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DEDICATION OF  
ARTS FOR LIVING CENTER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1975  
NEW YORK CITY

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ██████████ THERESA.

I CAN'T THINK OF A MORE FLATTERING GIFT

AND I WILL TREASURE IT VERY, VERY MUCH.

I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU

FOR INVITING ME TO BE A PART

OF SUCH A SIGNIFICANT CEREMONY.

ONE OF THE VERY IMPORTANT CHAPTERS  
IN THE HISTORY OF SETTLEMENT IN THIS COUNTRY  
WAS WRITTEN BY ITS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSES---  
BY INSTITUTIONS LIKE THE HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT,  
WHICH IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS  
AND RESPECTED IN THE COUNTRY.

BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT  
CAME TO THE LOWER EAST SIDE IN 1893.

YOU ARE STILL DOING "PIONEER" WORK,

NATURE 14

THOUGH YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR DIRECTION WITH THE TIMES.

 <sup>The</sup>  
IN THE USE OF ARTS

FOR PROVIDING SOCIALLY-ORIENTED SERVICES,

YOU'RE PIONEERS <sup>A</sup> IN A VERY IMPORTANT WAY---

ONE WHICH I HOPE OTHER INSTITUTIONS

WILL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW.

I CAME TODAY,

LIKE THE HUNDREDS OF OTHERS HERE,

WITH RESPECT, GREAT ADMIRATION, AND THANKS

FOR ALL YOU ARE DOING.

WHEN I WAS A YOUNG GIRL

I WORKED AS A VOLUNTEER IN GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan

TEACHING DANCE TO CHILDREN

OF DIFFERENT AGES AND DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS.

I FOUND THAT APPRECIATION OF ANY TYPE OF ART FORM,  
certainly a good.

IS ~~VERY DIFFICULT~~ COMMON DENOMINATOR.



IT BRIDGES GAPS CREATED BY DIFFERENCES IN HERITAGE  
OR BACKGROUND OR ECONOMICS.

IT DEVELOPS TALENT

WHICH CAN BE VERY IMPORTANT

TO THE DIRECTION OF A PERSON'S ENTIRE LIFE.

AND IT VERY MUCH PROVIDES

A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.

BUT IN ADDITION TO ALL THESE THINGS,

WHICH HAVE TO DO WITH INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT, - -

APPRECIATION OF ALL VARIOUS ART FORMS

BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER.

IT GETS THEM TALKING AND UNDERSTANDING AND WORKING

TOWARD COMMON GOALS.

AND THIS IN ITSELF IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT PART

Just

OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING.

SO TODAY, TAKING PART IN THE DEDICATION  
OF THIS BEAUTIFUL NEW BUILDING,  
I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU

TO THE STAFF AND SUPPORTERS OF THE HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT

FOR YOUR FORESIGHT AND WORK TO CREATE

THE ARTS FOR <sup>The</sup> LIVING CENTER AND ITS PROGRAMS.

May these walls continue  
to expand

MAY THESE WALLS CONTINUE TO EXPAND

TO HOLD PEOPLE AND IDEAS,

TO CHANGE DIRECTION WHEN NEED BE---

**BUT MOST IMPORTANT**

**AND** TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER.

THANK YOU.

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