



# The American Association for Gifted Children

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Dear Friend of the Gifted:

The Board of Directors of The American Association for Gifted Children has established a memorial fund honoring the late Pauline Brooks Williamson who was Chairman of the Board. This fund provides assistance to children and young people who wish to participate in this memorial program - called "Friend-to-Friend."

The value of friendships was a theme to which Miss Williamson returned again and again. In one of her last notebooks, she carefully recorded her philosophy:

True friends of geniuses through love and appreciation can help them work wonders in their own lives and for the good of others.

With this statement as a guide, "Friend-to-Friend" supports enrichment activities for gifted children and young people which involve creative friendships.

The possibilities for suitable projects are wide open to the imagination: joint participation in single occasions or a series of events -- concerts, theatre and dance, athletic events, creative arts, movie-making, weaving; a series of lessons, overnight camping in woods or seashore; conversation; community service ...

The participating friends may be two or more gifted young people any age from preschool through college, a student and a teacher, a young person and one who is retired -- in fact, virtually any friends or potential friends, as long as one of them is gifted and young.

If you would like to recommend an activity for support by this fund, would you kindly complete the enclosed form. If you would like to recommend more than one, we would be glad to send additional forms or you may simply provide the same information on separate pages.

Though the memorial fund is not large, we believe that contributions and the personal interest of Miss Williamson's friends will continue and enable this to become a long-term project of the Association. Hopefully, too, this project will lead to continuing friendships beyond the initial "Friend-to-Friend" activity.

You may also know of or be part of activities that express the spirit of "Friend-to-Friend" but do not necessarily require support from the fund. If so, it would be valuable if you would send a description of the activity, perhaps on the same form to be included in the records of "Friend-to-Friend."

We look forward to your responses to this idea, to your suggestions, recommendations and reports.

Sincerely,

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