Hello,

My name is Petra, and I work for a consulting company in Michigan. Other companies hire our consulting firm to help them figure out the best way to solve a problem. I like working with people and solving problems. Today, a co-worker introduced me to the Forgotten Wishes Foundation and invited me to her card-making party. My co-worker acquainted the party guests with the Forget-Me-Not Friends Club members and told us how you all liked to get cards and letters from people.

I want to share one of my favorite quotes.  **"Great things are not done by impulse but by a series of small things brought together."**The famous painter, Vincent Van Gogh, said these words many years ago. I think he was talking about how it takes many brush strokes and colors thoughtfully layered and combined over time to make a piece of art. I think of this quote whenever I have a big project I am working on or a goal I am trying to reach. It reminds me to appreciate the small steps I take daily that bring me closer to my goal.

I also love Vincent Van Gogh's paintings. Last year the Detroit Institute of Arts hosted an exhibition of Vincent's artwork. Before the presentation, I had only seen his work on posters and websites. I felt very emotional seeing his work in person. It was so vivid and bold.

I hope that the quote I shared helps you feel encouraged when pursuing a goal or a dream. Thank you for letting me share my trip to the art museum with you today. I am grateful to have someone to share my story with and know you are thinking of me out there. I will be thinking of you too!

Warm regards,

Petra

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