

# HEALTH CARE CONSUMER

## CCHCC Embarks On HIV Needs Assessment

Every two hours, an African-American dies from AIDS. HIV disproportionately affects people of color in the United States. Health Care Consumers is working with the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District to determine the knowledge and needs regarding HIV within Champaign County's African-American community.

The goal of this project is to ascertain the knowledge, attitudes, and behavior regarding HIV within the African-American community, including where the knowledge came from, and how best to get additional information out. Specifically, the needs assessment will determine levels of knowledge regarding what HIV and AIDS are, how HIV is transmitted, how to prevent transmission, and what behaviors put people at higher risk of infection. The

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Nearly 200 consumers attended CCHCC's Annual Awards Dinner. (story on page 4)

## Champaign Consumers Attend Unity Health Care Action Day

*"Illinois residents under attack!  
What do we do? Stand up, fight back!"  
"Hey, Reps, get on the ball!"  
We want health care for us all!"*

On April 28, these words echoed throughout the rotunda of the State Capitol, as 1,500 voices lifted in support of health care reform in Illinois. Signs and placards calling for "Health Care Reform Now" waved in the air. It was Unity Health Care Action Day, and people streamed into Springfield in cars, vans, and buses to show legislators their support of the Illinois Health Security Act.

In addition to the rally in the rotunda, groups from around the state met with their representatives to talk about health care reform and urge them to support the Illinois Health Security Act. Nearly thirty consumers

from Champaign County met with both Representatives Tim Johnson and Laurel Prussing. (Senator Stan Weaver was in Chicago.)

The Champaign group called Rep. Prussing from chambers, where she was fresh from a Democratic Caucus on health care reform and the current amendment representing the Illinois Health Security Act. She assured the group that she supported the legislation, and that all the other Democrats seemed united in their support, as well.

The meeting with Rep. Johnson was another story. The Champaign consumers waited 45 minutes for Johnson, who at first feigned ignorance of the Act, and then told them he does not believe in, and does

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# National Health Care Reform and the Disability Community

Kim Hill, a resident of Tilton, Illinois, knows what it's like to face rejection. Mr. Hill has diabetes, and in an effort to find health insurance coverage, contacted all of the 1500 existing insurance underwriters in the country. Not one of them agreed to cover him, because of his pre-existing condition. "I feel that being labeled with a pre-existing condition by the insurance industry denies me my right to live to old age," says Hill, who must use an insulin machine (not covered by any insurance plan) in order to stay alive.

This story may be shocking, but it is hardly unusual for the 1.5 million people in Illinois who live with a disability under the present health care system. Insurance companies unfairly base premium rates on certain risk factors. As a result, they discriminate against certain groups of consumers, including people with disabilities. Far too often, insurance companies will not cover pre-existing conditions. Insurance companies also can reduce coverage, cut off plans, or deny coverage altogether. Consequently, people's health care is at the mercy of insurance companies, and is not necessarily dictated by medical need.

Many people with disabilities are actually infrequent users of health care, but are still unfairly denied insurance solely because of their disabilities. Such discrimination is currently legal. For those who are able to get insurance, the premiums, co-payments, and deductibles are usually very high -- much higher than the costs paid by nondisabled people.

Another concern for people with disabilities is long-term care. "The cost of staying at home is only two-thirds

the cost of institutionalization, but the health care system is not set up to pay for home-based care," says Judy Mullen, Personal Assistance Coordinator with PACE, Incorporated's Center for Independent Living. The norm for insurance companies is to deny home-based care and support institutionalization, although there are companies who do provide some skilled nursing services. A recent cost-benefit analysis comparing home-based care to institutionalization revealed that the yearly savings of home-based care is nearly \$7,000. This figure was derived by comparing costs for two persons with disabilities in similar financial situations and with similar health care needs.

The Champaign County Health Care Consumers believe that the McDermott-Conyers bill (HR 1200) will essentially solve many of the issues presently faced by the disabilities community. In the final analysis, how the new health care system created by Congress will affect people with disabilities largely depends on how actively people with disabilities participate in the development of these proposals.

*PACE (Persons Assuming Control of their Environment, Inc.) is a Center for Independent Living which serves Champaign, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Piatt, and Vermilion Counties. PACE offers services which assist persons with disabilities in achieving and/or maintaining independence. The organization's goal is for persons with disabilities to be full participants in society. For more information, please contact PACE at (217) 344-5433, or TTY: (217) 344-5024.*

## Volunteer Opportunities:

**Photographer:** Improve the professional appearance of CCHCC's quarterly newsletter. An experienced photographer is needed for special meetings and events. Camera required. 3 positions available.

**Data Entry Assistant:** Experienced individuals needed to assist with database management. Data input may include newspaper articles, accounting transactions, and recording membership lists. Flexible schedule. 5 positions available.

**Hotline Advocates:** (see page 6)



# Dental Referral Program Underway

After eighteen months of planning, the Dental Referral Program of Champaign County is operational. The program, designed to increase access to dental care for low-income residents of the county, is the result of cooperation between providers, consumers, and community leaders.

The Referral Program seeks to open the door to dental care for many residents of the County who cannot afford to receive basic, preventive care. The goal of the program is to get people into the system, so that problems can be detected and treated before they become more extensive, and expensive.

The Dental Referral Program is open to all residents of Champaign County who fall at, or below, 185% of the poverty line. This would be equivalent to a family of four with an income of \$27,380. The program is open to all ages, with the exception of children under the age of 18 who reside within the city limits of Champaign or Urbana. These children can receive services from the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, and were excluded solely for that reason. The program is also open to those covered by Public Aid.

The Dental Referral Program operates in a very simple manner. Interested individuals call the Referral line (352-9746), which operates out of the Health Care Consumers' office. They then come into the office for an eligibility screening. If eligible for the program, they are referred to a participating provider, and an appointment is made. At the initial appointment, the patient receives an exam and x-rays from the provider for a fee of \$15. If additional work is determined to be needed, the work is agreed to by the provider and patient at a discount level determined during their initial eligibility screening. These discounts range from 40 to 80% of the provider's normal fee schedule.

We are very excited about the prospects for the growth and expansion of the Dental Referral Program for Champaign County. We look forward to this program achieving the same kind of success which the Medicare 100 and Medicare Plus Programs achieved when they began 10 years ago. If you would like to use the Dental Referral Program, or know someone who could benefit, the Referral line can be reached at 352-9746.

## Medicare 100/Medicare Plus Reach 10 Year Mark

A lot has happened in the last ten years: the Iron Curtain has come down; the White House has changed hands; computers are a necessity, rather than a luxury; and the Health Care Consumers' Medicare 100 and Medicare Plus programs have gone from just good ideas to very successful programs, helping thousands of seniors in Champaign County.

1994 marks the tenth anniversary of these programs. When the seniors from CCHCC expressed concerns about the rising costs of health care back in 1984, they worked diligently to create a solution. In conjunction with Covenant Medical Center and other participating providers, the programs assist seniors with out-of-pocket costs left after Medicare has paid its portion. Through the years, the programs have grown to include over 60 local health care providers, and offer other benefits, such as discounts on prescriptions and eyeglasses.

Medicare 100 and Medicare Plus members, along with CCHCC and Covenant staff, have worked to keep the programs updated and relevant through the years. The programs have been represented at various health fairs, including Mayfest, the Rantoul Senior Fair, and the WLRW Health Fair. Members also conduct an annual bake sale, and participate in the CCHCC Senior Task Force.

If you are 65 or over, and have both Medicare parts A and B, and would like information on or an application for either program, call the Health Care Consumers at 352-6533.

# CCHCC Briefs

## Board Election Results

Election results for six at-large seats on the CCHCC Board of Directors were announced at our Annual Awards Dinner (story p. 4).

We will be seating four first-time Board members. Elected to two-year terms were Phyllis Clark, Marion Gushee, Valton Henderson, and Cleveland Jefferson. Lilia Peters and Michael Doyle were re-elected.

In addition to welcoming new members, we want to thank outgoing board members Jerry DeWitt, Grace Mitchell, Marlene Moshage, David Rein, and Janice Wilson for their hard work and outstanding contributions to the Health Care Consumers.

At our April Board Meeting, officers were elected for 1994. Janus Wehmer will serve as our new Chairperson. Other officers who will be serving are Lilia Peters as Vice-Chairperson, Michael Doyle as Treasurer, and Esther Patt as Secretary. Cleveland Jefferson will serve on the Executive Committee as the At-Large member.

## Door Canvass To Begin

For the 11th consecutive year, the CCHCC canvass will be knocking on the doors of consumers across the county. This community outreach and education campaign, vital to the growth and development of CCHCC, will begin just after Memorial Day. The canvass plans to operate in over 20 communities, and has set a goal of raising \$26,000 while renewing or adding 500 members. Just as important, the canvass allows us the opportunity to talk to 1000s of residents, gaining a better knowledge of the issues concerning them.

Anyone looking for a summer job working for health care reform can call John at the CCHCC office (352-6533) to set up an interview. For those who don't want to canvass, but wish to continue their support, please be sure to renew your membership when our canvassers knock at your door.



# Annual Dinner a Moving Experience

Entering the anteroom, you peer into the gala ballroom, awash in a sea of festive orange and yellow. Smiles greet you all around, offering welcome. Upon entering the ballroom, you are greeted by the evening's keynote speaker, Ms. Sarah McClendon, and are immediately charmed with her southern hospitality. The paparazzi flash around you, catching glimpses of Champaign County notables. There is Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor of Urbana, and Paul Alexander, the Democratic nominee for the 15th Congressional District. Esther Patt, director of the Tenant Union, mingles with several groups in another corner. At the bar, cocktails mix with the friendly murmur of smalltalk and laughter.

These were the sights and sounds that greeted guests of the Champaign County Health Care Consumers' 17th Annual Awards Dinner, held March 19 at the Chancellor Hotel. Over 200 people from the Champaign County area came together to celebrate the good works of local individuals and organizations, and support the fight for health care for all. The evening opened with CCHCC's Executive Director Imani Bazzell addressing the crowd, beneath a bright yellow banner announcing this year's theme: "Opening Doors, Health Care for All."

Imani's opening monologue was interrupted by a troupe of actors, who performed a rousing skit denouncing our present health care system and praising single-payer health care reform. Bursts of laughter and nods of agreement erupted from the crowd throughout the performance.

Guests were then treated to a sumptuous meal, accompanied by dinner discussion with friends both old and new. As the meal drew to a close and dessert was served, the awards ceremony began. Ms. Carol Valli of the Prairie AIDS Foundation accepted the Community Service Award for the Foundation's work with homeless persons with HIV and AIDS. Ms. Freida Wascher, a local activist from

Urbana, received the Mike Doyle Activist of the Year award for work on many community fronts, including Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Vern Barkstall, for his enduring commitment as a leader in the C-U community, garnered the Citizen Leadership Award. State Representative Laurel Prussing was recognized as Legislator of the Year, for her support of the Illinois Health Security Act. Dr. Ron Sable was recognized with the Elsie Field Provider of the Year award. Dr. Sable, who co-founded the HIV clinic at Cook County Hospital, and was the first openly gay candidate to run for Chicago City Council, died of AIDS late last year. Dorothy Utley was honored with the Volunteer Service Award for her continuing service to CCHCC. Congressman Luis Gutierrez was poll watching in San Salvador, and was unable to personally accept his award for Legislative Achievement.

The award for Excellence in Media was presented to Ms. McClendon, a White House press correspondent since the 1940s, who served as keynote speaker. The 83-year-old McClendon delighted the audience with a fiery speech, touching on subjects as diverse as the state of our government, Canadian health

care, health care reform in the U.S., and corruption in government.

After speaking briefly about the assassination of President Kennedy and the recent death of Vincent Foster, Ms. McClendon ended her talk with the admonition to "remember, if you hear I committed suicide, I didn't!" The crowd leapt to its feet in appreciation of one of the most entertaining and informative dinner addresses in recent years.

The final honor of the evening was the infamous Golden Bedpan, a perennial crowd pleaser, presented to the individual or group who most adversely affected health care. This year's bedpan was awarded to Representative Tom Ewing, for his indignant refusal to hold a constituent-based discussion on health care reform in his district.

After bidding thanks and adieu to the audience, Imani brought the final curtain down on a spectacular evening. How does such a marvelous experience end? Much as it began, as you join a crowd drifting slowly out of the ballroom, mingling and laughing, trying to savor just one more moment of the night. As the guests depart, CCHCC staff begin to move through the room, cleaning up the remnants of the festivities. Soon the flowers, confetti, and balloons are swept away, but the bright yellow dinner banner is carefully saved, to deliver the message of health care reform on yet another day.



*White House correspondent Sarah McClendon breaks up the crowd with her candor and wit at the Annual Awards Dinner. Also seated at the main table: CCHCC Executive Director Imani Bazzell (left) and State Rep. Laurel Prussing.*





*Ludlow grade school children enjoy a hearty breakfast thanks to new program.*

## School Breakfasts in Champaign County

Let's hear it for Ludlow School District #142 (see sidebar at right), Rantoul City School District #137, Rantoul Township High School District #193, Thomasboro School District #130, and Urbana Unit #116. These school districts, along with a handful of Champaign Unit 4 schools, have brought additional federal and state dollars back to our local area through the School Breakfast Program, putting these government funds to work for the well-being of children here in Champaign County.

Breakfast is an important meal, yet children miss it for a variety of reasons. In some cases, in an attempt to make limited food dollars stretch, breakfast is skipped. During the past decade, residents of Champaign County have been hit hard with the challenge to make ends meet. Statistics compiled by Voices for Illinois Children, and reported in Illinois Kids Count: A Snapshot of Our Future, report that during the 1980s, the number of children living in poverty in Champaign County increased by 27%. But the need for school breakfasts is not just a question of economics. Today's hectic morning schedules make finding time for breakfast difficult. In addition,

many children must leave for school early in the morning, before they even feel like eating. A practical solution is the School Breakfast Program.

The program also makes sound educational sense, since it is clear that the School Breakfast Program assists schools in carrying out their educational mission. Numerous studies and publications confirm the link between nutrition and learning, including The Relationship Between Nutrition and Learning by the National Education Association, School Breakfast Programs and School Performance by Meyers, Alan, et al., and Relationships of Hunger and Malnutrition to Learning Ability and Behavior by Pelican, Suzanne et al.

The need for school breakfast exists. The benefits of school breakfasts are clear. We have paid our taxes. The resources are available. What will it take for all school districts in Champaign County to follow the leads of Ludlow, Thomasboro, Urbana, and Rantoul?

If you would like to see the School Breakfast Program in your school, call Laura or Jennifer at 352-6533 to find out how to get started.

### Students Off To A Healthy Start in Ludlow

Back in December, when CCHCC staffperson Laura Kurre met with teachers at Ludlow Elementary, the School Breakfast program was just an idea. Today, the program is up and running, and serving a nutritious morning meal to an average of 35 students each day.

Ludlow Elementary is a small rural school in northern Champaign County, with an enrollment of approximately 120 students. Ludlow teachers were keenly aware that students were coming to school without breakfast. The School Breakfast Program seemed like a logical solution.

One record-cold January night, the ball really got rolling, when teachers raised the issue of school breakfast at the monthly School Board meeting. Interests were piqued, so the Board decided to pursue the issue further. Faculty, staff, administrators, and school board members looked into the program, and discussed how it could work at Ludlow. Children and parents were surveyed. Transportation, preparation, and supervision issues were resolved. Costs were projected. Promotional materials were developed, and classroom activities promoting nutrition were planned. In March, the School Board gave the final go-ahead to implement a Pilot Program for the remaining weeks of the school year.

Now, colored posters promoting nutrition line the hallways. Students eating breakfast go directly to the cafeteria, where they are welcomed by the principal, teachers, and food service staff. After a tasty meal of toast, cereal, fruit, and pancakes or waffles, they are off to their classroom to begin their day of learning. As she returned to her classroom, one kindergarten student eagerly pointed out the "Marching To A Healthy Breakfast" posters that she and her classmates had colored and displayed.



# Parkland Hosts Reform Panel

After seven months of work, the Universal Health Care Committee is starting to see results from its efforts to broaden the debate on health care reform. Although he still refuses to hold a public hearing on health care, Rep. Tom Ewing did hold a panel discussion at Parkland College on Saturday, April 16, to allow presentations of the various plans.

In a tightly controlled format designed to inhibit comments from the audience, five panelists participated. Imani Bazzell, CCHCC's Exec. Director, spoke on behalf of the single-payer McDermott-Conyers bills, saying single-payer "puts the consumer in charge of their own health care."

George Phillips, Jr., president and CEO of HealthNetwork Inc. (a PPO based in Oak Brook), spoke on behalf of the Cooper managed care proposal by contrasting all four represented alternatives. Many consumers in the room noted his clear admission of what many consider the biggest drawbacks to both the Cooper and Michel plans: they don't guarantee access, cost-containment, or funding.

Harvey Randecker, founder and president of Americans for Intelligent Health Care Reform (an insurance industry front group), touted the medical savings accounts of the Michel plan. Randecker struck a pose reminiscent of the more radical aspects of Libertarian Party philosophy, invoking the familiar spectre of government inefficiency as an excuse to prevent government from doing anything, anytime, anywhere.

The Clinton plan was thoroughly described by David Thies, an Urbana attorney, speaking on behalf of the National Healthcare Strategy Group (a predominantly Democratic umbrella organization created to market the President's proposals). Mr. Thies justified the creation of Clinton's regional health alliances by pointing out that "too many people are a pink slip or a divorce away from loss of health care insurance."

Finally, a brief overview of the essential questions was provided by Gail Wilensky, a former federal administrator for Medicare and Medicaid and current senior fellow for Project HOPE, who apparently spends her days now traveling the country arguing for minimal changes. While couching her opinions in the rhetorical device of asking questions, it was clear to most in the room that Ms. Wilensky supports only Band-Aid solutions.

While countless citizens listened to the presentations on cable hookup or over WILL-AM radio, nearly 300 people packed the Parkland College Theatre to hear the speakers in person. Many in the room sported stickers supporting single-payer, while many others apparently had been brought by Ewing or Americans for Intelligent Healthcare Reform.

While Ewing alluded to the difficulties facing legislators in drafting health care reform, he failed to offer anything to the discussion or express any of his own views, preferring to play the role of host on this day. He has, of course, in the past made public expressions of support for the Michel plan.

Carefully orchestrated by Ewing's handlers, the event still offered some fascinating insights. Ewing's staff apparently failed to provide him with the correct pronunciation of Imani Bazzell's name, reinforcing the belief of many in the room that the congressman has been out of touch with the debate. And despite Ewing's best efforts to restrict comments by audience members during the brief question and answer session that followed, consumer Chuch Segard still managed to issue a pointed challenge to the congressman. "It is apparent that there are many people in this community interested in sharing their experiences with you, Mr. Ewing," said Segard. "It is important that more of these events be planned where consumers can be the experts."

## Hotline Advocacy Training

One of the most vital links for consumers in Champaign County is CCHCC's Consumer Health Hotline. The Hotline's importance is based on its ability to provide consumers with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively and confidently deal with the health system.

Currently, calls are received regarding grievances, patient rights, billing problems, access to care, Medicaid, Medicare, and insurance. Initially, calls are handled by the Coordinator, who in turn channels those calls to volunteer advocates, who work directly with the consumer to provide assistance and information for resolving the specific problem or complaint. Though volunteers can often work at home, follow-up is necessary, including accurate case reporting, possible research on issues pertaining to calls, reading and maintaining of current information to be dispensed to callers, and meetings with the Coordinator.

Recently, the Hotline held its largest advocate training session in over a year. Although icy weather was predicted, fifteen volunteers attended to learn how they could become part of this unique service. After the training, volunteer advocate Carolyn Griffeth commented that "it allowed me to see that something *really neat* is going on here. There are many things yet to learn, but it seems that getting started is the best way to gain confidence and experience."

The next Hotline training is coming up soon. Volunteers are always needed, as the Hotline receives more and more calls from consumers. Please call Ruth (352-6533) to find out more.



# Volunteer Profile: Evelyn Newsome

Although only a recent resident in Champaign County, Evelyn has wasted no time in becoming involved in what the community has to offer. "The people in Tolono are wonderful," she says warmly. "They have accepted me beautifully."

Evelyn moved to Tolono to be near two of her children, whom she visits regularly. She has five children, three boys and two girls, along with twelve sets of grandchildren, including two sets of twins. This year two of her grandchildren are graduating from college, and she is especially proud.

While working part-time at the Methodist Church in Tolono, Evelyn comes into the CCHCC offices twice a week, in the afternoons. Evelyn's main job at CCHCC is to type Hotline letters and get information packets ready to be sent out to new callers. On her first day at CCHCC, Evelyn was shown how to use the computer for ongoing Hotline needs. Already familiar with computers from her job as church secretary, Evelyn caught on quickly.

As Ruth Michaelis, CCHCC volunteer coordinator explained, "It's so wonderful to have a volunteer who enjoys working on the computer. Evelyn's weekly commitment to our busy Hotline correspondence has been invaluable!"

Evelyn is also a new member of the Senior Citizen Task Force, which is working to include more optometrists in the Medicare 100 and Medicare Plus programs, as well as monitor the new Dental Referral Program (see story on page x). She doesn't believe in sitting back and letting someone else take care of you. In her words, "it's healthier to take care of yourself!"

CCHCC welcomes Evelyn to the community, and is proud to be a part of her active involvement!



*CCHCC volunteer Bettina Chapman takes a whack at the pinata at the Volunteer Recognition Party*

## Volunteer Recognition Party

In order to acknowledge over 200 members who have been active with CCHCC over the past year, volunteers were invited to celebrate at our Annual Volunteer Recognition Party during National Volunteer Week.

This year, the party took on a spring picnic theme, with lots of fresh fruit and vegetables. Of course, the most popular food item was still the cake, which read "Thank You CCHCC Volunteers!"

Guests were entertained this year with a sensational skit put on by the staff, emphasizing their dependence on volunteers to make real changes in the health care system.

After the skit, volunteers stepped up to take a whack with a broomstick at the pinata. Ms. Mamie Smith and Ms. Willa Mae Dibrell deserve special mention for their extraordinary power in hitting the pinata while blindfolded. Everyone left the party with pinata presents, as well as the flowers and balloons that had decorated the room.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who make our work at CCHCC such a success. We hope to see you throughout the year, and at the next party!

### CCHCC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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# Unity Health Care Action Day

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not support, universal health coverage. At one point, Johnson slammed his fist on his desk and yelled at Urbana resident Marion Gushee, saying "In no uncertain terms, I do not support universal health coverage. I haven't for the last 17 years, and I don't now."

Gushee coolly responded by inquiring what positive alternatives Johnson might have to solve the health care crisis. He had none. Johnson then blew his nose, and handed out soft drinks to the group,

After a short lunch, the Champaign consumers returned to their bus and evaluated the morning's events. "It was a great day! I learned so much, and I hope others will get involved," said Dorothy Utle. "Hopefully, we can send **two** buses to Springfield next year."

In addition to being a learning experience for those in attendance, the day's events work to influence legislators during this crucial time in Illinois' health care reform debate.

"We need to rattle the cages of these legislators once in awhile, so they know what we want and that we're watching them," said Jim Duffett, lead organizer for Unity Health Care Action Day. "I think that the noise and exuberance of the rally affected some of the on-the-fence Democrats during their caucus. Our voices were definitely heard!"



(l to r) Rose Drake, Vera Wesley, and Minnie Anderson share a table and good times at the CCHCC Annual Awards Dinner (story on page 4).

## HIV Needs Assessment

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assessment will also look at what type of messages have the greatest impact, the context these messages are delivered in to be most effective, and the willingness in the community to assist with education and advocacy.

The needs assessment will touch all components of the Champaign African-American community. Responses will be sought from both males and females, adolescents and adults, and people from various economic and educational backgrounds. Participants' identities, and all information leading to them, will be kept confidential.

If anyone is interested in helping with this very important project, please contact Imani Bazzell at the CCHCC office, 352-6533.

## CCHCC/Jackson Print Big Hit Inside the Beltway

We recently received a phone call from dinner keynote speaker Sarah McClendon (see dinner story on page 4). She called to say she had received her copy of the Billy Morrow Jackson print, "OF, BY, AND FOR...!?" Clearly enthralled, she told us that "I thought it was so great that I took it down to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's office. And they loved it." Ms. McClendon left the print with Ms. Clinton's staff, telling them to "use it for the public good." (It seems that someone in Washington listens to the concerns of Champaign County, even if it isn't our own representative.) A copy of "OF, BY, AND FOR...!?" can also be found in the Capitol Hill office of Representative John Conyers (D-MI), co-sponsor of the American Health Security Act.

You, too, can have a copy of this powerful print. There are still several copies of a limited edition of 100 signed prints available for \$100, while unsigned prints can be purchased for \$25. Call Jason at the CCHCC office (352-6533) for more information.

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