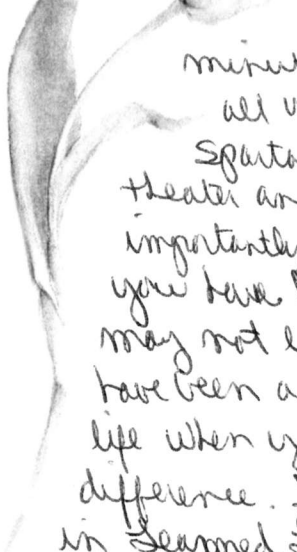


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Dear Laurie,



I just want to take a minute to thank you #1 for all you do for the kids of Sparta through your work in theater and music and more importantly to me for the times you have helped Stephanie. You may not even realize it but there have been a few key times in her life when you have made a huge difference. In high school her part in *Seamless Sadies* was a real boost to her self esteem. It came at a time when many of her friends had deserted her and she was living with the stigma of being a teenage mom. The play taught her that hard work and perseverance bring many rewards. Now again your recommendation of Steph as director of the Variety Show has given her adult responsibility and a sense of direction.

Again it comes at a difficult time for her when her classmates for the most part are away at school or living on their own and she has neither option. She is so excited about this project and will put her whole heart into it.

Your entire family has unconditionally accepted Dominic and her into your hearts & home & bless you for it. You certainly have made the world a better place and especially for two people dearest to me & I thank you for it.

Sincerely ♡

Joan Wachter