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NEWS RELEASE -- For additional information, contact Charlotte Hale, Executive Director, at 512/327-2326.

The board of directors of Project Transitions, Inc., today voted to name the organization's residential hospice facility "Doug's House" in honor of William Douglas Key, who died Friday, September 13. Making the announcement were Blair Hodgkins, president of the board, and Barbara Davis, founder of Project Transitions and past president of the board.

Doug Key was instrumental in establishing Project Transitions, which operates a 5-bed hospice in Austin for individuals in the final stages of HIV disease. Barbara Davis stated that, "Without Doug Key, there would be no Project Transitions. The energy he gave to the hospice and to the community was incredible."

Doug Key served as Project Transitions' board secretary from the organization's beginning until earlier this month, when he resigned as a result of his deteriorating health. His insight and wisdom, and especially his ability to motivate others to achieve what they thought they could not do, will be greatly missed at Project Transitions.

Project Transitions was incorporated in February 1988, and the hospice facility accepted its first resident in July 1989. Since its opening, Project Transitions has provided residential hospice care for 52 individuals as well as counseling services for residents and their families.

Doug Key

Secretary. Board member since September, 1988

Committees: Volunteer Coordination
Budget
Grants

Professional: Program Coordinator, Texas Energy Extension
Service, Governor's Energy Management Center

Manages several statewide programs promoting
the efficient use of energy by residential
consumers, small business and nonprofit
organizations.

Doug got a law degree from the University of
California at Berkeley, but decided he really
didn't want to practice law after all.

Community: Helped start the Austin AIDS Project (now
AIDS Services of Austin) in 1984. Set up the
volunteer orientation program, the
information and referral line, the helper
program and the food bank. Co-chaired the
task force on housing. Coordinated the buddy
program and has had three buddy assignments.
Facilitated a support group for friends and
families for three years.

Has served on the City of Austin's Human
Rights Commission since October 1988.

Serves on legal subcommittee of Travis County
HIV Commission.

Personal: Major obsessions are organic gardening,
science fiction and comic books. Doug has
three cats, Jessie, Mikey and Jaime.