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Could the money be better spent on people instead of things?

To the Editor:

An open letter to the "Cuba Friends of Architecture"

I recently received your letter soliciting monies for restoring the Palmer House, etc. The figures that I have heard to do same is approximately \$50,000.

I wonder if any of you have given any thought as to the good that amount of money could do for others, as opposed to putting a roof on a building that has long exceeded its natural life?

\$50,000 given to the Make a Wish Foundation would be able to grant a wish to at least nine terminally ill children.

\$50,000 given to the Organ Transplant Association would give life to more people awaiting organ donation. There are over 80,000 awaiting an organ transplant each day.

\$50,000 given towards research for any number of illnesses for which there is no known cause or cure would be graciously received.

The list goes on and on and on of important areas of needed funds, and page after page after page. Nowhere on these pages do I see anything about a roof on a building.

I respectfully suggest you redirect your efforts and priorities!

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