

The reason for this telegram is explained in the book
Humdinger! noun: an extraordinary person or event

Telegram

January 25, 2010

Dear Bette:

You have inspired me all of my life. In Seattle in the 70's to 1/23/10 in LV I have attended every live presentation, watched all your movies, seen you on TV shows – your own and those you visit like Ellen and particularly Johnny's when you did his last show.

I was a teacher, then a principal, and then a consultant so I could help children become their very best. I had a brain aneurism on February 10, 2007 and had a struggle to survive, and then in May of 2009 I was diagnosed with APL Leukemia.

I am writing a book so I can get information to people so they and their families know what they need to do to protect themselves and what we all need to do together to make our health become better.

So, I want to thank you with all my heart for all you have done that has inspired us, made us laugh, made us cry, made us thoughtful, believe we can face the "Challenge of Life" and "Dream of Tomorrow."

I am glad you are getting some much-needed rest after your last show January 31, 2010 and I am sorry I didn't send a thank you note to you a long time ago.

I love you Bette Midler,

Stephanie

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