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Sent: Friday, June 11, 2004 4:17 PM
Subject: Please pass on our thanks to the participants in Broken Mind

Dear Abbey,

Congratulations on the rough cut of Broken Mind.

The characters are all so compelling - the parents, the three men, the staff of Wilpower. There's a grace, a dignity and real bravery - dealing with the challenges schizophrenia, maintaining extraordinarily loving relationships, and taking every day as it comes, good or bad. It is truly inspirational and will resonate not only with families and individuals in similar situations, but with everyone.

I've been thinking a lot about the film since I saw it. I am off for a week tomorrow to attend story meetings on a new series but am writing to you to ask, if it is appropriate, for you to pass along my thanks and those of VisionTV to all of the participants in the film and, especially to Randy and his family. Letting us in to his struggle with medication was a brave and important thing to do. Randy and his family have given those of us with limited knowledge and experience of mental illness, a deep and valuable insight into the profound effects of medication, good and bad. Randy's articulate frustration, the very apparent changes medication made in his personality and in his life were really eye-opening to me, and I know that they will be for our audience. He is a great character in the film and his relationship with his parents, particularly his father is very moving. That they clearly love each other so much despite the fluctuations the illness brings is an incredibly positive message.

Congratulations again Abbey. This is an important film and we are very grateful to all involved.

Best regards,
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