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Marian Abruzzo, Principal

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Dear Laura,

How do I begin to thank you for all your warmth and generosity you so graciously shared with the students of St. Peter of Alcantara School?

As we talk about connections and ties, I have to look back and know that there was a reason I happened to see you on the Kathie Lee and Hoda Morning Show. I was so in awe of you and Maurice and the bond you had for one another. At that very moment I knew what my next assignment for the children was going to be. I proposed the question, "If you had an invisible thread, who would be on the other end?" I showed the children the small clip that had been on the news, and then let them put their pencil to the paper.

As you would later find out their writings were so sincere and heartfelt I knew we would have to share them with others. And that is when you with your generosity, entered their lives. I have to thank you for coming to their Barnes and Noble presentation. The children couldn't believe their role model would give up her time to come and hear their essays. When you were so kind in autographing their papers and copies of your book, I knew then, the connection you had with my students would be one they would remember forever. I know you felt it too, when you offered to come to our school and work with the 6-8th grades. Once again the children learned not only about writing, but about how a Simple Act of Kindness can change lives forever.

Even though it has been a couple of months, the children still speak about you, and their parents are still buying your book. I also learned from you and I gave your books to people who were special to me...my own Invisible Threads. They were so touched they in turn purchased them for those who touched their lives. My most favorite moment was when Brother Tom (Chaminade HS) purchased over 90 copies to share with his entire faculty. I know he is in the process of contacting you to come and speak to his entire student body.

Wow! Also, in the past week an owner from the local bookstore in town contacted me because so many people are ordering your book. Another WOW!

In closing, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for making this school year a truly memorable one with your visits. I know for sure, that there was a reason we met and your friendship is one I will truly treasure.

Warmest regards,

Barbara