

November 14, 1990

TO: Senator Dole
FROM: Mo West
SUBJECT: Arthritis Foundation Fundraiser

The Arthritis Foundation's fundraiser which you will be honored at this evening is being held at the J.W. Marriott. They are expecting you at 8:30 p.m. and are aware that you will be accepting the award and briefly speaking. There is a table in front of the podium where a seat has been reserved for you during your introduction. You will be seated with patrons that have paid \$500.00 a ticket to attend tonight's event. There will be a photographer there for a photo op with the individuals seated at your table.

You will receive the "Marriott Lifetime Achievement Award" which recognizes individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the Arthritis Foundation's cause. Proceeds from the Marriott Lifetime Achievement Award dinners support the Washington Chapter's Programs for Living which help people to manage their arthritis and lead independent lives.

Senator Barry Goldwater was last year's recipient of this award for his many years of work on behalf of Americans with arthritis, and in particular for his efforts to establish the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease at the National Institute of Health.

Senator Goldwater, (an arthritis victim) will be in attendance tonight so you may want to recognize him as well as Todd Mullins and Mrs. Flo Mullins -- her husband was recently killed in a plane crash after returning from the Tip O'Neill golf tournament. Their twenty year old son, Todd has severe arthritis. In addition, his growth was stunted as a child due to medication taken for the arthritis. The Mullin family has purchased \$5,000.00 worth of tickets for tonight's dinner.

I will plan to meet you at the 13th street entrance shortly before 8:30 and show you to your seat.

I AM HONORED TO BE HERE
THIS EVENING TO RECEIVE SUCH
A DISTINGUISHED AWARD.
WHILE THE MARRIOTT LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
RECOGNIZES THE
EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS
OF INDIVIDUALS TO THE

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION'S CAUSE,
I MUST CONFESS THAT THIS
TRIBUTE RIGHTLY BELONGS TO
THE FOUNDATION ITSELF WHICH
WORKS ENDLESSLY TO SUPPORT
THE FIGHT AGAINST ARTHRITIS.

THIS EVENING'S PROGRAM,
WHICH RECOGNIZES THE
IMPORTANT WORK OF THE
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION, WILL

HEIGHTEN AWARENESS AND
HOPEFULLY PROVIDE THE
ADDITIONAL SUPPORT THAT THE
FOUNDATION NEEDS IN ITS
MISSION TO CURE ALL FORMS
OF ARTHRITIS.

THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION,
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN
CHAPTER, IS UNPARALLELED IN
THE BREATH OF ACTIVITIES IT

SPONSORS TO ASSIST
INDIVIDUALS WITH ARTHRITIS IN
LIVING INDEPENDENT AND
SATISFYING LIVES. UNTIL
RESEARCH DISCOVERS A CURE
FOR ARTHRITIS, THE FOUNDATION
PROVIDES ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS,
INFORMATION, AND SUPPORT
FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES
TOUCHED BY ONE OF THE 100
DISORDERS REFERRED TO AS

ARTHRITIS.

UNFORTUNATELY, ARTHRITIS
KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES —
APPROXIMATELY ONE IN SEVEN
OF OUR POPULATION FUNCTIONS
DAY—TO—DAY WITH ONE OF
ARTHRITIS' MANY DISABLING OR
PAINFUL CONDITIONS.

FOR TOO LONG, PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES HAVE LIVED IN
ISOLATION AND EXCLUSION —
— VICTIMS OF STRUCTURAL AND
ATTITUDINAL BARRIERS DEEPLY
EMBEDDED WITHIN AMERICAN
SOCIETY. THESE BARRIERS NOT
ONLY DEPRIVE PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES OF PERSONAL
DIGNITY, PRESTIGE, AND SELF—
ESTEEM, BUT ALSO ROBS OUR
SOCIETY OF A VALUABLE

RESOURCE AND A VAST POOL
OF HUMAN POTENTIAL.

IF THE 101ST CONGRESS IS TO
BE REMEMBERED FOR
ANY SINGLE ACCOMPLISHMENT,
I WOULD HOPE THAT PEOPLE
REMEMBER THE PASSAGE OF THE
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES
ACT. BEFORE 'ADA' WAS
PASSED, A COMPREHENSIVE

MANDATE FOR THE
ENFORCEMENT OF ESSENTIAL
CIVIL RIGHTS FOR PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES WAS NEVER A
REALITY IN ANY STATE OR
MUNICIPALITY IN THIS OR ANY
OTHER COUNTRY.

AS A RESULT OF THIS
LANDMARK LAW, EVERY MEMBER
OF AMERICAN SOCIETY HAS AN

INHERENT RIGHT TO THE
OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN A
LIVING, TO MAKE A
CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY,
AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
ACTIVITIES OF EVERYDAY
LIVING.

ALTHOUGH ADA IS
REVOLUTIONARY,

ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION ARE
STILL PIVOTAL TO BREAKING
DOWN THESE SOCIETAL
BARRIERS. SADLY, THEY EXIST.
WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO
BEFORE THESE BARRIERS ARE
ELIMINATED, BUT I AM
CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE
SUCCESSFUL AS LONG AS
ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE