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Ms. Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President and
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
Office of the First Lady
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Dear Melanne:

The First Lady's final presentation of the National Award for Museum Service was especially memorable for all of the awardees and for those IMLS staff and board members in attendance. From the brief and exuberant appearance of "Buddy" to the unexpected arrival of President Clinton, the morning held many surprises. The true crowning moment, however, was the First Lady's gracious conversation with each award-winning museum. Her warmth, attention and sincere support of museum service to communities has made the award extraordinarily meaningful since it was first initiated in 1994.

On behalf of all of the participating museums, the National Museum Services Board and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, I express our deep appreciation for your continued assistance in arranging for this wonderful annual event. We are grateful to you for keeping the National Award for Museum Service on the First Lady's agenda and for facilitating, year after year, a truly meaningful occasion.

Sincerely,

Beverly Sheppard
Acting Director

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