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Dear Friends:

We try every day to make life better, for those less fortunate than ourselves. A year ago I was at my wits end; I did not know what to do to help my grandson, Johnny Hoefler. Johnny is Autistic and needed a summer program. My daughter and I spent endless hours searching for a program, without success. Then one last internet search found Kulanu, an organization in Cedarhurst. I called and Jonathan Cooper explained the mission, to allow disabled children the experiences that average children enjoy. He further explained how the program worked and told my daughter and I that Johnny would be welcomed at Kulanu. It was a great day someone was willing to help, there were good people who would not turn away. With cautious optimism we sent Johnny to camp last summer. Johnny cannot tell us if he has a good time or not, but the smile on his face speaks volumes. By the end of the summer Johnny was no longer having meltdowns, the frustration level was down. The Staff at Kulanu worked with Johnny to have him socialize with other children. He went swimming joined in games and even went on trips. Kulanu taught Johnny how to be a child. Johnny has continued to attend Kulanu in the Sunday respite program and will return to camp this summer.

This most amazing organization can only continue their work with help from all. With help of donations, Kulanu continues to give quality to the lives of these special need children. Johnny will never be an average child, he will never be completely independent, but with Kulanu he will experience what every child deserves. We will continue to see the smiles as he reaches new levels with Kulanu.

I ask for your help for Johnny and all children like him. On behalf of Johnny please make a donation to Kulanu. No donation is too small it all helps Kulanu continue their mission of providing these special children with childhood.

Thank you and God Bless

Liz Dunn