

Newsletter November-December 1989

Dear Friends,

“Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing true, beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore, we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however, virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore, we are saved by love.”

Although the weather is turning cooler and we have had our Indian Summer, and we know that the months to come will bring us days of cold and snow, I am conscious of the warmth found here at the Center. As I visit all our various programs, I am struck by the caring relationship between our children, adults, staff and families. This spirit energizes me as I look to new ventures which would better the lives of disabled children and adults. My hope for all of you is that you continue with me in our joint endeavor to provide quality services in a caring atmosphere for our children and adults. Our faith is strengthened as we work together toward the accomplishment of new goals the spring from our mission.

I am so pleased with the many new developments in our programs. So many of you have been involved in creating new services for the children and adults. Our initiating of community-based instruction for our students in the Learning Center moves us to the cutting edge of service delivery for our young people. START, Steps toward Alternative Rehabilitative Training – a fine arts program for many of our adults with severe disabilities – received State recognition for programming at an annual conference this fall. Throughout all our endeavors to improve our services, we continue to provide quality programming in our vocational, supported work residential components. This base provides us the needed foundation for growth. As we enter this holiday season, my expression of gratitude and love for all of you cannot be measured. Together we look forward to a year of warmth filled with faith, hope and love.

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