



M. Jodi Rell
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 16, 2003

2003 Charity Concert for Adoption
The Children First Foundation
c/o Elizabeth Rex, Ed.D.
P.O. Box 326
Eastchester, New York 10709

To the Children First Foundation,

I am sorry that I cannot be with you this afternoon in Ridgefield at your 2003 Charity Reception and Concert for Adoption.

Connecticut is indeed fortunate to have in place the "Safe Haven Law" which allows young women to safely and anonymously leave their newborn babies at any Connecticut hospital emergency room without facing criminal charges. And the Children First Foundation is certainly fortunate to have former State Representative Ann Dandrow on its Benefit Committee. Thanks largely to her efforts, this nearly three-year-old law has been instrumental in saving the lives of three newborns who have been safely rescued and placed for adoption with loving families.

Again, I am sorry I cannot be with you, but I wish you the best of luck in your event today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jodi Rell".

M. Jodi Rell
Lieutenant Governor