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Dear Ladies,

A friend passed on your latest newsletter to me recently which has inspired me to enclose a \$5 cheque to become a member of the Home Birth Association.

I had a home birth 18<sup>th</sup> May 1980 and was attended by Carolyn Young. Unfortunately after the birth, my daughter and I had to be transferred to National Womens Hospital where it was discovered we had a type of bacterial pneumonia called listeriosis. I don't think the doctors know yet what caused it but at three years of age my daughter is in 100% perfect health and has been described as 'above average' in height, health

and in learning capability. I put this down  
to our perfect health during pregnancy and  
the terrific experience of having a home  
birth. I am disappointed to learn of the  
lack of wide support the Home Birth  
Association needs and wish to contribute  
in some way to a group I personally  
support. My husband and I wish to  
have our future babies at home and I hope  
my support now can help.

Yours sincerely

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