Again, we must not settle for illusion. Attempting to treat an ever-rising wave of drug-abusing youth will destroy our economy and bankrupt this nation—and, worst of all, waste the potential of thousands of our children. Attempting to reform education without putting parents back at the center of school decision-making is doomed to fail as well. As always, on both of these issues, FRC will continue to fight for the home truths that really matter: we will work with legislators, government officials—anyone of goodwill, regardless of party—who recognizes the need to strengthen our education system and to gird our children against the sex-and-drug culture.

We would really like to hear from you this month. Your financial gifts to FRC provide the lifeblood that enables us to advance the pro-family cause. Your prayers and involvement are essential, too. The cards and letters we receive provide a tremendous lift to me and the entire FRC staff. Because the work we do is both draining and difficult, being able to associate names and faces with the cause we are advancing makes our efforts all the more meaningful.

Once again, thank you for your faithfulness. As we continue to work together, we can move closer to our hope and dream of family renewal in our beloved nation.

Sincerely,

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President

P.S. As our *Survival Guide* illustrates, FRC is constantly developing new materials that make the case for family values. Let me close by mentioning another resource that you've helped to make a household word: *Our Hopes, Our Dreams*. This companion book to the family values debate of 1996 has now reached a total distribution of nearly 400,000 copies.

I conceived *Our Hopes, Our Dreams* as a vision for a pro-family future—a book that would make the case for our cause to a cross-section of the American public. Earlier this year, FRC took out paid advertising posing a challenge to Hillary Rodham Clinton, who had just released her book, *It Takes a Village*. We asked the American people to choose between the alternative visions represented by these books. I'm pleased to report that, thanks to support like yours, *Our Hopes, Our Dreams* has held its own in this contest of visions.

Our original goal was to distribute 1,000,000 copies of *Our Hopes, Our Dreams*, and to get them into the hands of people who may not know just how much today's cultural clash over the family means to them. If you can help us make one last push to reach this goal and to spread the pro-family message, please take this opportunity to do so. The enclosed card has all the information you need.

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