

As sponsors, one of our most perplexing situations arises when we try to explain to someone what kind of letter we want from them for our candidates. You may want to use the following as a pattern for one you write or use it as a guide for your conversation with your candidates' loved ones:

Dear _____,

The "Walk to Emmaus" is a weekend of spiritual renewal with many beautiful gifts and surprises. One of the surprises is the mail that persons attending receive from their loved ones. _____ is going to attend a "Walk to Emmaus".

As sponsors, we are responsible for contacting family and close friends and asking them to send a note or letter to _____ so that he/she will receive it during this special weekend. Since it will be a total surprise, we sometimes have to do a little detective work in order to get names and addresses of persons from whom we need help. Perhaps you would like to pass this along to someone that you know _____ would like to hear from.

This letter is an opportunity for you to express your appreciation of _____ and what your relationship with him/her has meant and means. You might want to recall some humorous event or some happening that has been special to the two of you. This is a letter of love and **WILL BE READ ONLY BY THE PERSON TO WHOM YOU WRITE.**

Would you help make _____'s "Walk to Emmaus" special by doing the following:

1. Write a letter to _____ and sign it.
2. Put it into an envelope and seal it.
3. Write _____'s name (but not yours) on the envelope.
4. Put the envelope in a larger envelope and mail it to us prior to _____ so we can get it to the proper place on time.

This should be a complete surprise to _____, so please help make it special by keeping "mum" until it's all over.

We hope you'll help us by getting a letter to us. It will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.