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Dear Friend,

I'd like to tell you about a remarkable young woman:
Taylor Jaques.

She's a student in the special needs vocational program at Chatham High School. This summer, she began working at Cape Abilities Farm to Table in Chatham. The new store features local products – as well as award-winning produce from our farm.



Taylor Jaques

For Taylor, it was a life-changing opportunity. She says: “I’m happy to have my first job. It’s a new and exciting experience for me. I learned a lot and was able to tell customers about Cape Abilities and the difference they have made for me.”

Taylor is one of a dozen special needs students who worked at the store – all made possible by the support of donations to Cape Abilities.

“This opportunity opened the eyes of my students to the world of work,” says Judy Fratus, coordinator of the special needs vocational program at Chatham High School. “The boost to their self-esteem, their joy in working and being paid – it is a wonderful, valuable experience.”

Our partnership with the Chatham High special needs program is one of many we have created – to improve the lives of people with disabilities on Cape Cod.

For over 40 years, we’ve been able to support people on Cape Cod with many types of disabilities – developmental disabilities, autism, traumatic brain injury, cerebral palsy, blindness and many other significant disabilities. **Each person receives individualized care so they can live meaningful and productive lives.**

I’d like to ask you to consider a special gift today to help us continue to support people with disabilities from Bourne to Provincetown. Your gift in any amount will make a difference to Taylor and hundreds of people with disabilities, supported by Cape Abilities.

They’re able to live a meaningful life, thanks to the dozens of businesses or programs we’ve

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created. **For over 40 years, we've offered much-needed services to people with disabilities across Cape Cod:**

- Our businesses provide paid jobs for people with significant disabilities: Cape Abilities Farm in Dennis, Cape Abilities Farm to Table in Chatham, Cape Abilities Consignment & Thrift Shop in Barnstable Village.
- Our group homes and other residences are places where people with disabilities can live with dignity and independence – supported by dedicated and caring staff.
- Our partnerships with the famous Centerville Pie Company, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and other local businesses have created unique jobs for people with disabilities.
- Our wheelchair and passenger vans travel over 500,000 miles each year across Cape Cod to help people with disabilities reach their jobs, medical appointments and homes.
- Our day habilitation programs help people with disabilities improve their life skills, make new friends and take part in activities across Cape Cod.



Ann Marie Campbell



Anthony Rubino

All this is only possible thanks to donations. Would you help us continue to provide opportunities for people with disabilities across Cape Cod?

I've personally been a Cape Abilities supporter for almost 40 years. I know well the difference each donation makes in the lives of the people we support. I have enclosed a special form and reply envelope for your use. **Your gift will help us care for all of the people who need Cape Abilities today and in the future. Thank you!**

Sincerely,

Thomas A. La Tanzi
Chairman, Cape Abilities Board of Directors

P.S. Your tax-deductible gift today makes a tangible difference to the individuals we serve. Thank you for your support!