

academic, the social, the experiential and the life skills they need to reach them.

These dreams do happen. We can prove these dreams happen. At YWCAs we see dreams like these being realized every single day.

.... Teen mothers struggling and succeeding at becoming financially self-supporting.

.... Young girls learning math and computer programming, carpentry and accounting...all skills that open new areas of opportunity for them.

.... Girls raising their sights from high school to college degrees to help them launch not just jobs but careers.

Later, once these girls become women, they come back to their local YWCA. They return to acquire new skills or to join an adult support group or to participate in any one of a number of programs designed just for adults.

They enter their children in YWCA day care programs. And a whole new cycle begins. Their children use our pools and gyms. They learn arts...crafts...games as well as those all important intangibles like leadership skills, esteem and the art of dreaming.

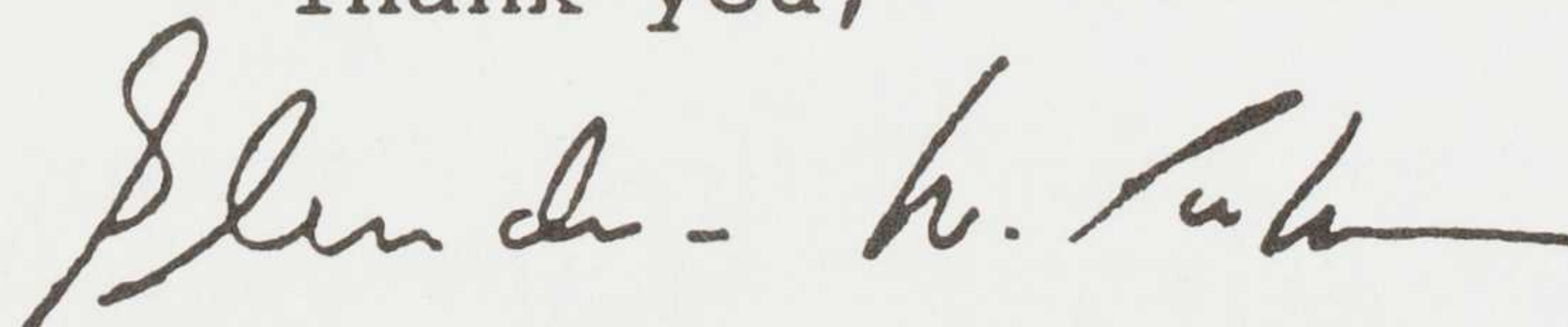
Sometimes they return as women in order to say thanks. They return to serve as examples and work as volunteers, extending a helping hand to the girls who follow.

Which is what I'm asking you to do.

Extend your hand to a girl whose circumstances force her to start at the very bottom of the ladder. Send us a contribution that will help us pass on pride and opportunity to a girl who must struggle past enormous obstacles before she can bloom.

With your gift we'll steer her away from a dead end...and on to a dream. Please don't delay in making that dream come true today.

Thank you,



Glendora M. Putnam
National President

P.S. I'm enclosing a letter we received from a girl on the cusp of adolescence. Read the letter...it's all in her own words...it shows how very much we can do with your gift. Then please, send us your tax-deductible contribution today.