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MESSAGE:

I just read the press release regarding the birth of your son; congratulations! It was mentioned that you knew through early testing he would face special challenges. I'm not sure this is the best forum for a personal email, but here goes.

My husband and I have a (almost) 20 year old son who experiences a seizure disorder, autism, and cognitive delays and I just wanted to offer encouragement and support, if that is possible or needed.

We believe all children are a blessing from God. Then or now we would have never tried to change the situation or prevent it from happening. It's been extremely difficult as the little family and friend support network we had disappeared as the challenges grew; there have been highs and lows, but our faith never faltered and in the struggles something powerful happened. We learned to thankfully accept our child as a gift even though there have been times we didn't understand what the purpose

in it was and we accepted the situation as teaching us something that we would have otherwise not learned.

Now that we are nearing the end of full time parenting -- our son will be transitioning to living in the community as independently as possible sometime later this year -- we are thankful; what we went through produced something special in our own lives and we are proud of what we have accomplished. It may be harder to be a parent of a child with special needs, but that only makes the rewards greater.

Congratulations again, and God Bless you and your family.

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