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TO: ~~Supportive Care Program File~~

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Yesterday we attended a meeting with Sr. Patrice Murphy, Coordinator of the Supportive Care Program, Mrs. William F. Buckley, Jr., and Mrs. Samuel P. Peabody. Through her association with the Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), Mrs. Peabody was recently introduced to Sr. Patrice and her work and expressed a desire to assist Sister "in any way she could."

Mrs. Peabody noted that one way, she and her good friend, Mrs. Buckley could assist the Supportive Care Program was in helping to raise substantial funds for the Program. Mr. Ghiorse explained that the ongoing operational needs of the Program are funded entirely by philanthropic support with the exception of Sister Patrice's salary and office space which are provided by the hospital. He indicated that while operating funds are the short term goal, building a meaningful endowment to sustain the program is a high priority.

Sister presented an overview of the Supportive Care Program and noted that while St. Vincent's currently has an AIDS patient census of just over 20, this is expected to grow to 40 in 1987 and perhaps 50 in 1988. Sister also commented that while AIDS patients currently account for approximately 40% of the Supportive Care Program's census, these patients are expected to be the vast majority of her work in years to come.

Both Mrs. Peabody and Mrs. Buckley committed to working on "several small events" to raise programatic support for the Supportive Care Program. However they both made it clear that they strongly support the endowment concept and indicated they would give further thought as to how they could help in building one.

Sr. Patrice expressed gratitude to Mrs. Peabody and Mrs. Buckley and assured them we would do whatever necessary to help achieve these goals.