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Dear Sisterfriend:

I have a passion for empowering young women because I've walked in similar shoes as many of the young women that I serve. I'm so blessed that there was a caring sister by the name of Dr. Vanessa Weaver who went above and beyond the call for me. When I was a teenager she served as my court-appointed counselor. My mom battled with mental illness and was unable to care for me during a brief time in my life so I was sent to live with my father, which resulted in a whole new set of challenges. Dr. Weaver didn't stop helping me after the court case closed, she continued to mentor me and took me under her wing; she showed me how to study; she exposed me to settings that required me to learn social etiquette and always presented higher education as a goal for me. Her efforts truly made a difference. There were numerous sisters that wrapped their arms around me and sowed a seed into my life— And many of them continue to do that.

I have seen the impact of my work and I appreciate the sisters that have stood with me to help our young women. I realize that everyone doesn't have the time to get out there in the trenches and work directly with young women in our community but we can do it collectively. I need the financial assistance of **100 sisterfriends** that will commit to giving \$500.00 each to help fund year-long workshops and leadership development for at risk young women ages 13 – 19.

In essence, **100 Sisterfriends** is a movement. It is a *special giving circle* of positive mature women from all walks of life that make a positive difference in the lives of young women in our community. I pray that you will join with me and sow a financial seed into the work that I am doing. I cannot do this alone. I need your help— *the help of sisterfriends*. If you are unable to donate \$500.00, please ask your employer, organization, church, or a group of friends to donate on your behalf. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

Make contributions payable to: **Eye of the Artists Foundation**
1821 Summit Road, Suite 300A Cincinnati, OH 45237

For more information about the outreach work that Eye of the Artists Foundation does, call (513) 362-2728 or visit www.eyeoftheartists.org or www.mysistamyfriend.com



About 100 Sisterfriends

100 Sisterfriends is a committed effort to support leadership development of young women ages 13 – 19 in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky by collectively funding impactful training for under served young women. The group is a “**special giving circle**” designed for individuals, organizations, businesses, women’s groups, schools, sororities, and agencies to help support year-round training and the bi-annual conference for young women.

What is a Special Giving Circle

A *giving circle* is, in general terms, a group of donors who place their charitable dollars into a pooled fund, and decide as a group which charities to support. Giving circle donors often commit to participation for several years at an established dollar level, and the funds are typically donated to nonprofits chosen by the entire group. “**100 Sisterfriends** is a “**special giving circle**” because the pooled fund is already earmarked to benefit young women, participating in My Sista My Friend, leadership development training. Sisters that want to make a positive difference in the lives of under served young women should join this initiative. 100 Sisterfriends will be able to follow the progress of developing young women. Many sisterfriends have even served as “faculty members” for monthly training and conferences.

The Impact of Your Giving is Multiplied

Every gift to a non-profit organization or group is valuable, however 100 sisterfriends is an effort to gather 100 sisters who will commit to annually giving \$500.00 to educate and develop young female leaders.

How can I help with 100 Sisterfriends?

In addition to your membership, here are a two other ways that you can help:

Refer a friend, family member, co-worker, etc. – We’ve seen that word of mouth is the most effective way to help spread the word about 100 Sisterfriends.

Become a 100 Sisterfriend event sponsor - help to underwrite expenses associated with monthly training, outings, and the bi-annual young women’s conference.

Make your Membership Contribution for 100 Sisterfriends

I wish to make my non-refundable membership contribution to Eye of the Artists Foundation for membership in “**100 Sisterfriends**”.

Members can join at any time. Those joining between the October 2009 member kick-off and October 2010 (Dada Rafiki) Sisterhood Celebration, will be acknowledged in our annual recognition and may participate in all *My Sista My Friend* events.

(Return your membership form with a check or money order for **\$500.00** and we will send your membership card, add you to our circle, and keep you updated on how the young women are progressing.)



Membership Form

I wish to make my non-refundable membership contribution to **100 Sisterfriends**.
Membership is from January through December of the calendar year.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Fax _____

E-Mail: _____

How did you hear about **100 Sisterfriends** _____?

If a member referred you, please include her name _____

Payment options:

Enclosed is my check payable to "Eye of the Artists Foundation" for **\$500.00**

(I understand that 100% of my membership is tax deductible and is used specifically for workshops, training and programming to benefit young women ages 13 – 19 in My Sista My Friend Leadership Development.
Please note "100 Sisterfriends membership" in the memo section of your check.)

Please charge my VISA or Master Card credit card **\$515.00** (The additional \$15.00 covers the bank processing costs to Eye of the Artists. The full amount is tax-deductible)

Credit card # _____ Expiration Date _____

3-Digit Security Code _____

Name as it appears on the card _____

I'm part of a group membership for _____
(Enclosed is my check, or credit card, for \$250, or \$125. Groups must be 2 to 4 members, totaling \$500.)

My company/organization, _____, is making a membership contribution on my behalf.

Signed _____ Date: _____

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