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### "Always remember the 3 L's of life. Live. Laugh. Happiness"

Hi Friends & Family!

We hope this letter finds you smiling. Smiling just like us.

We are writing to you as three friends and housemates who live here at Oak Hill. It is us three guys on our side and three ladies that live on the other side of our duplex. We get along great! We watch movies and go to hockey games, WWE wrestling matches, Monster Jam events, and we even travel on airplanes together. It is like the Brady Bunch!



First, we'd like to introduce ourselves. We are Grayden,

Ryan, and Matt, and each of us has unique interests and dreams. And because of the continued compassionate care and encouragement we receive here at Oak Hill, we have been able to explore those passions in ways we never thought possible.

I'm Grayden, and I have always had a love for working. With the support of our staff, I have been able to graduate from our local high school and secure a job at the local Big Y grocery store! I take pride in my work, and proudly use the money I earn to save for vacations and local events (more wrestling matches!) And I am looking forward to my upcoming Disney cruise this spring.

And I'm Matt! I have found my passion through travel and exploration, truly living out my dreams. For example, I have created several diamond art masterpieces, I attend WWE matches (like we said we LOVE wrestling!), saw Chicago the band and the Broadway



play, attended various summer camps, and even got to visit the Hoover Dam in Las Vegas! Each of these experiences has helped me boost my confidence and allowed me to continue exploring my independence.

And as for me, Ryan, even though I have lived here the shortest amount of time, since I moved in, it has been nothing but happiness. I had been looking for a group home for a long time. Mom and Dad looked at a lot of options, but it was Matt and I who worked together at our day program, and he told me there was an opening in his home! Oak Hill is the first group home I have ever lived in, and it is so awesome! Jim is the best house manager! All of the people here are good. They take us places and support us. And most importantly, they help us live meaningful lives (like when I get to go bowling every Saturday with my league!) We get to go to work and come home to a family environment.

You see, it is because of your generosity that we are able to pursue our passions and live life to the fullest (and attend more WWE matches!) The staff and the Oak Hill programs have not only helped us pursue our individual interests, but it is your gift that enables us to continue thriving.

## As the holiday season approaches, we hope you consider supporting Oak Hill.

And together, we can make sure that others just like us have the opportunity to live fulfilling lives, surrounded by care and support.

## Thank you for believing in us and for being a part of our journey.

We wish you a holiday season filled with smiles. Oh! And we would like to pass along our three favorite quotes for you to take with you:

# Matt: "Laughter is good medicine for the soul"

Ryan: "There are good people around here! (like YOU!)"

# Grayden: "Always remember the 3 L's of life: Live. Laugh. Happiness"

With gratitude,

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Grayden, Matthew, and Ryan Oak Hill Residents





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