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Dear Friends of Bridgette Clement,

I am writing you because you have given generously in the past to the Flowers for Bridgette Memorial Fund. Mary and her family are so very thankful to everyone who has contributed to this effort since Bridgette's death November 30, 2003.

Although this seems like an awkward time to be asking friends to dig into their pockets to contribute again, what with the state of the economy being what it is, I need to ask you to renew your support of this very important fund.

As you all know, after Bridgette's death, I kept asking Mary and Les what I could do to help them through their loss. Of course, we all know we can't do anything to bring Bridgette back, but all the cards, calls, and words of encouragement really mean so much to the family. After many months Mary and Les found it too difficult to make it out to the cemetery weekly. The cemetery cleans up every Thursday any flowers or gifts left on gravesites, so the only way to make sure there are always flowers on Bridgette's grave is to go every Friday and place new ones.

In a recent conversation with Mary, I asked if there was another way we could make sure there were flowers at Bridgette's gravesite all the time. "Maybe we could get special permission from the cemetery, or place some permanent artificial planter there, or even move her gravesite?" I asked. But after talking with the cemetery and with Mary, it became clear that none of those ideas were feasible options. Mary knows that it is a lot to ask, especially in these hard times, but for now, for her and Les, their promise to Bridgette, to have fresh flowers by her side all the time, is still very important to them. They agree that maybe some day, it will not be as important, but for now, it is.

So for a nominal fee of about \$15 a week, Rose and Leona's Flowers in South San Francisco deliver a floral bouquet to Bridgette's gravesite. Since August 2005, over \$1,500 has been raised. But we

continue to need help with ensuring that the flowers keep coming. If you or someone you know would like to make a donation, please make the check payable to Flowers for Bridgette and mail it to my address at 8341 Creekside Dr., Dublin, CA 94568. I regularly provide the family with a list of those who contribute and your notes of condolences.

Thank you again for your support. I know Mary, Les, Stacy and Sara truly appreciate your kindness.

Carole MacLean