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RE: SHORT DOCUMENTARY-MAKING A DIFFERENCE: THE ASCENT YOUTH ALLIANCE TO BATTLE AUTISM

We hope all is well.

As you are aware, we are the youth Co-Founders and Co-Chairmen of the **Ascent Youth Alliance to Battle Autism (AYABA) Program and 4BOYZ Autographs to Battle Autism (4BOYZ)**. Our inspiration in founding **AYABA** and **4BOYZ** was our little brother Conor, who on his 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday was diagnosed with autism. Due in large part to the generosity of people hopefully like yourself, Conor has gone from not speaking, playing, looking you in the eye or having virtually any interaction with our family to speaking beautifully, reading and doing math and best of all-despite his life long challenges-being a truly happy boy and an integral part of our everyday life. More incredibly, with an Ascent School for Autism 1:1 therapist at his side, he is now in 4<sup>th</sup> grade at the same elementary school that we graduated from on a full time basis in a self-contained class!

**AYABA** is a small army of student volunteers across the metropolitan area trying to make a difference for children not as fortunate as themselves. The **AYABA** Program, through the efforts of its student volunteers and **4BOYZ**, currently support over 25 autism programs and other children related charities in the region. It is our belief that in its own small way, the student volunteers of **AYABA** are helping local children impacted by autism reach their full potential...by not only raising funds necessary for their education and enhancement of their socialization skills but by promoting awareness, tolerance and acceptance as well. With a little "nudging" from our parents, we donated the majority of our childhood savings and our bar-mitzvah gifts into **4BOYZ**, which donates sports and entertainment memorabilia and sponsors silent auctions and raffles for dozens of non-profit fundraising events geared towards raising money for kids with special needs.

We are reaching out to you today because we feel you might be in a position to help further **AYABA's** mission of spreading awareness, tolerance and acceptance for kids with autism and other disabilities. Along with our Mom and Dad, we played an integral part in recently producing, editing and appearing in the short documentary "**Making a Difference: The Ascent Youth Alliance to Battle Autism**". We are attempting to have the film shown in classes and/or at assemblies in school districts throughout the state both through our efforts and those of **AYABA** student volunteers, while simultaneously hoping to raise some money for the Ascent Funding Organization, the 501C3 not-for-profit of which **AYABA** is a program of. At the very least, changing the mindset about people with disabilities, promoting volunteerism and giving back will be but a few of the consequential benefits of the documentary.

Enclosed is a DVD of our film. If you know of any potential volunteers for **AYABA** or if you would like more information about how you can help contribute to **AYABA** and help us build a foundation for both a better today and tomorrow, please email our Mom or Dad at [fourboyzrusmom@aol.com](mailto:fourboyzrusmom@aol.com) or [larryhaber@colgatearea.com](mailto:larryhaber@colgatearea.com), call them at 516-946-4333 (Joy) or 917-362-9413 (Larry), or log on to [www.ayabany.org](http://www.ayabany.org).

Thanks for taking the time to read this letter and watch the film, and for continuing to be part of a great group...special people helping those with special needs.

Best Regards,

**Sean, Ryan & Kyle**

Sean, Ryan & Kyle Haber, Syosset High School Students

AYABA & 4BOYZ ABA Co-Chairmen and Brothers of Conor Haber, an Ascent School for Autism Graduate

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