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Dear Ms. Mankiller,

As you open this letter, I'm sure it looks like many you have received over the years. But we hope you'll take a minute to read it over because we need your help.

We know you get lots of requests to help different groups, and we realize you can't help them all. But we suspect you do help some of them. We're hoping to be one of those select few.

The Crisis Center has a busy Shelter for battered women and children and provides counseling in five counties for battered women and their partners. Children raised in violent homes attend groups, and victims of sexual assault, adult survivors of incest and victims of violent crimes receive counseling and advocacy.

Are you wondering how you can help us? We're planning a wonderful party to raise funds for these services, and you can make it a real success. We want to auction off special items which have belonged to stars like you. In a community like Tyler with an urban population of 150,000 there are many people who love to add to their collections.

It doesn't have to be very elaborate, just something simple--a script, a pair of gloves or a hat you wore ... something you wrote notes or doodled on ... a signed poster or photograph. Whatever it is, if it has your signature, it will be worth a great deal to someone in our community.

And it means we will raise funds to keep families safe.

If you can't help in this way, but you plan to do some charitable giving, would you put us on your list? Your support will be publicized (but the amount of your gift will be kept strictly confidential).

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter. If you have any questions, call Dawn Franks at (903)595-3199 or Lynette Ruby (903)581-5514. Oh, and by the way, we would love to have you drop by and be our special guest at the party. Just let us know.

Sincerely,

Lynette Ruby  
President

P.S. Your name was especially selected by a committee which is organizing this special event because we believe you can really help us make a difference. Thank you!

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