







✓ Ann Lurie (with) doctors at Northwestern) says her \$1 million research chair will "carry on Diana's legacy."

A Diana's Chicago trip aided research that helped save the life of lupus sufferer Heather Markel (in Ohio).

Y Though stylish in the Windy City in '96, the princess "didn't want the trip to be about fashion," says Lurie.



A "What I want to do with the rest of my life is speak for causes, like Diana did," says cancer survivor James Swanson (at Gilda's Club in New York City).



We got \$17,600 for it. She was good at knowing the role she could play."

By 1996, concentrating on the six charities closest to her heart-among them Centrepoint, a London group that aids homeless youths, and the Leprosy Mission-allowed her to become more closely acquainted with their work. At a breast cancer symposium during her 48-hour fund-raising blitz in Chicago in June 1996, "she spoke eloquently about breast cancer," says Ann Lurie, widow of Robert Lurie, a philanthropist for whom Northwestern University's cancer center is named. "There was a

sense of, 'She's done her homework.' "

Alexandria Soriano, 13, a trauma patient who presented Diana with flow-

ers at Chicago's Cook County Hospital, remembers other things. "Everything she had on matched, up and down," she says. "And when I hugged her, it felt good."

That trip (cosponsored by PEOPLE) raised \$1.4 million, which was split among the Robert Lurie Center, London's Royal

CEREBRAL PALSY

Before: \$1 mil. in '94 After: \$2 mil. in '95

Diana attended a United Cerebral Palsy benefit in '95, helping to double the event's annual take

Marsden Hospital and Gilda's Club, the support group for cancer patients. (Ann Lurie later endowed a \$1 million chair

for cancer research in Diana's name.) Says Tony Bennett, who performed at a gala dinner during her visit: "[At one point] she gave me a quick look like, 'What's going on here?' because I don't think she ever saw such an outpouring of love." For James Swanson, 51, a brain tumor survivor, that