

VISION FOR MARY – 2007

Mary is growing up as an important member of her community where her presence is valued, her contributions are welcomed, where she is missed if not around, and indeed, where she is loved. We want her to continue to live in a community where she has a number of valued roles e.g., neighbor, friend, volunteer, worker, etc. We want our daughter to go to a good school where she is truly a member of her classes and larger student body.

We envision our daughter learning a lot throughout her school career, gaining skills and competencies of all kinds, and having many opportunities to be part of all school has to offer, for example, being a member of the drama club, working on the school newspaper, singing in the chorus, being a player on the softball team, going to social affairs such as dances, games and get togethers—whatever captures her imagination. We want school to be a place where Mary meets many people and develops good friendships. We dream about her school experience being one where our daughter grows, has success, learns about life, has opportunities to contribute, and becomes a confident young woman.

When Mary becomes a young adult we hope she will pursue a career and develop her talents by going to college or some other kind of further education. We are confident that she will be an active young woman who has many interests and involvements in her community and a real enthusiasm for life. We envision our daughter working and living with other young women and enjoying the single life. Perhaps she will get married. Whatever she decides, we will support her to have the kind of home and work that she wants and the opportunities to pursue her own dreams and vision. Mary's future is bright – the world lies before her. We are looking forward to seeing how Mary's life unfolds and how she makes her mark in the world.