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Dear Michael,

I was so thrilled to receive your packet. What an incredible experience that must have been for all of you. I am forced to learn how to live the life of a parent whose child has died, but I cannot imagine how one would reach into those dark places to actually "play" that life when one doesn't have to. I admire all of the actors for their willingness to delve into such depths, and I am always grateful for anything that helps educate the public about the death of a child and the lifelong journey we are on.

Thank you for the beautiful signed photo and the program where we are mentioned. I have scanned the letter and mailed it to everyone who participated in "Portraits of Hope." It will mean so much to the parents and others who helped bring my dream of creating "Portraits of Hope" to reality, as they gave of themselves for no other reason except to help those who find themselves in need of the hope, love and support after the deaths of their children. I have also framed the letter and the signed photo and hung it on my special *griefHaven* wall. A photo of that is enclosed for you to see. Please take a moment to look on our website under "Media," and then "Stage," and you will see all of your information. I know how much it will mean to the countless numbers of people who visit griefHaven.org every day for a little peace of heart and hope.

I don't know how our paths might cross again one day, but I surely look forward to the day when they do. I am happy to know our lives have intertwined. Thank you for this amazing opportunity.

Much love always,

Susan E. Whitmore
Erika's Mom
Founder & President