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There are new pressures on the modern woman and her family. Millions of women now carry not only the difficult responsibilities of their families but of their own careers as well. And many of the mothers I talk to say one of their biggest pressures is the fear of drug and alcohol abuse among youth.

My children fortunately got through these crucial years without the scar tissue that drug abuse can cause and which many of our children now carry. My personal challenge in 1982 is to encourage parent groups in the fight against drug abuse and to promote quality drug prevention programs. If I can in some small way ease the drug pressures on the families of this nation, I feel 1982 will be a little better year for all American women.

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