note and good wishes. It was a real treat to be with you and your husband at Camp David. I was grateful for the chance to spend some time with you.

Thank you for your kind words, prayers and good wishes.

Sincerely,



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

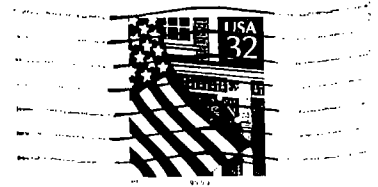
EILEEN HARVEY BAKKE

— @ Pinks
March 21, 1998

Dear Melanne,

I so enjoyed spending time with you and your husband at Camp David last weekend. You are such a gift to Hillary and the President; thank you for all you do to serve them and our country. I will be praying for you during the trip to Africa. Please let me know of any ways I can support and serve you and Hillary.

Blessings, Eileen Bakke



Mrs. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500-2000



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1998

Ms. Lorie Barnum
Executive Director
The Susan B. Anthony House
17 Madison Street
Rochester, New York 14608

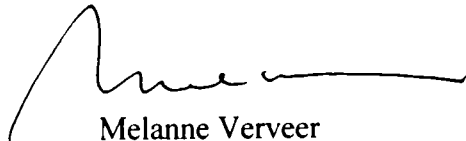
Dear Ms. Barnum:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to visit The Susan B. Anthony House in July.

I have forwarded your letter to the scheduling office and they will be in touch once a decision has been made.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

May 5, 1998



Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building - Room 100
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms Verveer,

There is a buzz in the air all across upstate New York about the First Lady's planned visit in July, for the 150th Anniversary of the First Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls. We are working closely with Celebrate '98 for the celebration which centers on western New York, the cradle of women's rights. We would like to extend an invitation for the First Lady to stop by The Susan B. Anthony House in nearby Rochester during her trip.

Lynn Sherr gave me your name and number. She has told me that the First Lady greets her with Susan B. Anthony's famous quote, "Failure is Impossible!" The Anthony House is a National Historic Landmark with a very strong sense of place and history. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter sometimes stops by just to get re-charged! The First Lady may feel equally moved, especially since she is a woman who knows the struggles of reform.

It would be a great privilege to welcome Hillary Rodham Clinton, her daughter, and others in her group, to the Susan B. Anthony House for a tour. We would happily plan a reception or other event for the First Lady. A few ideas are specified in the letter addressed to Abby Clinton.

Rochester is a great place to fly into, and the Anthony House is less than five miles from the airport. The trip to Seneca Falls is a short forty minute drive. It is a trip made many times by Anthony and Stanton by carriage or buggy.

Please feel free to call me at 716-342-6481. My home phone number is 716-338-3021. I look forward to hearing from you, and eventually meeting you in July.

Sincerely yours,

Lorie Barnum
Executive Director

May 5, 1998



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
White House
Old Executive Office Building Room 100
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am delighted to learn that you will be leading a delegation of women to Seneca Falls to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the First Woman's Rights Convention.

As part of your trip to western New York, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to visit the National Historic Landmark Susan B. Anthony House in nearby Rochester.

I would also like to extend a special invitation to your daughter, Chelsea, to be the first young woman to register to vote in the very front parlor where Susan B. Anthony was arrested for voting illegally in 1872. The act of signing a voter registration card in this historic spot will exemplify the purpose of the struggle, and the significance of the history we celebrate. It sends a message of the importance of voting, and provides a suitable tribute to Susan B. Anthony. *(We would forward the card to the appropriate board of elections, and if Chelsea has already registered, we can still create an event to make that statement.)*

I know of your admiration of Susan B. Anthony from the ABC-TV special, *Susan B. Anthony Slept Here*, where you told the story of Anthony's arrest for illegal voting. Rochester was Susan B. Anthony's home for the forty most politically active years of her life, the headquarters of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, and the site of her death in 1906.

On July 12, 1998 Ken Burns and Congresswoman Louise Slaughter will be among the honored guests who will be cutting the ribbon on the new Susan B. Anthony Education and Visitor Center, located in the next-door home of Anthony's sister. Ken is spearheading our campaign to rescue and expand the Susan B. Anthony House. This Opening marks the successful completion of the first phase of the plan to repair, restore and conserve this National Historic Landmark.

I mention this because I have heard you speak of your interest in historic preservation. The Anthony House is an excellent example of a national treasure at risk, and how private, corporate and government support, *together*, are preserving our heritage for future generations. We would be proud to welcome you to Susan B. Anthony's home during our inaugural week, to merge your interest in historic preservation, and your trip to celebrate women's contributions to American history. Also, we would like to invite you to add your signature to our interactive computer display of Anthony supporters in the new center.

The Rochester International Airport is a convenient gateway to Seneca Falls, with exhibits and banners welcoming the many visitors who will visit for the celebration. Susan B. Anthony's home is only five miles from the airport. We hope your itinerary will be planned so that you can fully experience western New York as the cradle of women's rights, with visits to both Seneca Falls and Rochester.

In coordinating with Mary Ellen Snyder at the National Women's Rights Historical Park in Seneca Falls, we have learned that the best times in your schedule for a Rochester visit are late Thursday, July 16, and early Friday, July 17. We are happy to make arrangements so your visit is possible and enjoyable. The Greater Rochester Area Women Attorneys have offered to put together a breakfast, luncheon, or dinner in your honor if you are interested. I can be reached at 716-342-6481. I look forward to meeting you in July.

Most sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lorie Barnum', with a stylized, flowing script.

Lorie Barnum,
Executive Director

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 29, 1998

Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM
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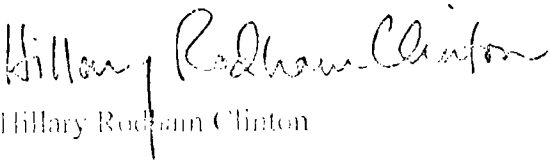
Dear Sister Dorothy Ann:

I want to extend my heartfelt greetings and good wishes to all of you gathered for the Basilian Spirituality Center Groundbreaking Ceremony. I especially want to convey my congratulations to the Sisters of St. Basil, the Capital Campaign Committee and all the generous supporters who have made this day possible.

In these fast paced times when so many are experiencing the stresses of modern life and finding too little time to deepen their spiritual lives, the Center will fulfill a genuine need. It will be a place for a prayer and reflection; a source of spiritual nourishment and renewal and a home emanating Basilian hospitality.

God bless you! With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 25, 1998

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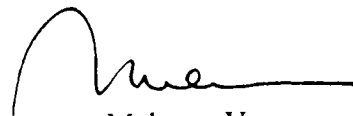
Dear Sister Dorothy Ann:

On behalf of the First Lady, thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and invitation to attend the Sisters' 22nd Annual Pilgrimage and Ground breaking ceremony at the Basilian Motherhouse on Mothers Day.

Regrettably, it will not be possible for the First Lady to join you for the Ground breaking ceremony as much as she would have liked to do so. (We appear to lead lives filled with schedule conflicts!) If a message from the First Lady for the event would be welcome, we would be happy to send you an appropriate greeting.

We wish you and all associated with the future of the Basilian Spirituality Center much success and godspeed.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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*Hanna -
Can you
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message*

*Please
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attached.*

March 2, 1998

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Melanne:

Thank you very much for your prompt reply to our invitation to the First Lady for our Basilian Spirituality Center Ground breaking Ceremony. While we regret that the First lady has a scheduling conflict that day and will not be able to attend, we would welcome a greeting from her.

Again, Melanne, we thank you for your consideration and best wishes on the success of our Basilian Spirituality Center and hope that, in the near future, you will be able to visit our Motherhouse and the Center.

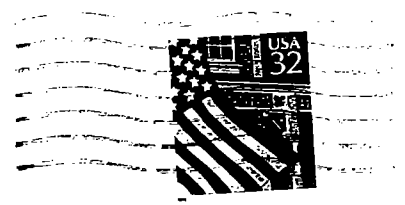
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*Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady
The White House
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to Fr. Dromy Ann

I want to extend my heartfelt
greetings and good wishes to all of you
gathered for the Brazilian Spirituality Center
Groundbreaking Ceremony. I especially
want to convey my congratulations to the
Sisters of St. Basil, the Capital Campaign
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Brazilian hospitality.

With love

Rejoice that I am unable to
~~be there~~
God bless you!

Sincerely

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February 15, 1998

*Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
c/o Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
White House
Washington D.C.*

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Before the Christmas holiday, I had the honor of meeting you at an impromptu occasion arranged by your Chief of Staff, Melanne Verveer. It was a true pleasure to meet you and to discuss your recent trip to Ukraine. As I had mentioned to you at the time of our meeting, the Order of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, is rooted in Ukraine.

The Sisters of Saint Basil have had a strong mission and vision to provide a place where the faithful could come to explore, discover and deepen their spirituality - a place for spiritual refreshment and renewal. In the true spirit of Basilian hospitality, the Sisters will open their doors and their hearts to help the faithful deal with day to day issues through their spirituality and awareness of God. Recently, there has been much emphasis placed on the healing of the whole person - body and soul. The Sisters want the Basilian Spirituality Center to be a place to hasten the healing of the mind and spirit and hence bring a wellness and to the entire person.

On Mothers Day, Sunday, May 10, 1998 as many pilgrims come to honor the Mother of God at the Sisters' 22nd Annual Pilgrimage, the Sisters will see the Vision of the Basilian Spirituality Center become reality! The Ground breaking ceremony for this 2.2 million dollar project will take place at 12:30 PM on the grounds of the Basilian Motherhouse in Fox Chase Manor, PA.

We would like to extend a personal invitation for you to join us that day and to share with the Sisters and the many Ukrainian Americans who will be present for the excitement and realization of this significant project where God will be exalted and the faithful will be helped in coping with the challenges they face as they go forth into the next millennium.

Again, it was a sincere pleasure to meet you. I hope that both you and Melanne will be able to join us for this momentous occasion. The Sisters and I look forward to a positive response.

Sincerely,

Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski

*Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski
Provincial Superior
Sisters of Saint Basil the Great*

*P.S. Your presentation at the State Department on February 17.
It was terrific!*

THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 15, 1998

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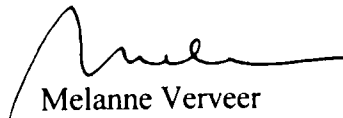
Thank you for your inquiry and follow-up on Louise Tkachyk's request regarding the status of the petition on behalf of Mrs. Sivinska.

I have passed your information to appropriate officials, but I am not certain that we can do anything more. I can appreciate how difficult and frustrating this is for all concerned.

I regret that the invitation for our International Women's Day observance arrived so late. It was an inspirational event that included the participation of the President, the First Lady, Secretary Albright and Attorney General Reno- among others. Attached is a transcript of the President's announcement. A new initiative to help combat trafficking in Ukraine was announced.

Best wishes in all you do.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady



Sisters of St. Basil the Great

PROVINCE OF JESUS LOVER OF HUMANITY

710 FOX CHASE ROAD

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215-663-9153

March 25, 1998

Melanne Verveer
2125 Leroy Place N. W.
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Melanne,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am sure Washington must be beautiful during cherry blossom time and I pray that you have time to enjoy all the wonders of God's creation.

I am writing this letter at the request of Louise Drozdiak Tkachyk. Louise and her husband Jacob have been working desperately to assist our chaplain Rev. Vasyl Sivinskyji with the matter of bringing his wife Galyna Sivinska to America from Ukraine. I know that they have already contacted you to this end and you have been of some help. However, as you can see from the attached letter I received from Louise, Galyna will "have to wait her turn" to get final approval to come to America.

As per Louise's request I am contacting you to see if there is anything more that can be done to facilitate the procedure. I have enclosed all the material so I will not repeat the details of their predicament.

I am grateful to you that my name is now on the list for invitations to various events in Washington. I thoroughly enjoyed Hillary's State Department briefing. The slides were wonderful as was her commentary. Unfortunately I received the invitation to the White House reception for International Women's Day two days after the event. I deemed it an honor regardless.

Again I ask you to assure the First Lady that she and her husband President Clinton are in the prayers of the Sisters. Hillary is to be admired for the way she handles herself with all dignity and respect.

May you know all the joy of the Easter season.

Sincerely,

Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM
Provincial Superior

THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 9, 1998

Ms. Meredith Berlin
Editor-in-Chief
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850 Third Avenue, 9th Floor
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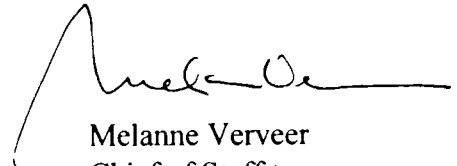
Dear Ms. Berlin:

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation to the First Lady to participate in the Seventeen/Cover Girl Volunteerism Awards on March 31.

I have forwarded your letter to the First Lady's scheduling office and they will be in touch once a decision has been made.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to
the First Lady

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Meredith Berlin
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff for The First Lady
The Old Executive Office Building
Room 103
Washington D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. Verveer:

I am writing to follow up on my June 5, 1997 letter to Mrs. Clinton regarding the first ever Seventeen/ Cover Girl Volunteerism Awards, co-sponsored with Cover Girl Cosmetics. We will be awarding more than \$100,000 in scholarship money to 30 girls ages 13-21 who have led their communities and their peers in the fields of volunteerism and public service. I am enclosing a list of our 40 semi-finalists and their achievements.

We have now scheduled the award ceremony for Tuesday March 31 at 1:30 in the Senate Dirksen Building, following a noon reception and luncheon for the six top award winners. We will extend invitations to this luncheon and ceremony to all women Cabinet members, all women members of Congress, other members of the Senate and House of Representatives, heads of all major Washington volunteerism agencies, directors of local museums, and heads of major women's political groups.

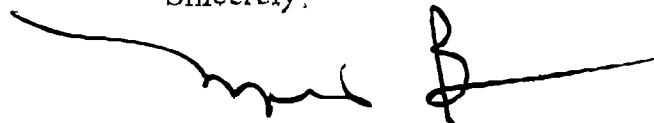
We would love to have Mrs. Clinton present the awards and bring the Administration's message on the importance of volunteerism to this event. If Mrs. Clinton is indeed interested, it would be helpful to hear how she would want the event to shape up. One possibility would be to invite ten or twenty Americorps volunteers the White House would like to acknowledge.

While we have scheduled the event on Capitol Hill, we would of course love to discuss the possibility of having it at the White House, or of having a White House reception for the top six winners during their visit to Washington, March 29-31, 1998.

I will also raise this issue with Marsha Berry, Mrs. Clinton's Director of Communications.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Meredith Berlin

Seventeen/Covergirl Volunteerism Awards Semi-Finalists

Katherine Alward, 19, from Connecticut, raises beef cattle and donates the meat to homeless shelters, which feed it to about 450 people.

Jennifer Balch, 20, from New Jersey has donated much of her time to traveling to other countries, including Lithuania, Kenya, and Tijuana, Mexico, to teach people English, and helped build equipment and bathrooms at an orphanage.

Laura Berman, 16, from Rhode Island, founded a program that educates kids on using the library as a means to promote literacy.

Rebecca Brogin, 17, from Florida, founded the country's only student-run foundation, which grants money to children-oriented charities.

Christin Brown, age 16, from Nebraska, is the only teenage girl in America to organize and run camps that teach farm safety.

Jessica Burris, 14, from Georgia, runs her own organization, Sock it to Me, which collects socks and money to buy medicine for those who can't afford them.

Amber Lynn Coffman, 15, from Maryland, started Happy Helpers for the Homeless when she was eight years old, an organization that today provides more than 600 bagged lunches for the homeless.

Megan Corlin, 13, from New Hampshire, founded the Story Time on the Road Program in which volunteers read to children and elderly people throughout the community.

Jennifer Dombowski, 21, from Michigan, belongs to Project Serve, which is the University of Michigan's umbrella volunteer organization through which she trains site leaders to run Service Days, and single-handedly began a new Service Day for the Engineering School at Michigan.

Sarah Donaldson, 18, from North Carolina, went to India, where she worked at a medical clinic.

Kathleen Dyer, 14, from California, started an organization that reads English books to immigrant Laotian children.

Kara Gibney, 19, from Arizona, dedicated countless hours to helping peers through the Teen Lifeline, a suicide hotline, and gives speeches about suicide across the state of Arizona.

Julie Ginsburg, 20, from Iowa, ran a hat drive, where she convinced major organizations to donate baseball hats to kids dying of cancer.

Kirstie Johnson, 16, from Kentucky, acts as the cadet commander at Louisville Composite Squadron of the volunteer Civil Air Patrol, fundraises for the WHAS Crusade for children, and works for a volunteer fire department.

Gillian Kilberg, 18, from Virginia, founded and helps run Grandma Rita's Camp, a special trips camp for needy and abused children, for which she also fundraises.

Heidi Larison, 15, from Kansas, splits her efforts between raising money to buy stuffed animals to donate to local charities and running the "sunshine club" in local schools that selects children for a special honors.

Megan Leaf, 17, from Maryland, founded the Love Box program, which distributes packages filled with toy and games to kids.

Emily Levy, 18, from Rhode Island, created a program called Brain Imagery that helps students with learning disabilities.

Katrina Loutensock, 20, from California, created a program called Hangtime, where kids with autism, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome or other special needs, do planned social activities.

La-Kee-a Lowry, 21, from Pennsylvania, lobbied her community and various associations to help keep the local library open, and was eventually successful and now works in the "Reading is Fundamental" programs in Pennsylvania.

Lauren McBrayer, 17, from Georgia, initiated and ran Blanket Atlanta, a grass-roots effort to collect blankets for the homeless.

Corinne MacLaggan, 17, from Texas, founded the Guardian Angels, a peer support group for special education students.

Traci Marcovitz, 19, from Ohio, organized and helped raise \$12,000 for Mitzvah Corps, an overnight camp which targets inner-city youth.

Lori Michaelson, 15, from Massachusetts, began volunteering through the MS read-a-thon and now uses her musical talents to entertain nursing home residents and give benefits, including one that raised \$4,000 for a friend who needs a new kidney.

Sarah Nagy, 17, from Florida, won \$25,000 in merchandise from REACT magazine and started an organization called Everykids' Clothesline that donates apparel to kids who need it.

Lindsay Neil, 21, from Colorado, worked with Friendship City Exchange to spearhead a campaign to raise money and literally build a high school for a poverty-stricken community in Nicaragua.

Sheetal Parmar, 20, from California, organized outreach services for the People's Test Preparation Service, an organization that provides free SAT I classes to urban youth and also co-wrote the teacher and student manuals used in the program.

Claudia Perez, 20, from Illinois, a former high-school dropout, organized a campaign and solicited \$47,000 from government agencies to urge City College of Chicago, which oversees a small campus called El Cuatro Ano, to keep its doors open so that its many Black and Latino students could continue to study there.

Amanda Perlyn, 16, from Florida, dedicates herself to running Stepp'n Up which donates hundreds of shoes each year, organizing To Have and to Hug which collects stuffed animals, and illustrating a children's book about her volunteer experiences.

Raquel Pina, 15, from California, started the RMANI dance troop which required members to maintain a B- average in their courses, encouraging them to excel in math and science.

Susan Riddle, 21, from Kansas, went to Haiti, helped dig a foundation for a school, and hopes to write a handbook addressing basic nutritional needs.

Julia Rock, 15, from North Carolina, is deaf and started a sign language club in her community to teach kids sign language as well as educate about disabilities.

Katie Ryan, 13, from Illinois, has worked for the past four years as an attorney on a peer court, prosecuting and defending juveniles for misdemeanor crimes.

Kerry Shaw, 20, from California, started an Environmental Action Club in high school, helped build roads for a small farming community in Greece, and replanted trees in the Rain Forest of Costa Rica.

Kelly Shelinsky, 16, from Pennsylvania, was bored enough during childhood hospital stays to found Books for Bedsides which has donated over 2,000 books to area hospitals over the past two years.

Ilana Singerman, 17, from Louisiana, created Project CARE (Collecting of Amenities in a Redistribution Effort) which recycles hotel amenities by giving them to homeless shelters and residential facilities in her community.

Janica Southwick, 18, from Utah, created a brochure about the methods and opportunities for volunteerism and distributed it to 5,000 Utah high school students.

Bobbi Thomason, 13, from New Hampshire, dedicates her time to fundraising for the Make-A-Wish foundation as well as teaching at an inner city elementary school, donating baby-sitting time and dancing at a local nursing home.

Alison Wignall, 17, from Iowa, has been an AIDS activist since the age of 13 when she co-starred in a production of Annie with an actor who had AIDS and since then she has helped raise over \$300,000 in donations.

Amity Weiss, 13, from New York, is the founder and director of Kidsreach, a service organization that helps needy children abroad.