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Sug Kitahara Club President, Rotary Club of Cerritos-Artesia 13550 Semora Place Cerritos, CA 90703

Dear Sug,

Thank you for visiting my classroom today and taking the time to work together with Sharun Carlson and me to improve and update the learning for my special students. The Adult Transition Program is an educational option for students aged 18-22 who are primarily intellectually disabled and require further schooling in order to develop skills in the areas of: daily living, employment, communication, social interaction, interpersonal abilities, self-advocacy and personal management. Since 1999, the Rotary Club of Cerritos-Artesia has been a continuous supporter of an extra-curricular camping program for my students, by lessening the cost of camp with their generous financial support. I am so happy to expand our relationship and thankful for the opportunity to work with Rotary again.

Many of my students would benefit from upgraded technology in the classroom. Our computers are pretty old and we have no tablets at all. Many 21st Century classrooms these days have 1:1 student/tablet learning abilities, but it is sadly not so in my program. Not only could I use tablets to teach all types of lessons and keep my students updated on current events; this type of technology plays an important role in calming many students with autism and other anxiety-type disabilities. Tablets are also a very effective tool for motivating student learning, increasing student engagement and prompting appropriate student behavior.

There are so many life skills we would like to teach in the classroom and at our on-campus job site, but do not have the proper and necessary equipment. Cooking is an essential life skill and having volunteers come in to teach the lesson is an awesome learning experience. Equipment we would like is as follows: an electric griddle, electric skillet, microwave oven, blender and electric waffle maker. Other random items needed in the classroom include: a heavy duty electric pencil sharpener, a portable projector cart and possibly a projector screen.

Thank you again for supporting my students and their training to become productive members of our community. I've attached the ABC Unified School District Nonprofit Status letter.

Sincerely,

Marci Levins

Transition Teacher