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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter with deep gratitude for your funding the inclusion program that allowed my son to take part in The Watersports Camp at the Mission Bay Aquatic Center this past summer. This is an incredible program, and it personally and greatly impacted my family's life. Thank you so much.

My son is 7-1/2 years old, and moderately autistic. He is highly intelligent, sweet, lovable, and charming in his own way. He also has great difficulty communicating, and can get scared or frustrated when he does not understand. From the time he was a small child however, he has loved water. He is a natural swimmer, and never is so happy as when he is enjoying the water.

I also have a 10-year-old son who is neurotypical, and also loves water and water sports. We came to San Diego (my hometown) for an extended visit in August to be near family. I was surprised and absolutely thrilled that my younger son, Edin, would have the first opportunity of his life to take part in a mainstream program, due in part to your support of inclusion at MBAC, and attend the same camp as his older brother.

The inclusion staff was absolutely phenomenal with my son. I say this as both his mother and as a seasoned psychiatric professional. The counselors and camp supervisor wanted to know exactly how to work best with Edin, how to help him communicate, how to deal with him on a highly individual basis, taking into account his unique needs. Edin had an extraordinary time in camp, as you can see in the attached photos. Our entire family is looking so forward to Edin attending again next summer, and are immensely grateful for the part Torrey Pines Kiwanis takes in making inclusion at the camp possible. You have given my child and so many others something extraordinary and priceless: the chance of a normal, happy childhood.

Very Sincerely,

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