Dear   :

On September 11-14, 2003, I will be climbing in the HERA Ovarian Cancer Climb for Life to raise money for ovarian cancer research and to aide women and their families battling the disease.

We are climbing for all the women battling this disease and the 25,500 women who will be newly diagnosed this year. I have committed to climbing 1000’ and I have set a goal of raising $1.00 total for every foot that I climb. I am hoping to raise $1000. Can I count on your support?

The money raised will go directly to the Johns Hopkins Ovarian Cancer Initiative for early detection and new directions in treatment as well as to aide women and their families battling this disease.

On the research front, our most pressing task is to develop a reliable early detection test for ovarian cancer- like the pap smear for cervical cancer. Because we don’t yet have a reliable test for ovarian cancer, 78% of the women diagnosed this year will be diagnosed after the disease has spread when the chance for survival is low.

Johns Hopkins is recognized as a world-leader in the field of cancer research and treatment. Recent discoveries at Hopkins are paving the way for new directions in treatment and early detection of ovarian cancer, but more work needs to be done.

This promising new research needs additional support to speed the development of a test and more effective treatment. That is why I am asking you to sponsor me in this Ovarian Cancer Climb for Life. If we support this vital research, more lives can be saved.

If you could help with a donation of $_______, I would really appreciate it. Even the smallest amounts make a difference.

Please use the pledge form with this letter and return it in the enclosed envelope.

As I climb in the HERA Ovarian Cancer Climb for Life, it will be with the special knowledge that you have shared in my commitment to help find a cure and improve the lives of those battling this disease!!

Warm Regards,

To find out more about ovarian cancer go to http://ovariancancer.jhmi.edu