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Announcement of donations to
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF
DONATIONS TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES
WASHINGTON, DC
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[Acknowledgments]

I am delighted to be here at the National Children's Medical Center and to have the chance to help celebrate the holiday season with some of the children being treated here and the staff providing their care.

First, however, I want to talk briefly about the challenges facing children's hospitals and other organizations that are working day in and day out to safeguard the health and well-being of America's children and families.

Like children's hospitals elsewhere in the United States, the National Children's Medical Center is an anchor in its community, providing needed medical care for children -- many of whom have no other hope of treatment -- performing cutting edge research and training the next generation of children's doctors and nurses. Yet today, this hospital and many like it confront budgetary pressures that are complicating their missions and the way they deliver services. The budgetary pressures created by our health care system and potential changes in Medicaid -- along with growing competition for public and private funds -- mean that these institutions are bearing new and heavier demands than ever before.

Having served on the board of the Arkansas Children's Hospital, and having had the privilege to visit many children's hospitals around the country during the past four years, I have seen firsthand the dedication of doctors and nurses who continue to treat children and search for cures even as resources become scarcer. I have seen hospital administrators skillfully juggle the competing demands on their institutions without betraying the children they serve. Most of all, I have seen the hope and promise that these institutions bring to children, and the help and comfort they offer parents and families experiencing the uncertainty and stress that inevitably come with having a sick child.

Children's hospitals are performing vital services for

children and families across our nation, often against great odds. So it is with great pleasure that I am able to announce today that I am donating the first installment of proceeds from my book, *It Takes A Village*, to children's hospitals that I have visited during the past four years and to children's organizations whose activities are mentioned in my book.

I am especially pleased to be able to make this announcement in Washington, DC, home to three facilities that will receive donations: The Children's National Medical Center, The Hospital For Sick Children, and the Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health. Each of these facilities is instrumental in bringing better health to the children of our nation's capital and of the entire Washington metropolitan region.

I want to thank the representatives of Children's National Medical Center, the Hospital for Sick Children and the Children's Inn for their ongoing commitment to children and families in this area and for the work they do every day to provide health care in this community. And I hope that during this holiday season, as we all reflect on the importance of family and loved ones, we will remember the children whose futures are brighter because of the care they are receiving in hospitals such as these.

Thank you very much.

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton Announces
Dispersement of Royalties from It Takes A Village

Today First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced the donation of proceeds from the sale of her best-selling book It Takes A Village to organizations supporting children and families including 15 children's hospitals around the country. Mrs. Clinton made that announcement at the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Washington, DC.

Mrs. Clinton receives 15% of the suggested retail price of each book that is sold. These royalties are received in installments made twice each year. In August the First Lady received the first installment of approximately \$750,000. That figure represents Mrs. Clinton's portion of earnings from the book sales of January through March 1996. Upon publication of her book, Mrs. Clinton announced her commitment to donate the after tax royalties to organizations that serve children and families.

The First Lady made her decision on which facilities would receive donations based on the children's hospitals she has visited over the past few years and organizations that were highlighted in her book. In making her selections, she also received assistance from the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions.

The children's hospitals and other organizations selected to receive donations are listed below.

RECIPIENTS OF PROCEEDS FROM IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Children's Hospitals

Arkansas Children's Hospital Little Rock, Arkansas	\$100,000
Children's National Medical Center Washington, DC	\$50,000
Los Angeles Children's Hospital Los Angeles, CA	\$25,000
Hospital for Sick Children Washington, DC	\$25,000

Children's Memorial Medical Center Chicago, Illinois	\$25,000
La Rabida Children's Hospital Chicago, Illinois	\$25,000
Children's Hospital of Boston Boston, Massachusetts	\$25,000
Children's Inn The National Institutes of Health Bethesda, Maryland	\$25,000
C.S. Mott Children's Hospital Ann Arbor, Michigan	\$25,000
Babies and Children's Hospital New York, NY	\$25,000
Rainbow Babies Children's Hospital Cleveland, Ohio	\$25,000
Children's Medical Center Dayton, Ohio	\$25,000
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	\$25,000
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Memphis, Tennessee	\$25,000
Scottish Rite Hospital for Children Dallas, Texas	\$25,000

Programs in *It Takes A Village* (\$5,000 each)

The Algebra Project
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families
Little Rock, Arkansas

Avance
San Antonio, Texas

Child Care Action Campaign
New York, NY

Children Now
Oakland, California

Children's Defense Fund
Washington, DC

City Year
Boston, Massachusetts

Families and Work Institute
New York, New York

Habitat for Humanity International
Americus, Georgia

Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters
New York, New York

Home and School Institute
Washington, DC

Parents as Teachers
St. Louis, Missouri

Yale Child Study Center
New Haven, Connecticut

Zero to Three
Arlington, Virginia

EEXCEL, Inc.
San Juan Capistrano, California

Efficacy Institute
Lexington, Massachusetts

Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity
New York, New York

YWCA of the USA
Washington, DC

Girl Scouts of the USA
New York, New York

Boy Scouts of America
Irving, Texas

Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse
New York, NY

Abecedarian Project (Civitan Research Center at the University of Alabama-Birmingham)
Birmingham, Alabama

American Library Association "Born to Read" Program
Chicago, Illinois

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Fact Sheet/It Takes a Village

Publisher: Simon and Schuster

Publication date:

Hardcover: January 1996

Paperback: October 1996

Price:

Hardcover: \$20.00 suggested retail

Paperback: \$10.00

Audiotape: \$18.00

Copies in print:

Hardcover: 461,000 (10 printings)

Paperback: 184,000

Ranking:

The hardcover book was on *The New York Times* bestseller list for 20 weeks, ranking number one for three weeks. The paperback book has been on *The New York Times* bestseller list for nine weeks, ranking number 11 as of December 8.

Foreign Rights:

Publishers in Australia, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Spain and Sweden have purchased It Takes a Village.

Promotion:

Mrs. Clinton made four separate book tours between January and May 1996, visiting Little Rock and Blytheville, Arkansas; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Chicago, Illinois; New York, New York; Boston, Massachusetts; Dallas, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Los Angeles and San Francisco, California; McLean, Virginia; Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Boca Raton, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; St. Louis, Missouri and St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mrs. Clinton conducted 100 interviews with print, radio and television outlets across the country.

Royalties:

Mrs. Clinton receives 15% of suggested retail price. Payment is made in two annual payments. The first royalty payment was approximately \$750,000 and was received in August. There was no advance payment.

Distribution of Royalties:

After tax proceeds will be donated to childrens' hospitals and childrens' charities.