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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

It is with surprise and wonder that I find myself at this crossroads in my life. When I entered HIV work in 1990 I never imagined that my passion to make a difference in HIV prevention, and care for people living with HIV, would take me to the places it has. My pursuit to help individuals gain the information and tools they need in order to improve their lives and survive a disease that has taken the life of many of my colleagues and friends has made a profound impact on who I am today and my commitment to high quality programs.

I humbly hope that my work has made some small change in this field and in the lives of others living with HIV. From my beginnings in San Francisco helping young people living with HIV to working nationally to improve services for our communities affected by this disease, it has been an incredible journey. I know that our work and the struggles of people facing HIV intersect in a very real way with issues of racial inequality, gender and economic disparities, homophobia and substance abuse—all existing within a system of health care that is either missing the mark or non-existent for people who are under or uninsured. However, I am heartened by the many leaders who continue to peel away at these layers in order to help people live productive, happy and healthy lives.

It was a difficult decision to leave the CAEAR Foundation and the people I currently work with. I enjoy every single relationship I have with the Board and staff of this organization along with our many partners—so many passionate, creative and moving people and stories. Through this work and while getting my Master's Degree in Human Resource Development, I have uncovered a deep interest in organizational psychology, research and evaluation of how groups and teams function, as well as organizations. I plan to extend my professional experience to those areas.

I am excited for the CAEAR Foundation's work in finding a new executive director. The Board of Directors will continue to provide the excellent, intelligent, and compassionate leadership exhibited since the establishment of this organization in 2001. This transition will allow the Board and staff to think through the strategic issues and future goals for CF in order to create both a solid ending for my tenure and a strong beginning for the new executive director.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Antigone Hodgins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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