



December 14, 2009

Nadine Mercey

Dear Nadine:

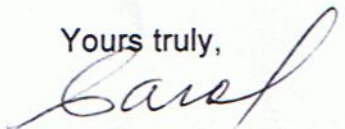
What a privilege and such a pleasure to have you visit Phoenix Place last week and spend time with the women and children here! As you know, the women who live here at Phoenix Place have been through many trying times and are survivors of domestic abuse and it is often difficult for them to be open and welcome to new people. It was obvious that they trusted you and felt comfortable with you in their circle. As you say, we are all "wounded warriors".

Last week was the second or third time that I have had the opportunity to be with you in the company of others – a couple of times at special events and this as a social activity for our residents to celebrate each other and the Christmas season. Each time, I have watched you enter the room and spend some time absorbing the atmosphere, the setting, the people and the feelings in the room. For me, that is a very special moment as it is so obvious that you are capable of feeling the vibrations in the room and that you see and feel so much around and within us.

Many of our residents have already told me that they gained much from talking to you and listening to the message that you had for us. You were an inspiration for them to look within themselves and you shared your energy with them. They (we) were all very much encouraged and motivated to move forward with enthusiasm and energy. Our resident who had such a painful headache when she arrived left feeling completely better – physically and emotionally.

I know that women's shelters are particularly important to you and we are thrilled that you chose to spend some of your valuable time with us and our women and children here at Phoenix Place. I do hope we have the opportunity again and we know that you will continue to enlighten and inspire others, thank you.

Yours truly,



Carol Wiggins, CEO

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