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What Do You Believe?

This may be your story...

A friend asked you to join the Women of the Moose. "Please, I only need one more to get my Academy of Friendship Degree," she said. She invited you to the chapter meetings and with each visit you began learning what we, the Women of the Moose, are all about. You started to believe in our purpose. A few months later your friend asked you to please be a chairman of a committee or maybe an appointed officer. Of course, you said yes again. You and your friend, along with other coworkers, planned and organized activities, were doing fundraisers and helping other coworkers with their fundraisers. You were supporting your chapter and lodge. You couldn't believe all you had become a part of.

You stepped up to be an officer – to share your talents and support your chapter even more. Your chapter flourished with your ideas, your motivation and drive. You believed in your ability to be successful in the things you were passionate about. You attended a Women of the Moose training class, gaining even more knowledge. Your friend convinced you to run for Senior Regent. You would be a great Senior Regent she stated – you are a role model and leader. In that exciting moment you were apprehensive but said yes again. "Wait a minute, what did I just agree to?"

As Senior Regent, working alongside other officers and chairmen in the trenches, you tried and failed and tried again. There were times you felt frustration, other times brought exhilarated celebrations for accomplishment. Your perseverance paid off as your chapter and lodge flourished in harmony. Your coworkers became your chosen sisters. You shared one goal, working together as a team to inspire, support, and mentor members of your chapter.

In today's complex world, Emily Mathews reaffirms,

"The things that are truly important in Life -- faith, hope, optimism, and joy-- Precious gifts that can be ours when we open our hearts and believe."

Collegians – **Believe** you made a difference to your friend, your chapter sisters and your lodge brothers. **Believe** you make a difference in the lives of children, the elderly and in every corner of your community. **Believe** you saying yes that very first time has made a wonderful difference to our beloved MooseHeart & MooseHaven and their future.

Collegians – you are here because others **believed** in you. When we realize that someone **Believes** in us, it is powerful. You **Believe** in yourself to be a leader, a mentor and a role model. You **Believed** and supported every endeavor in the advancement of your Chapter in earning the Award of Achievement. In attaining the Award of Achievement other members working beside you earned their degree and you earned the College of Regents degree. The values you learn and share will last a lifetime.

Did you realize you would impact so many lives with you saying yes? And, saying yes would have such a profound life changing impact on you?

Two years ago I received a letter from our Grand Chancellor Barbara McPherson. The Women of the Moose Staff had faith in me – to share my enthusiasm, love and passion I have for our Women of the Moose and what we do. Thank you for believing in me.

To my Chapter, Woodward, Oklahoma #2121 and my Oklahoma/Southern Kansas sisters – your love for me is overwhelming and my love for each of you is endless. My Women of the Moose sisters across the United States and Canada – Thank you for your support, confidence and for believing in me.

Collegians – I have said several times, Believe – what you think about yourself and how you present yourself is how others will see you. So I ask that you be honest, be humble, be passionate, be confident and knowledgeable so that people will see the same in you. Women of the Moose sisters – we become stronger when we have the power of others believing in us and making valuable and inspiring decisions for ourselves, humanity and the Moose. -- Being a strong Moose member will inspire others to want to become a Moose member and share in our success.

Collegians – I am honored to be a small part of this wonderful day and to share in your happiness. Your journey here has been challenging, exciting and fulfilling. Your futures as you move forward in your new role in your chapters as mentors, supporters and cheerleaders will continue to be rewarding adventures.

I wish to ask each of you – my sisters – when you leave here today, smile and believe you do make a difference.

Thank You.