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Writing Assignment: Dear...

Salutation, Sis!

Congratulations, you graduated from college and medical school. You do not know how proud of you I am. There is a lot to be proud of, and I am sure you are proud of yourself.

First, I would like to acknowledge that you are entering some uncharted waters amidst facing this next phase in your life. The uncertainty of owning a private practice might cultivate doubt and even some anxiety. So, I would like to take the time to remind you of your resilience and perseverance throughout your life.

Do you remember how it felt to feel alone?

Do you remember the time you did not want to return home?

Do you remember what it was like to have small kids?

Do you remember all the challenges?

Do you remember the laughter and all the many sounds?

Do you remember the trips to the park the merry-go-round?

Do you remember the monkey bars, the seesaw, and the swings?

The up's and the downs highs and the lows

The children playing while they should have been in class

Being a surrogate teacher during a pandemic

The virtual learning

The poor internet connections

Not having the correct devices

The brief mental breakdown

You subdued each of those too!

Do you remember the pains of having all of you and the c-section recovery?

How it seemed never ending

Do you remember sleep deprivation? Of the best kind?

The tiny cries and the tiny eyes helplessly look up at you

Do you remember how well you could tell the difference in each of their cries?

Such precious gifts that relied on you, innately

Do you remember pain medications that did not stop the pain?

Do you remember how you do not remember being the reason to do it again?

Do you remember each birth being as different as the day?

Do you remember the children starting school?

You succeeded in all these challenges.

Do you remember when we starting college?

We were 18, seems like yesterday

The feelings of inadequacies

The shame you felt knowing you did not graduate high school

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That dumb feeling, you when you realized you were illiterate

Do you remember how you felt when?

you realized you no longer had to hide it

Do you remember how you had to fight to get the help you needed?

The way people would treat you

Do you remember when you had a tough time falling asleep?

That medication that costed around \$400

Do you remember how your legs were all jittery?

During a pandemic

Remember people talking to you, like you were less than

And crazy

Do you remember how all that felt?

Do you remember wanting to give up?

Aren't you glad you did not give up?

And you defeated all that sufficiently.

I yearn to see whereby all these moments play out—med school, commencement, and our children's graduations. Sorrowfully, I am not there yet, but you are, so continue to rock it, Sis; you have this!