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Dear (Insert Variable Data),

We all have a story. Something that changed us in the most fundamental way. For me and my son Christian, that story began at Oak Hill.

For much of Christian's life, we have bounced between residential and school placements. Christian struggled to connect with his teachers and peers. At each school, Christian would tell me that he didn't have friends. He felt alone.

There is no worse feeling as a parent than to see your child struggle and not be able to help. I did everything I possibly could for my son, even moving school districts to give him a better shot at the education and community he needed and deserved. After what seemed like an endless cycle of new schools and years of instability, Christian and I felt ready to give up. Enter Oak Hill.

From the moment Mark, the Senior Director of Education, called me and described the ways Oak Hill School could support Christian, I knew everything would be 'OK.' The hallways of the Bristol classroom felt like a warm embrace. The teachers, paraprofessionals, and therapy staff took Christian under their wing, offering the support and understanding he needed to thrive. Christian came from school telling me about his new friends and high jinks they got up to. At Oak Hill, everyone liked him. He was *finally* part of a strong, welcoming community where we could learn and grow.



Our Mission: Oak Hill sets the standard, partnering with people with disabilities, to provide services and solutions promoting independence, education, health and dignity.

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Help us change lives like Christian's this holiday season!

Yes! I want to show my appreciation and support for Oak Hill. **Thank you!**

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In the past year, Christian has transformed! For years, going to school was a battle we could not win. Today, Christian eagerly gets on the bus every day, ready to conquer the day. He has grown beyond measure in both his academic and social skills. Christian’s favorite subject is math, and he is known as the “Mayor” of the Bristol Classroom. He greets his peers and teachers with a smile and a fist bump every morning.

Christian attended his first Oak Hill Prom this June. Watching him crack jokes and dance with his new friends brought me to tears. Finally, Christian was at ease.

Oak Hill has transformed our family’s life for the better. **I invite you to make a gift that supports students like my son Christian as they learn new skills, develop confidence, and gain independence.** Oak Hill cannot provide life-changing services to individuals with disabilities without your support.

On behalf of my family, thank you!

With my deepest appreciation,

Cimmaron Valier, Oak Hill Parent



Thank you for empowering individuals with disabilities!

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