

September 23, 2002

Dear Friends and Family of «Pilgrims_First_Name» «Pilgrims_Last_Name»,

I am a friend of «Pilgrims_First_Name»'s and I am writing to ask your help in doing something special for her. She is going on a weekend retreat called, "The Walk to Emmaus," from Thursday, «Month» «Day1» to Sunday, «Month» «Day2»,«Year». If you are not familiar with The Walk to Emmaus, it is an ecumenical program, although it is offered by the Upper Room, a ministry unit of The United Methodist Church.

*The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal experience intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. By considering the model of Christ's servanthood it endeavors to encourage and inspire us to make Christianity our lifestyle. (Luke 24:13-35) The weekend can give the participant an intensely felt awareness of God's grace, the power of prayer, and Christian love. **This is where you come into the picture...***

Would you please send a card, write a brief note, or short letter to «Pilgrims_First_Name» expressing how you feel about her, how she affects your life, or something special from the environment in which you know her? This can be just a thought of appreciation for her, a brief recall of a special time or humorous moment in your relationship, or a thought of encouragement and inspiration telling her just how special she is in your life.

Please help make «Pilgrims_First_Name» «Pilgrims_Last_Name»'s "Walk" special by doing the following:

1. *Send a card, write a brief note, or letter to «Pilgrims_First_Name» and sign it.*
2. *Put it in an envelope and seal it.*
3. *Write "«Pilgrims_First_Name» «Pilgrims_Last_Name»" on the envelope, (but not yours – write yours only on the inside).*
4. *Put the envelope in a larger envelope and mail it to me, «Sponsors_First_Name» «Sponsors_Last_Name», at the address below, to be received by «Letter Due Date».*

*This should be a complete surprise to «Pilgrims_First_Name», so please help make it special by keeping it a **secret** until it's all over. She will not be asked to share these letters. **NO ONE WILL OPEN OR READ YOUR LETTER EXCEPT «Pilgrims_First_Name».***

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Thank you so very much for your time and assistance in this most important event. It will be deeply appreciated and treasured by her for years to come.

Gratefully,

«Sponsors_First_Name» «Sponsors_Last_Name»
«Spon_Address_1»
«Spon_City_State» «Spon_ZIP_Code»
«Spon_Home_Phone» «Spon_Work_Phone»
«Spon_Email_Address»