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**AIDS WARD 5B/5A ARCHIVES**

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## **THE FIRST AIDS WARD**

*On July 25, 1983, here on Ward 5B, a group of caregivers gathered to confront a new epidemic: AIDS. They created a haven of acceptance and compassion at a time when others were calling for isolation and rejection. They saw fellow human beings where others saw only disease and contagion. Together with a generous, loving volunteer community, they developed a world-renowned center of excellence dedicated to quality of care for the living and the dying. This plaque commemorates all who served here and remembers all who died.*

July 2003

--Wording for plaque placed at entrance to 5B for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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## INTRODUCTION

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Carol Pogash. *As Real as it Gets* (New York: Carol Publishing Group, 1992).

Randy Shilts, *And The Band Played On* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1987).

## ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

### 5B - The First AIDS Ward

Ward 5B at San Francisco General Hospital opened on July 25, 1983, as the new staff moved equipment into an area that had previously been used as residents' sleeping quarters. The next day, the first few patients were transferred from other units. They included both AIDS and hospice patients.

Prior to the opening of 5B, most AIDS patients were treated on wards 5C and 5D, which were general medical units. Throughout 1982, as the numbers of patients began to rise and the level of fear about the contagiousness of this new disease began to rise - both in the general public and in hospital staff - a decision was made by the Nursing Department, the Department of Medicine, and hospital administration to open a separate, special-care unit for the treatment of AIDS and hospice patients.

Notices were posted throughout the hospital in early 1983 soliciting interested staff. Interviews were held in the spring. Eleven nurses and two unit clerks were selected by Cliff Morrison, a former Clinical Nurse Specialist in psychiatry, who was the first nurse manager.

From the beginning, psychological support of patients, friends, and families was included in the treatment plan with the help of three counselors on staff through a grant to the Shanti organization. A hospital psychiatrist facilitated regular staff support groups.

Social workers, dieticians, physical and occupational therapists, and chaplains were included in the interdisciplinary team that provided care.

### 5A

With the number of AIDS cases in San Francisco rising dramatically, 5B (with only 12 beds) was deemed inadequate and, on January 17, 1986, the hospital moved its AIDS ward to the 20-bed 5A. At the height of the epidemic (late 80s - early 90s) there were often as many patients with AIDS off of 5A as there were patients on the ward, all waiting for available beds.

Throughout this period, 5A remained the preeminent center of excellence in AIDS care in the country, recognized in the *U.S. News and World Report* "Best Hospitals" issues 1991-1997. Visitors, students, and the media were welcomed as others tried to implement the "San Francisco model" in their areas.

5B/5A was self-labeled a "ward without walls," inviting community groups to help furnish a more comfortable space. A large group of loving volunteers provided weekly assistance for the staff and patients. Actors and politicians came by to show their concern. Mother Theresa's signature is probably the most cherished in the ward's guestbook.

In the mid-90s, with protease inhibitors reducing the numbers of AIDS inpatients, 5A had empty beds. Because the staff had already been treating AIDS-related cancers, a decision was made to open the ward to the treatment of other oncology patients. By 2002, the number of AIDS inpatients had dropped to the point where the average census of 5A was 1/3 AIDS patients, 1/3 oncology patients, and 1/3 general medical patients from the emergency room. On the day of the ward's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary there were 4 patients with HIV on 5A.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection documents memorabilia collected by the nursing staff of AIDS wards 5B/5A at San Francisco General Hospital from 1983 to 2003. Current materials continue to be collected by staff and are periodically added to this collection.

This archive reflects the evolution of thought that the nurses put into the saving of their history. It starts with what quickly became a tattered old, red scrapbook and became the collection that you see documented in these pages. Because the culture of 5B/5A was created by the nurses, this archive reflects what was primarily of interest to them. Therefore, the contributions of the Shanti counselors, social workers, chaplains, and others get brief mention. Their archives are yet to be collected. The remarkable contributions of the many volunteers over the years are documented well because their program was created and overseen by the nursing staff.

Strongly represented in the photo collection are the public events and celebrations that staff and volunteers were part of -- parades, union demonstrations, holiday parties, nursing awards dinners, etc. There are several photo groups by professionals who came to the ward and photographed staff and patients.

The written records are strongest in the day-to-day details of communication books and the monthly concerns of staff meetings. Extensive Head Nurse files were primarily saved by the first three nurse managers.

George Jalbert, Bill Walker, and Steve Keith organized the early 5B/5A archives. After Walker's departure, Steve Keith and Adrienne Kernan were primary contributors to the photo archive and Steve became Nurse/Archivist for the ward.

## **ARRANGEMENT NOTE**

This material has been arranged into six series: Scrapbooks, Communication Books, Head Nurse Files, Correspondence, Videotapes, and Publications/Articles.

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Series 1:       SCRAPBOOKS** 11 Volumes

Arranged chronologically.

This series represents the heart of the first AIDS ward, while the communication books, staff meeting minutes, and head nurse files may represent the brains. In these photos, letters, articles, and drawings, we can get a visual sense of important moments in the life of 5B/5A. This series also shows a recognition by the staff that their contribution to medical/nursing history needed to be documented and preserved.

Volume 1 was begun by George Jalbert, a member of the original staff who solicited the red scrapbook as a donation from Mendel's Art Supply in the Haight. From the first week, he encouraged the staff to write names of patients who died in the front of this book along with comments about them. One of the most moving parts of this collection is the necrology that fills the beginning pages of this book. After several years of use, this scrapbook was retired because it was starting to show significant wear. The necrology was transferred to separate books and that tradition continues to this day. A local bookbinder donated the recovering of the book in the early 90s.

Volumes 2 - 11 represent a heightened awareness of archival preservation needs brought to the staff by Bill Walker, a nurse, archivist, historian, and librarian who joined the staff in the 80s. Housed in archival-quality, individually-boxed albums, they were assembled by Walker and Steve Keith, one of the original nurses, from a central photo/archive box that was kept on the ward.

Volume 11 remains on 5A and is periodically updated.

### **Series 2:       COMMUNICATION BOOKS** 16 Volumes

Arranged chronologically into four subjects: Nursing, Volunteers, Interdisciplinary, and Nursing/AIDS Consult Team.

This series, more than any other, reveals the day-to-day life of the ward. These books were used to pass messages to other staff or volunteers. They record thoughts, feelings, changes in policy, heartfelt moments, and angry tirades. They chronicle births, deaths, weddings, babies, as well as frustrations over administrative mandates and the bedside commode that never got emptied.



**Series 3: HEAD NURSE FILES**  
118 Folders

Arranged by subject alphabetically.

Most of these folders were saved and labeled by the first 3 nurse managers: Cliff Morrison, Alison Moed, and Diane Jones. Several of the folders were grouped and labeled by Steve Keith, the nurse/archivist who organized this collection, from loose material in the archive box on the ward.

Of note are folders #70-77. The minutes of nursing staff meetings give a topical overview of the items of most concern to the group in these monthly sessions.

Folders #115 - 118 document the strong volunteer program that was created on 5B/5A.

**Series 4: CORRESPONDENCE**  
22 Folders

Arranged in 2 groups: Correspondence from Patients, Families, and Friends; and General Correspondence.

The 6 folders from patients, families, and friends are an outpouring of gratitude for the care received by them and their loved ones. They document the many lives that were changed as a result of passing through 5B/5A.

The General Correspondence folders represent the ripple effect of 5B/5A as visitors, students, elected officials, and media from around the world came to see “the San Francisco model.” The last 4 folders document the response to 2 major media pieces: Rita Rockett in a 1987 *People* magazine article and 5A nurses in a *60 Minutes* segment in 1990.

**Series 5: VIDEOTAPES**  
10 tapes

Two of these tapes are copies of various local and national news programs and a SFGH educational piece. Most important among these are the 1985 KRON piece, which gives an overview of the ward and includes an interesting history of previous epidemics in San Francisco, and the 1990 *60 Minutes* piece. Six tapes document the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ward, which was celebrated in 1993 with a large event at City Hall. The most important of these includes the filmed stories or reminiscences of 36 staff members and volunteers. They poignantly tell how lives were changed as a result of passing through 5B/5A. The final 2 tapes are memories recorded at the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on July 25, 2003 by Kirk Read.

**Series 6: PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES**  
15 Folders

Arranged by subject.

These folders comprise newspaper and magazine articles about 5B/5A and the staff, patients, and volunteers. Of note is the file for the "Best Hospitals" issues of *US News and World Report* which listed SFGH as best in the AIDS category for 1991 - 1997.

There are 3 folders about book projects about 5B/5A.

## CONTAINER LISTING

**Series 1. Scrapbooks**

**Container    Title**

Box #1	VOLUME 1 - 1983-1987 Original red, with necrology.
	VOLUME 2 - 1983-1984 (and all subsequent) Archival, green, individually boxed.
	VOLUME 3 - 1985-1986
	VOLUME 4 - 1987-1988
	VOLUME 5 - 1988. Fifth anniversary event.
	VOLUME 6 - 1989-1990.
	VOLUME 7 - 1991-1992.
	VOLUME 8 - 1993-1994. (See also folder #23).
	VOLUME 9 - 1995-1996.
	VOLUME 10 - 1997-1998.
	VOLUME 11 - 1999-2003.

**Series 2. Communication Books****Container      Title**

## Box #2      A. NURSING

1. VOL. 1 7/25/83-7/13/87
2. VOL. 2 7/13/87 - 3/3/89
3. VOL. 3 3/3/89 - 7/12/90
4. VOL. 4 7/4/90 - 8/4/91
5. VOL. 5 8/5/91 - 11/3/92
6. VOL. 6 11/11/92 - 10/14/94
7. VOL. 7 10/17/94 - 2/2/97
8. VOL. 8 1/31/97 - 2/25/99
9. VOL. 9 3/1/99 - 6/21/01

## Box #3      B. VOLUNTEERS (See also folders #116 - 118)

1. VOL. 1 5/20/85 - 1/20/88
2. VOL. 2 1/21/88 - 3/31/90
3. VOL. 3 3/2/90 - 12/17/92
4. VOL. 4 12/31/92 - 4/10/93
5. VOL. 5 4/23/93 - 12/6/96 (binder).

C. INTERDISCIPLINARY - All staff, volunteers - 1/31/91 - 11/9/98

D. NURSING/AIDS CONSULT TEAM 9/21/89 - 12/19/90

**Series 3. Head Nurse Files****Container      Folder      Folder Title**

Box #4	1	5A Description
	2	5A Grapevine (ward newsletter)
	3	5A Move and Later Expansion 1985 – 1996

	4	5A Unit-based Policies
	5	5B AIDS In-services 1983 - 1984
	6	5B AIDS Ward Proposals 1983
	7	5B First Year Information 1983 - 1984
	8	5B Interviews for New Nurses 1983
	9	Admission/Discharge/Transfer Criteria
	10	AIDS 101 Training
	11	AIDS/ARC Update Conferences 1985 - 1989
	12	AIDS Archive Project for 5A
	13	AIDS Archive- UCSF Project
	14	AIDS Case Definitions/ Revisions
	15	AIDS Consult Service
	16	AIDS Data Task Force 1988 - 1989
	17	AIDS General Information 1983 - 1984
	18	AIDS Foundation Photo Exhibit
	19	AIDS and People of Color
	20	AIDS Prevention Program for San Francisco 1983
	21	AIDS Statistics 1983 - 1998
Box #5	22	Anniversary Event (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 1986
	23	Anniversary Event (10 <sup>th</sup> ) 1993
	24	APEX Program
	25	Art/Writing of Patients (See also Box #15)
	26	BALIF Award to 5A
	27	Bathroom Bulletin Board
	28	Bilingual Services
	29	Brochures/Flyers
	30	Budget
	31	Census Statistics, Inpatient 1988 - 1999
	32	Chaplaincy (See also Box #15)

	33	Clinical Trials
	34	Community Events
	35	Death/ Memorial Service Notices
	36	Desert AIDS Project Honors 5A 1998
	37	Dementia Resources Committee 1988 - 1999
	38	Jane Doe Case 1988 -1989
	39	Forensic AIDS Policy
	40	Fortunio Estate Donation
	41	Giants in the Community Award
	42	Gladstone Institute 1993
	43	Godfather Service Fund
Box #6	44	Heterosexual Transmission, Press Release, 1984
	45	History of 5A, UCSF Class, Dr Risse
	46	HIV and Civil Rights
	47	HIV Coordinating Council 1994 - 1995
	48	HIV, Disclosure of Status
	49	HIV Education by SFGH
	50	HIV and Healthcare Workers
	51	HIV and Immigration Issues 1992
	52	HIV Managed Care Committee 1995
	53	HIV and Women, class, 1991
	54	Humor
	55	Infection Control, early challenge to policy
	56	International AIDS Conference 1990
	57	Interns Handout 1988
	58	Labor-related
	59	Media Relations
	60	Nursing, 5A Philosophy
	61	Nursing, AIDS Scholarship Fund

	62	Nursing, Clinical Nurse Specialist for AIDS
	63	Nursing, Clinical Practice Committee 1992 - 1995
	64	Nursing, Continuity of Care Committee 1990
Box #7	65	Nursing Committees, other
	66	Nursing Goals and Objectives
	67	Nursing Orientation 1985
	68	Nursing Orientation 1989
	69	Nursing, RN Job Description
	70	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes 1990
	71	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes 1991
	72	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes 1992
	73	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes 1993
	74	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes 1994
	75	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes 1995
	76	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes 1996
	77	Nursing Staff Meeting Minutes 1997
	78	Nursing Staff Phone Rosters
	79	Nursing Staff Retreat 1989
	80	Nursing Staff Retreat 1991
	81	Nursing Staff Retreat 1992
Box #8	82	Nursing Staff Retreat 1995
	83	Nursing Staff Retreat 1996
	84	Nursing Staff Retreat 1998
	85	Nursing Staffing
	86	Papers by Students who Visited 5A
	87	Patient Handbook
	88	Patient Care Fund #1
	89	Patient Care Fund #2

	90	Patient Care Fund #3
	91	Patient Care Fund #4
	92	Patient Satisfaction Survey 1985
	93	Pentamidine
	94	Quarterly Summaries, Quality Assurance 1985
	95	Research, Linda Aiken Study 1989 - 1992
	96	Research, Assisted Suicide Study 1995
	97	Research, Healthworkers Study
	98	Research, Holzemer Study 1990 - 1992
	99	Research, Holzemer/Henry Studies 1991 - 1994
	100	Research, Medical Protocols
	101	Research, Gwen van Servellen Study 1990
	102	Research, Holly Wilson, Quality of Life Study 1993 - 1996
	103	Rita Rockett (See also folders #136,137)
Box #9	104	Screening Protocols, mid-80's
	105	SFGH Annual Reports 1994 - 1996
	106	SFGH/UCSF AIDS Workshop 1983
	107	Shanti
	108	Staff Items
	109	Staff Meeting Minutes, Interdisciplinary 1990 - 1997
	110	Staff Support Group
	111	Surveillance Study
	112	Tours of 5A 1985 - 1997
	113	Travel Fund
	114	T-Shirt Designs
	115	Volunteers 1984 - 1997 (See also Box #3 communication books)
	116	Volunteers, Individual Items
	117	Volunteers, Massage
	118	Volunteer Orientation Handbooks 1987,1988,1992

**Series 4. Correspondence**

## A. CORRESPONDENCE FROM PATIENTS, FAMILIES, FRIENDS

<u>Container</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Folder Title</u>
Box #10	119	Letters from Patients
	120	Cards from Patients #1
	121	Cards from Patients #2
	122	Letters from Families, Friends
	123	Cards from Families, Friends #1
	124	Cards from Families, Friends #2

## B. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Box #11	125	Early Letters to 5B 1983 - 1984
	126	“Crazy” Correspondence
	127	Thank You Letters from 5A for Community Donations
	128	Letters from other Healthcare Settings
	129	Letters from Elected Officials
	130	Letters from School Groups
	131	Letters/Cards from Visitors/Students
	132	Letters/Cards from SFGH Staff
	133	Letters/Cards from 5A Staff
	134	Letters from Staff to Administration, Health Commission, Newspapers
	135	Letters from Volunteers
	136	Letters from Others 1987 - 1994
	Box #11	137
138		Letters to Rita Rockett
139		Preparations for 60 Minutes piece 1989 - 1990
140		Public Response to 60 Minutes piece 1990 - 1991

**Series 5. Videotapes****Container      Title**

Box #12	Tape #1 - KRON, San Francisco. 1983. 28 minutes. Roz Abrams reporting general piece about 5B. “In the Midst of Life.”
	Dept. Of Medicine, SFGH. 1985. 17 minutes. “AIDS: An Incredible



## Epidemic.”

CBS News/60 Minutes. 1990. 15 minutes. “Ward 5A.”

Channel 2 News, San Francisco. 1995. 5 minutes. Bob McKenzie reporting general piece about 5A.

WB/Channel 20, San Francisco. 1999. 2 minutes. 5A and Sojourn chaplains marching in LGBT Pride Parade.

Tape #2 - ABC, Good Morning America, unknown year. 4 minutes. Piece about 5A former volunteer Jason Dilley and his Project Face to Face.

Tape #3 - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at SF City Hall. 1993. 2 hours, 20 minutes. Filmed comments, stories from the following participants: Diane Jones, J.B. Mologhan, Connie Wofsy, Paul Volberding, Donald Abrams, Mary Rathbun, Coralie Perse, Richard Locke, Alison Moed, Adrienne

Kernan,

Jan Boddie, Paul Shearer, Armand Kreft, Rita Rockett, Alan Selby, Gary Carr, Mary McGee, Cheryl Stachan, Ed Wolf, Diana Hartman, Jay Egger, Gary Davis, James Kahn, Roberto Garcia, Steve Keith, Sandy

Ramadanoff,

Ron Henderson, Joellen Sheerin, Tim Otto, Sandra Orr, Maggie Hallahan, Micaela Salort, Mark Higgins, Lucky, and Rita Silverberg.

Tape #4 - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. 1993. 30 minutes. Entertainment at beginning of Event.

Tape #5 - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. 1993. 60 minutes. Plenary program featuring J.B. Mologhan, Diane Jones, Connie Wofsy, Paul Volberding, Donald

Abrams,

Merv Silverman, Gayling Gee, Cliff Morrison, and the original staffs of 5B and Ward 86.

Tape #6 - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. 1993. Plenary (cont.) featuring Shanti staff, massage volunteers, Brooks Linton, Ann Hughes, J.B. Mologhan,

Marcy

Fraser, Merle Sande. 60 minutes.

Tape #7 - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. 1993. 60 minutes. Crowd shots, dancing.

Tape #8 - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. 1993. 60 minutes. Performers.

Tape #9 - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. July 25, 2003.

Tape #10 - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. July 25, 2003.

**Series 6. Publications/Articles**

<b><u>Container</u></b>	<b><u>Folder</u></b>	<b><u>Folder Title</u></b>
Box #13	141	Pre-5B Articles
	142	Family Research Institute, Inflammatory Articles 1985 - 1987
	143	Newspaper/Magazine Articles about 5A
	144	General Articles with References/Photos about 5A
	145	Articles about 5A Volunteers (See also folders #116,117)
	146	Articles/Papers by 5A Staff
Box #14	147	5A Patient Peter Siegel
	148	5A Patient "Daisy Chainsaw"
	149	5A Patient Warren Johnston
	150	5A Patients, others
	151	AIDS Quilt Panel List
	152	Carol Pogash's book "As Real as it Gets" 1989
	153	US News Best Hospitals Issues 1991 - 1997
	154	Rebecca Ransom Book Project 1984 - 1986
	155	Cecilia Worth Book Project

**Oversize Items**

- Box #15    A. Articles
- *Boston Globe* ,1985
  - *Life*, undated, mid-80's
  - *Nurseweek*, 4/27/92
  - *Nurseweek*, 5/4/92
  - *Life*, 5/92
  - *Nurseweek*, 7/12/93
  - *Desert Sun, Palm Springs*, 2/14/98

- *SF Chronicle*, 6/27/2000
- *SF Chronicle Magazine*, 8/12/01
  
- B. Oversize photo of unidentified 5A patient
- C. Working copy of 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Booklet
- D. Tarot Deck Designed by 5A Patient Michael Goepferd
- E. Rita Rockett Brunch Bunch cabinet sign.
- F. Additions File- Articles, etc. collected post-7/25/03.

## **APPENDIX A**

The following items of archival significance remain on 5A. In the event that the ward is disbanded at some point in the future or if the historical preservation of these items is deemed in jeopardy, they should be delivered to the San Francisco History Center at the Main Library.

### **AWARDS/HONORS**

- 1991 - Plaque from National Association of Health Care Recruiters.
- 1992 - City and County of SF Award of Merit, signed Mayor Jordan.
- 1992 - Certificate from Neighbors for Neighborhoods, signed Mayor Jordan.
- 1994 - Saints Alive plaque from Metropolitan Community Church
- 1995 - Certificate commemorating 5A workday at AIDS Memorial Grove.
- 1998 - Bronze heart sculpture from Desert AIDS Project, Palm Springs
- 1995-1999 - Standing glass award from Godfather Service Fund.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

- 14 Group photos from 1983-2002
  
- 3 poster-sized enlargements used at 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1988) group photo
  - group of 5A volunteers
  - Steve Keith, RN and patient

- Photo of Jess McVey, volunteer, and patient
- Photo of Noreen Dunleavy, RN and patient

### **ARTWORK BY/ABOUT FORMER 5A PATIENTS**

- Print of 2 men embracing by Richard Roesner.
- Painting of cowboy by Daniel Ross.
- Collage of tarot cards designed by Michael Goepferd.
- Medicine Stick sculpture By Kevin Cada.
- Two still-life prints by Edwin Meyer.
- Abstract ink drawing by Bruce Logan.
- Large plexiglass-framed portrait of former patient.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Seventeen framed 5A/5B T-shirts.
- Memorial Plaque - 4-part wood,brass commemorating staff/volunteer deaths.
- The Thousand Cranes - plexiglass-framed origami donation with letter from creator and response from 5A volunteer.
- SF Giants jersey - signed by 5A staff.
- Rita Rockett Lounge signs - 2, carved wood.
- First anniversary tribute - framed comic art with signatures of employees of local restaurant.
- Necrology - book where names of 5B/5A patients who have died are written by staff.
- Autograph Book - visiting dignitaries are encouraged to sign.

### **THANK YOU**

The greatest sustaining force for me over the 20 years of this work has been the daily gratitude of patients, families, co-workers, and the community. “You made a difference today.” “He’s a good

nurse.” “Thanks, I feel better now.” “We’re glad you were here.”

I would like to return a portion of that gratitude to the following, who made a monetary contribution to the 5B/5A Archive Project:

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