

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to join my voice with yours in congratulating the four individuals you honor today for their contribution in the struggle against AIDS; Ms. Irene Diamond, Dr. Emilio Emini, Ms. Brenda Freiberg and Ms. Lisa Tiger. Everyone living with HIV or AIDS is somebody's child, and I appreciate what these "Extraordinary Voices" have done for all of America's children.

We are making progress in the fight against AIDS. We have increased funding for AIDS research, prevention and care by over 50% since President Clinton took office. Transmission of HIV from mother to child declined significantly between 1992 and 1995. Protease inhibitors have been used to treat infection with dramatic success, but we have not finished our work.

Mothers' Voices has powerfully united the voices of mothers across the country to fight for more effective HIV prevention, better treatments for people living with HIV, and the development of a vaccine and a cure. I thank you for your boundless energy and continuing commitment to reaching the goal that we all share -- a world without AIDS.

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton