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Dear Ward-Belmont Friends,

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Almost 50 years ago Ward-Belmont sadly closed the doors at its Belmont Boulevard campus and moved to the corner of Estes and Hobbs Roads to become The Harpeth Hall School. Certainly, the spirit of Ward-Belmont is no more evident than in the dramatic story of the birth and founding of Harpeth Hall in 1951. This is a story that many women still carry in their hearts. Now, as we approach Harpeth Hall's 50th birthday, we want to invite you to be a part of the celebration of our half-century Milestone in 2000-2001, as we honor this special anniversary year.

The Ward-Belmont Celebration will be on the weekend of October 13-14, 2000, beginning with cocktails and dinner on Friday night. On Saturday, after an optional tour of Nashville and the former Ward-Belmont Campus, a luncheon and fashion show will spotlight the famous costumes from the George Washington's Birthday Pageant while enjoying savory recipes from the Ward-Belmont Cookbook. Saturday night will feature An Evening with the Belles of W-B. The evening will be a true trip down memory lane with skits, sing-a-longs, and memorabilia displays. Those of you who attended the fabulous Ward-Belmont Reunion of 1986 will remember that this format, starring Sarah Ophelia Colley Cannon '32C (our own Minnie Pearl) and Ellen Bowers Hofstead '34 '36C, was truly an evening to remember.

This celebration will probably be the last Ward-Belmont "only" weekend. Reunions at Harpeth Hall will, of course, continue by class, but this will be our "last hurrah" to include preparatory school, college, boarders, and day students all together. We are looking forward to good times, reminiscences, rekindled friendships, and, as always, much laughter!

This special weekend will not be the same without YOU. We hope you will be able to join us next October. Enclosed is a reply form and envelope, which we ask that you return by January 15, 2000. Please let us hear from you regarding the possibility of your being with us. Your reply is not a commitment, merely an aid to help us in our planning.