

**The original documents are located in Box 11, folder “12/16/76 - President's Committee on Mental Retardation” of the Sheila Weidenfeld Files at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.**

### **Copyright Notice**

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

FRAN ~~DEC 9~~

BF PHOTO  
THURS, DEC 16  
1:30, MAPRM



PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON MENTAL RETARDATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

November 22, 1976

Mrs. Betty Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Ford:

The President's Committee on Mental Retardation has scheduled its next meeting for December 9-10, 1976, at the Old Town Holiday Inn, Alexandria, Virginia. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to invite you to attend any portion of the meeting. We would be pleased to have you make some remarks to the group whenever your schedule will allow you to attend.

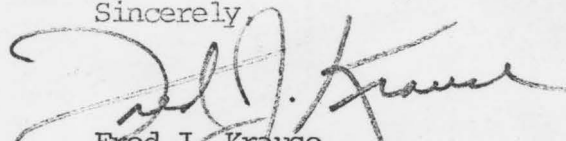
In addition, the Committee members would be most honored if you could attend our reception on Thursday evening, December 9, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. It is the unanimous decision of the Committee members to recognize your contributions to the field of mental retardation by presenting to you, at the evening reception, a special award from the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

X CONGR.  
BALL

We hope that you and the President, as well as other members of the First Family, shall be able to be present for this occasion. On behalf of all retarded citizens, we are grateful to you for the many hours you have voluntarily given to enhance the lives of retarded people.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope we shall have the pleasure of your company.

Sincerely,

  
Fred J. Krause  
Executive Director

PHONE IS: 245-7634

Ex photo:

- 1) Fred Krause - Exec Dir
- 2) ... - Member
- 3) Vice Chairman ...
- 4) ...



12/6/76

talked to Fred Krause and said Mrs. Ford could not attend reception -  
he said committee would like to present the award to Mrs. Ford  
sometime.

(he said Mrs. Jean Collier is a personal friend of Mrs. Ford's  
and was going to speak to her about this.)

he also suggested that the tour of the White House for Retarded  
Children in D. C. might be a time when Mrs. Ford might accept the  
award, (1:30-3:00 - 16th)

JULIE

1



SALLY DEC 9

BE PHOTO  
THURS, DEC. 16  
1:30 MAPRM



PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON MENTAL RETARDATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

November 22, 1976

Mrs. Betty Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Ford:

The President's Committee on Mental Retardation has scheduled its next meeting for December 9-10, 1976, at the Old Town Holiday Inn, Alexandria, Virginia. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to invite you to attend any portion of the meeting. We would be pleased to have you make some remarks to the group whenever your schedule will allow you to attend.

In addition, the Committee members would be most honored if you could attend our reception on Thursday evening, December 9, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. It is the unanimous decision of the Committee members to recognize your contributions to the field of mental retardation by presenting to you, at the evening reception, a special award from the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

X CONGR.  
BALL

We hope that you and the President, as well as other members of the First Family, shall be able to be present for this occasion. On behalf of all retarded citizens, we are grateful to you for the many hours you have voluntarily given to enhance the lives of retarded people.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope we shall have the pleasure of your company.

Sincerely

*Fred J. Krause*  
Fred J. Krause  
Executive Director

PHONE IS: 245-7634

Re photo:

- 1) Fred Krause - Exec Dir
- 2) ... - Member
- 3) Vice Chairman ...
- 4) ...

→ Her Public  
→ encouragement  
the  
ment ret.



12/6/76

talked to Fred Krause and said Mrs. Ford could not attend reception -

he said committee would like to present the award to Mrs. Ford sometime.

(he said Mrs. Jean Collier is a personal friend of Mrs. Ford's and was going to speak to her about this.)

he also suggested that the tour of the White House for Retarded Children in D.C. might be a time when Mrs. Ford might accept the award, (1:30-3:00 - 16th)

JULIE

1

Dec. 16

will call  
back) did am.  
fine to do.



MRS. FORD

1:10 p.m.

Thursday, December 16, 1976

Map Room

Photograph accepting award from  
President's Committee on Mental  
Retardation

Guests: Secretary David Mathews, HEW  
Mr. Fred Krause, Executive Director, PCMR  
Lorraine Beede, Vice Chairman, PCMR  
Jean Collier

When your guests have assembled, Susan Porter will escort you to the Map Room for photographs of your accepting a special award from the President's Committee on Mental Retardation. As you know, you have been an honorary member of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation since March 1975 and it is in recognition of your public statements and encouragement of work with the mentally retarded that this award is being given.

At the conclusion, you will walk next door to the Diplomatic Reception Room for the next photo.

---

1:20 p.m.

Thursday, December 16, 1976

Diplomatic Reception Room

Photograph accepting wheelchair  
for the White House given by  
the Wilkes Barre Kiwanis Wheelchair  
Club

Guests: Mr. William H. Young, President, Wilkes Barre Kiwanis  
Wheelchair Club  
Mr. George H. Strimel, Jr., President, Wilkes Barre  
Kiwanis Club  
Mr. Nelson E. Carle, Executive Vice President, Wilkes  
Barre Kiwanis Wheelchair Club  
Mr. James R. Burress, Executive Director, Committee for  
the Handicapped, People-to-People Program  
Mr. W. J. McCahill, Sr., Consultant, Committee for the  
Handicapped, People-to-People Program

The Wilkes Barre Kiwanis Wheelchair Club presented a wheelchair to the White House during the Johnson Administration and now would like to present a newer one for use by people coming to the White House. Although a second chair is being given for designation to a charity of your choice, the focus of this meeting will only be on the White House chair. At the conclusion, you will depart for the Hospital for Sick Children.

susan porter







PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON MENTAL RETARDATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

November 22, 1976

SHEILA DEC 9  
BF PHOTO  
THURS, DEC 16  
1:30 MAP RM

Mrs. Betty Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Ford:

The President's Committee on Mental Retardation has scheduled its next meeting for December 9-10, 1976, at the Old Town Holiday Inn, Alexandria, Virginia. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to invite you to attend any portion of the meeting. We would be pleased to have you make some remarks to the group whenever your schedule will allow you to attend.

In addition, the Committee members would be most honored if you could attend our reception on Thursday evening, December 9, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. It is the unanimous decision of the Committee members to recognize your contributions to the field of mental retardation by presenting to you, at the evening reception, a special award from the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

X CONGR.  
BALL

We hope that you and the President, as well as other members of the First Family, shall be able to be present for this occasion. On behalf of all retarded citizens, we are grateful to you for the many hours you have voluntarily given to enhance the lives of retarded people.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope we shall have the pleasure of your company.

Sincerely,

Fred J. Krause  
Executive Director

PHONE IS: 245-7634

Re photo:

- 1) Fred Krause - Exec Dir
- 2) Mr. [unclear] - Member
- 3) Vice Chairman [unclear] Beale
- 4) Dr. [unclear]



12/6/76

talked to Fred Krause and said Mrs. Ford could not attend reception -  
he said committee would like to present the award to Mrs. Ford  
sometime.

(he said Mrs. Jean Collier is a personal friend of Mrs. Ford's  
and was going to speak to her about this.)

he also suggested that the tour of the White House for Retarded  
Children in D. C. might be a time when Mrs. Ford might accept the  
award, (1:30-3:00 - 16th)

JULIE

1

