

July 4<sup>th</sup> 2002

Dear Idessa;

It was a joy talking with you today - you are one of the most important people in my life and now it is a great satisfaction to me that my nephew is going to carry your work on. I told him so much about you and the things you taught me - your passion for justice and concern for the individual, your courage and your commitment.

With love, gratitude and admiration,

Joanna

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May 4<sup>th</sup> 1965

R.F.D. 1, Grand Ledge,  
Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Williams;

I know how very busy you are but since my return I have talked to two Episcopal ministers who would be very interested in working on your June voter-registration drive. They might be able to dig up some more people.

Could you let me know the dates of the June drive and whether you want outside people this time. I should very much like to come back for five days in June if you could use me.

It was an extraordinary experience and I cannot find words to express my admiration for the MIA, SCLC leadership and my gratitude to all the people who made us so welcome.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs E.W.)

Joanna Settle

City of St. Jude  
Gala Event

in honor of Mrs Idessa Redding



**BLUE JAY**

Watercolor by John Heath

April 29

Dear Idessa

I am excited by the  
new job - I hope you have a good  
director as that does make a  
difference - no community action

program has enough money so people are even more important.

I have been a full time volunteer with a community action program ~~and~~ <sup>here</sup> for the past year & a half and we finally have a good director, black and really concerned about the poor having a voice and getting some power so things are improving in one way while the money thing gets worse and worse.

The other thing I wanted to say is that our financial

situation has improved a little so you use that money in some useful way in Montgomery. I learned all the things that are useful to me now in Montgomery - that experience and knowing you really made all the difference and is why I am fairly useful now. I owe you a great debt.

Affectionately

Joanna

Dear IJessa,

I am sorry to have been so long but I have had a blister on my left eyeball which has kept me from really using my eyes for a week.

We saw the movie on Dr King and I thought of you and Montgomery all through it.

We are so happy that Carwell was defeated - I have kept thinking of your Judge Johnson if Nixon wants a Southern judge.

I wish the enclosed were more but the eye has made a problem there - too.

Take care of yourself -  
Love

Joanna