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The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation, Inc.
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Your Eminence:

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of our 1988 application to The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation. Our proposal to you this year, for a special \$100,000 grant, involves a very generous matching arrangement recently awarded to St. Vincent's by the Frances L. and Edwin L. Cummings Memorial Fund.

The Cummings Fund trustees have pledged up to \$750,000 in new matching funds to help St. Vincent's build an Oncology/AIDS endowment fund. The agreement stipulates that all funds raised for this purpose will receive matching funds on a 1:4 basis. This is a major opportunity for us to build substantial, ongoing support for our AIDS program, and the Cummings trustees have made clear indication that if all of the \$750,000 in matching funds are used, another similarly generous arrangement will follow. Our goal is to establish an overall endowment of at least \$10 million for this important work.

Endowment building is crucial to sustaining and enhancing St. Vincent's response to the growing AIDS epidemic, including programs and services for care of the poor, research, teaching and diagnosis and treatment of AIDS patients. One essential need for endowment is to maintain and expand St. Vincent's Supportive Care services for AIDS patients and their families. As you know, St. Vincent's is one of only three hospitals in New York City providing extensive home hospice care for AIDS patients and bereavement follow-up care for their families.



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Funding for these purposes is becoming increasingly inadequate and action is required now to insure that sufficient funds are available in the future to maintain and expand this vital work.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and for all that you have done and continue to do for St. Vincent's.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Margaret

Sister Margaret Sweeney
President

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