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Dear Marion,

I can't tell you what an impression your talk left on me - it is beyond words. I went home that night and re-told your story to my husband and two sons. My sons kept wondering how you dealt with how sad and scared you must have been to have been separated from your parents. We talked about your strength, even as such a young girl.

Your talk taught me about kindness and courage but most of all, hope. The people who helped you along the way - the teenager at the fence, the guard at the daycare and the farm family - what drove them to put their own lives in danger to help you? These people, and of course your mother's friend Emme, give me tremendous hope. They help me to remember that people are generally good - that we are here on earth to support each other.

I think your story, your talent to tell your story and your zest for life and for teaching us from your incredible life experience - are a huge gift. Thank you so much.

Sincerely, Gillian Lock (Resource Teacher)