



a therapeutic school and camp for children with autism spectrum disorders

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Dear Friends,

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After 22 years of providing services to Giant Steps' children and their families with Autism Spectrum Disorder we have witnessed much growth and development. Let me tell you about two recent graduates.

Board of Directors  
Bob Wallace  
President

When both of these students arrived at Giant Steps they were angry and aggressive towards their teachers and peers. They refused to do any work and would either sleep the day away or have meltdowns.

Robert Minkler,  
Treasurer

Tim Eichholz

How did we get through to them? With patience and enticement! Building a program *for the student* around their interests. Teaching them calming strategies while tolerating their mood swings. Reassuring them that everyday is a new day and watching them respond to their teachers and peers in a positive way. Praising their accomplishments and challenging them to reach for the sky!

Charles Kramer

Jacque Phillips

Dennis Schoemehl

Today PAM is back in her neighborhood, fully included with her typical peers, taking classes and successfully acclimating to her new environment. JEFF, the second student, has begun his first year in a two-year technical college. He is living in the dorm, wearing a uniform daily and mastering computer science classes.

Mark Stallmann

Nila Tuckson

When these two students arrived at Giant Steps no one could predict how long they would be here or how far they could go. They each flourished beyond our expectations in a short amount of time. How is this possible? How can one small school make such a difference in a child's life?

Eric VanLoven

Wendy Walsh

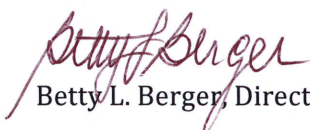
The answer is simple yet complex. The staff! They see no limits and offer the very best of themselves to these children, day in and day out. They rise above the disability and limitations of Autism Spectrum Disorder and challenge the students to succeed. Not every child will return to their neighborhood school or go to college but they will grow and develop with the supports and educational services they receive at GIANT STEPS!

Alan Wickenhauser

What can YOU do to help other students thrive? DONATE! No donation is too small. Every donation has a place in our school!!! DONATE TODAY! Your donation will change a child's life with Autism Spectrum Disorder! THANK YOU!! Thank you!

Director

Betty Berger

  
Betty L. Berger, Director

  
Bob Wallace, Board President