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Dear

Let me begin by introducing myself. My name is Patricia Dunford and I taught in Stanwell School for over 33 years, 23 of those years as head of the English Department. I retired in July this year. During my time there, I had the privilege of working with Glenda Palmer (Vibert) who was initially my colleague in the English Department and for 15 years, Deputy Head. It is on her behalf that I am approaching you.

Glenda, who is married to the artist David Vibert, has always enjoyed writing poetry. Shortly after her retirement, she was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. She has never been one to feel sorry for herself and decided to put her experiences to good use by producing a book containing 20 of her poems, each linked with a painting by her husband. Her anthology is entitled "Oops!" because some people with Parkinson's Disease tend to fall over a lot! Copies of the book will be sold to raise funds for the Parkinson's Disease Society and the Motor Neurone Society. Glenda's sister-in-law, Edwyna, has the latter condition. We are seeking sponsorship to cover the cost of printing (about £1500 for 1000 copies) so that all proceeds from the sale of the books can go to the charities. The project is being undertaken with the full knowledge and approval of the charities involved who have kindly given permission for us to use their official logos in our correspondence.

Sponsors will of course be acknowledged in the text and I hope we will be able to turn the launch of the book into something of an event. AM Lorraine Barrett is keen to help and I'm sure we will be able to involve the local press and possibly, Madelaine Moon, MP for Bridgend, who is a long-term supporter of PDS.

I sincerely hope you are able support us in this project and would welcome the opportunity to come and talk to you. I am enclosing a copy of an article which appeared in the *South Wales Echo* on 18th September which I hope you will find both interesting and informative.

Yours sincerely

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