



May 17th, 2010

Dear _____,

I am writing to you asking for your autograph to be used in my project to help pay for my medical bills.

I'm making a special quilt out of autographed squares of cloth signed by country music stars. I have written to about 50 artists hoping they (and you) will be kind enough to take the time to sign the enclosed square of cloth and return it. From these signed pieces of fabric I will create a country music theme quilt and then auction it off to raise money to help pay my medical bills I owe.

I suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). It resulted from a lifetime of abuse starting in my early childhood on up till I was about 47 years old. At that time my PTSD became both chronic and acute resulting in severe flashbacks to the traumas I experienced earlier in life and also severe panic attacks. I was severely depressed, unable to fight it and suicidal.

The good news was that I was able back then in 2006 to do something about it. With my husband's help I was able to locate a clinic that specialized in a new healing therapy specifically designed for PTSD. The therapy does work!!! I'm healing up very well by practicing the therapy taught to me. The flashbacks have nearly stopped, my health is improving and the medication given to me for controlling anxiety attacks is being reduced constantly. I am healing from this disorder!!!

The bad news is that I owe several thousand in medical bills. My health insurance does not cover PTSD treatment. Also I need to continue with some treatment at the clinic and further my healing process but I cannot afford to do so at this time.

If I can get enough autographs returned I will make this special quilt. Hopefully it will auction off easily and raise enough money to pay my medical bills. I will send you a picture of it when it is finished and let you know how much it sold for. All I need is your autograph using a permanent sharpie pen and for you to return it in the self-addressed envelope. I included an extra piece of cloth for practice if need be.

Please understand I'm not asking for a handout but just a helping hand. Please call if you have any questions. I will be happy to answer any questions and talk to you in further detail about my therapy. God Bless.

Sincerely,

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