

John, Evelyn and Task Force:

I am unable to attend the important Task Force meeting tonight. My fourteen year old granddaughter had emergency surgery yesterday in Arizona to remove a blood clot on her brain. She survived surgery but is in critical care in ICU being closely monitored. I will be going to be with her and my daughter as soon as possible. I'm not sure how long I will be gone. Aidan is my only grandchild and the light of my life. Please pray for my precious Aidan that God will carry her through this dark time.

I am sorry that I won't be able to participate in the important meetings in June and July. I want you to know that I am very dedicated to the future of Seven Corners area. I know that there are many good people that live in the area and want a better life for themselves and children. I have been the Executive Director at Seven Corners Children's Center for fifteen years and know the importance of the program. It has been my privilege to prepare children from thirty countries who spoke little or no English and were delayed in many areas of early childhood development. These children leave Seven Corners Children's Center confident, bright children who are ready to succeed in school and beyond.

I hope that I will be able to continue to be part of the Task Force later in the summer, but right now I must be the most important person in my life, my granddaughter.

Mary Ellen Ward