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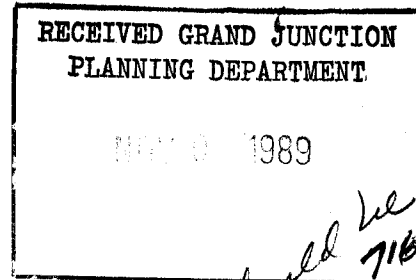
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November 2, 1989

Karl G. Metzner
Planning Director
City of Grand Junction
250 North Fifth Street
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501-2643



Dear Mr. Metzner:

The Western Colorado AIDS Project is a 501 (C)(3) service to our community. It is managed by volunteers, along with medical, nursing and other professional groups who offer non-judgmental, confidential and compassionate help to HIV affected persons. It is our philosophy to promote the client's choices, self-growth, and independence. Our organization is a support system to residents of the 23 western counties in Colorado focused mainly in Mesa County, where the greatest number of HIV patients on the Western Slope reside.

This past spring, we had a successful fund raiser and also received a grant for \$4,250 from the Colorado Department of Health for AIDS education and prevention of transmission among a "high risk" group in West Slope communities. This was met with enthusiastic response from several service minded organizations of Grand Junction. They are now joining our efforts because of their interest, and recognition of opportunity to take action. We recently identified goals for next year. They include:

1. Establish and maintain an AIDS Hotline (243-AIDS).
2. Network with other community agencies to maximize services to individuals in keeping with individual needs.
3. To conduct AIDS education and prevention workshops in West Slope communities to high risk males and Hispanics.
4. Provide support to individuals, family and/or friends through a volunteer "buddy" program.
5. Establish a Respite Care Program.
6. Seek funding for an office, meeting, and residential care facility.
7. To provide nutritional assistance to members of the community afflicted with the HIV virus.

As stated in our by-laws, the purpose of WestCAP shall be to coordinate resources and referral services, provide education to the citizens of Western Colorado, train and support volunteers, and engage in fund raising activities in the interest and benefit of persons with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and AIDS related illnesses, their families, and loved ones.

Our organization is interested in occupying the house to the north of the American Red Cross building as a residential facility. This building is a duplex with the address being 516 5th Street and 518 5th Street. It is currently unoccupied. The facility would be used to house a maximum of 4 individuals in need of residential assistance and diagnosed with AIDS, and a staff of one.

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Our organization would begin upgrading the facility by removing the exterior paint, repainting and replacing broken windows. In the spring of 1990, we would put in a sprinkler system and landscape the grounds surrounding the building according to the 5-4-15 landscaping standards provided by the City Planning Department. Throughout our occupancy we would be constantly upgrading the building with approval of the American Red Cross Board of Directors until the facility is in above-standard condition.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration for a much needed facility and service to our community.

Sincerely,



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