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Dear Friends of House of Possibilities,

“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that planes take off against the wind.” – Henry Ford

Having a child is life’s greatest gift, but of course it comes with challenges. The process can feel overwhelming; a flurry of nurses, doctors, tests, and questions face all new parents, and the burden is even stronger on families welcoming a child with special needs. There is no handbook given to special needs parents, and at times it feels like sailing into the wind. When I tell people that raising a child with special needs has been the greatest privilege of my life, Henry Ford’s words ring truer than ever in my mind. There is no one that will ever love us more purely than a special child. I hope our families see the House of Possibilities as their copilot in the blessed journey of raising a special needs child. When the winds of life blow the strongest against us, we see the potential to fly higher than ever before.

At the House of Possibilities, we are so privileged to offer a sanctuary for these families. With huge smiles on their faces, our children come through the doors of the house, greeting their friends with open arms and preparing to take on the day with happy hearts. For our children, this place is truly magical as it allows them to grow and learn at their own pace, while simultaneously offering solace to our incredibly hard-working and loving caregivers. Our mission is to strive every day to make a difference for children, adults, and families living with developmental challenges. We do this by providing high quality programs and much needed relief and hope. We are more excited than ever for what the new year has in store for HOPE.

We have changed the paradigm of what support looks like for families, and the demand for our services continues to grow exponentially. We are happy to report that we surpassed our goal of providing 1,800 services to children and their families in 2017 by over 60%, providing nearly 3,000 services, improving the lives of hundreds of children, siblings, parents, caregivers, and the entire family unit. Currently, there are over 16,000 families with children between the ages of 4 and 16 with developmental disabilities within a 30-mile radius of HOPE house. The need is tremendous and ever growing, and HOPE needs your continued financial support to assist more families.

Please consider a donation of any amount in support of our critically needed programs. You can make your contribution using the enclosed donor card and envelope, or by visiting www.houseofpossibilities.org.

Thank you for your continued support. Your contribution will provide these families with the support and respite that they desperately need.

Most sincerely,

Paula Kavolius

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P.S. Thanks to the Rodman Ride for Kids (our affiliate), HOPE will be awarded an additional 3% of your total contribution to our Annual Fund.