

Dear Ms. Marin,

I realize this message may not get to you however I would like to relay a short story with you and those in your offices regarding my appreciation for both you and your work. In September of 2006 we met at a Latina Empowerment Summit held by Nordstrom here in Seattle, WA. It was the first time I had heard of you but I was very impressed and motivated by your speeches and decided to purchase your audio book "Secrets of a Confident Woman". I spoke highly of you and your work with my mother and my aunt and they were so excited they too bought your audio book.

But the story I am writing you about is that of a client of mine. I am a property manager and case manager for a latino based social services agency in Seattle. While I am fairly new to the position and this line of work I found myself confronted with a delicate situation when I realized a new client of mine was suffering from depression. She is the mother of three teenage boys and had been homeless prior to entering my program. During my conversations with her I found it difficult at times to try to find the appropriate words to motivate her because I felt she needed fulfillment and validation in her life. Then I remembered your book and I thought that it would help her in more ways than I could by simply relaying your motivational words. So I gave her my copy of the book and expressed that I knew it would help her through some difficult times.

About 3 weeks ago she came to me with the biggest smile I had seen her with since I met her. She explained how powerful and uplifting she found your words to be and that she felt that she had more desire to pursue her interests and improve her health to create a better life for herself and her sons. I am sure you have received much feedback from many people but I just wanted to let you know first hand that I witnessed the impact that your work has had on women and that I will always be in great admiration of your work.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Mendoza