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May 11, 1993

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Dear Mr. Williamson

Thank you for sending information about the School of Community Service at the University of North Texas. A twenty year anniversary makes your program a pioneer in the field of service. The work you have done with such a large number of services is very meaningful. It is important for our office to learn about your activities out in the field -- please update us periodically.

Judging from the needs of your students, the income contingent repayment plan should be of interest. I have enclosed information about it and the national service bill that was recently introduced to congress.

National Service will bring out the best in America by strengthening its communities, offering opportunities for learning, and rewarding individual responsibility. I look forward to your continued support for such an important part of the President's agenda.

Sincerely,

Susan Stroud
Senior Advisor to the Director
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FIVE CONGRESS
SUSAN - looks great. I'd be happy to meet w. someone in June if I'm here.
SHOULD IT BE MORE FORMAL?
THEY REQUESTED A MTG WHILE THEY ARE IN TOWN IN JUNE. SHOULD I ADDRESS THAT ISSUE? - I'm



University of North Texas

School of Community Service

May 11, 1993

Ms Susan Stroud
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Dear Ms Stroud,

Dr. Gloria Contreras, with whom you visited recently at the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities conference in Washington, has told us of your interest in this institution's School of Community Service. We have been following the development of the National Service Program carefully, feeling that the unique mission and structure of this school are highly complementary to such a program.

This year marks the School of Community Service's 20th anniversary. Over those years it has evolved from a rather narrow focus on aging and rehabilitation to its current comprehensive treatment of a number of social issues, including cultural diversity, drug prevention and treatment, economic development, public administration, public health, emergency management, rehabilitation, and criminal justice.

We believe the School of Community Service is at the heart of this university's larger mission to serve the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. The University of North Texas, in particular the School of Community Service, has taken a lead in the development of a new model of higher education for comprehensive universities in or near our nation's metropolitan centers. In March we hosted a national conference of top executives of such "Metropolitan Universities" which share an expressed commitment to applied research and the devotion of institutional resources to address community problems.

Currently we are in the process of developing existing student intern programs within this school into a comprehensive, for-credit requirement for all majors. Contingent on the award of a small federal grant submitted several months ago to VISTA, we will begin implementing the student service practicum this September. For two semester hours of credit students will receive one hour of classroom instruction per week on volunteerism and community service, and will be required to work two hours per week with a service provider. Those who already have agreed to use our student volunteers include public housing authorities that provide day and after school care for young children, city recreation programs in low-income minority neighborhoods, the public schools for tutoring and mentoring programs, and HOPE, an agency committed to meeting the housing needs of the homeless population in this area.

One reason we are especially interested in the National Service Program is that the School of Community Service prepares students for professions of great social value, yet ones that often do not offer great financial rewards. As a result, students are limited in their ability to repay educational loans and at times have to modify their educational aspirations because of financial reasons. We also have an unusually large number of non-traditional students who often have dependents and heavy financial obligations. As we interpret the National Service Program objectives, such students would be able to find some relief from their financial burdens while embarking on social service careers.

As we develop the community service practicum in the School of Community Service, we would be glad to be of assistance to you and your staff as you work out the mechanics of student eligibility, selection, training, placement, evaluation, etc. Please let us know how we can help.

Someone from this office may be in Washington on the 9th, 10th, and 11th of June on other business. If you have time in your schedule we would like to arrange a brief visit. If such a visit is possible, I would be glad to make the necessary arrangements on this end.

We have high hopes for the National Service Program--for what it can mean to our communities and for higher education. If you have questions regarding our existing programs or plans for the future, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



David A. Williamson
Assistant to the Dean for Research and Development

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