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Dear Chief Mankiller,

Recently, we received not only our regular copy of the Advocate, but also the 1993 "Year in Review" edition. I read with great interest about all the programs our tribe has to offer. I have only been a member of the Historical Society for a few months but I take great interest in this area. I am a tribal member, #CO108672. I am of the Blue Clan. I would be happy to send a copy of my family tree if you need it for verification. I earned my B.S. from NEOSU. My majors were education and history. While living in Tahlequah, I spent many hours at the museum, the ancient village, and the library. I absorbed everything I could about my people.

As I grew older, I finally realized that I had been given the gift of being a medicine woman. I visited with Crosslin Smith a few times about this and received what I would call his approval. Since that time, I have spent literally thousands of hours teaching people, both Cherokee and others about the Cherokee heritage. Most of it is done by correspondence since as you can see, we do not now live within the Nation. (Job related.) My family consists of my husband (who is also Cherokee but because his people refused to sign the roll, he cannot be a 'blue card' member although we are sure he is descended from the Downing family. We have three children (who are on the roll through my family) ages 18, 12, and 7. All this is by way of introduction of myself to you. Now I would like to tell you why I am writing specifically to you.

We have a dream we would like to share with you. It started very soon after the museum/ancient village/Adams village/drama opened in Park Hill. The museum is great and we very much enjoy the various art shows we have been privileged to see there. The ancient village is very well done and very well populated by our people. The ancient ways and arts are very well done and very educational. The drama is absolutely tops! An excellent portrayal of personalities and of the history.

Now we get to the part I am leading up to... the Adams Village. Having toured the whole place numerous times, I find