



Foundation for Developmental Disabilities



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Dear Friend of the Foundation:

The Foundation for Developmental Disabilities continues its mission to help children and adults with developmental disabilities such as intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, epilepsy or autism, and their families. Due to continued economic challenges the support provided by the Foundation for Developmental Disabilities is increasingly crucial.

The Foundation has branched out to create new areas of help to those with developmental disabilities, such as support for college education opportunities for individuals who have shown an interest. This is an area that is severely lacking for those with developmental disabilities, and the Foundation is working to expand their options for higher level education.

The Foundation continues to support the Southern California Housing Collaborative (SCHC), who recently received a grant to provide wheelchair accessible bathrooms for people with a dire need. In the words of Nathan Schmid, SCHC Executive Director: *“As recent recipients of a very generous grant from the Foundation, SCHC will provide roll-in showers which will allow adult consumers who use wheelchairs to bathe unassisted, ultimately resulting in safer bathing conditions and an increased sense of privacy, independence and pride. The parents of children who face similar mobility challenges will also benefit greatly from the renovations, which will significantly reduce the risks of lifting children into and out of traditional bathtubs. A recent renovation for a teenage child who uses a wheelchair brought both mother and daughter to tears when our staff went to visit them shortly after the renovation was complete.”*

In addition to these new areas of support, the Foundation continues to provide assistance with important, urgent and emergency needs that are not funded elsewhere; creating affordable housing opportunities; training opportunities in health, safety, personal growth and self-advocacy; and by helping to create new and innovative work opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities.

The support provided by the Foundation is more important than ever, but we cannot do it alone. Every dollar you contribute, whether it be \$50 or \$500, makes a difference in the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families.

We thank you and hope you will consider supporting the Foundation in your holiday giving. Please feel free to contact our office at (858) 576-2933 or visit our website at [www.foundationfordd.org](http://www.foundationfordd.org) for more information or to make a donation.

We appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

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