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Michael Sobota  
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Dear Michael:

I would like to use the opportunity of World AIDS Day to congratulate you, fulsomely, for your extraordinary tenure as Executive Director of AIDS Thunder Bay. I well remember our crossing paths in September of 2006 when you were kind enough to introduce me when I came to address the community. I thought to myself then, as I do now, about how some people have devoted themselves, selflessly, to a life of fighting the pandemic, at home and internationally. You are one of those people. It's staggering that the AIDS virus is now twenty-eight years old and the struggle still goes on. We've made some significant progress, extending and saving countless lives, but it would never have happened without leaders like yourself on the front-line of raising concern, raising awareness, raising resources, and above all caring for those living with the virus. You leave behind you a tremendous contribution. The legacy will be lasting.

Thank you for a lifetime devoted to ameliorating the human condition. There's still a long, long way to go before HIV/AIDS is subdued. But we'll make it one day, in large part because the Michael Sobotas of this world paved the way.

Congratulations.

Yours,

Stephen Lewis

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