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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2008 10:53 AM
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MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin

Congratulations on the birth of your new son, Trig I'm the dad of Janet who is now 35 and a delight to her family and those who get to know her.. Those with down syndrome bring much to both their families and also to the world.

Janet is living as independently as she can. She has her own apartment where she lives with only a few hours a week of life skills help. She spends two days a week in a workshop where she takes classes and has social contact with peers like herself. Three days a week are spent working in a day program for people more disabled than herself. She is able to help difficult clients one-on-one, something that cannot be afforded using the paid staff and has significantly improved the life of one individual who is deaf, mute, wheelchair bound, but still very much a person.

At this stage she is financially independent living off of social security, helped with section 8 housing support, has medicare and medicaid, has state support for life skills help, and uses the same transportation system available to the elderly and physically handicapped. Medicare and medicaid brought her through a bone marrow transplant a few years ago which saved her life.

Weekends she is often home with her parents. Right now she is downstairs cooking popovers to share with me for brunch. Later we will go off on a 6 or so mile hike in the hills nearby. Her quality of life is excellent.

Trig will be different because down syndrome is given to individuals and like the rest of the population, they are all different. It will be wonderful seeing this child grow bringing to the family things that his siblings just can't.

Rick Dill .. dad and ski buddy to Jan

Hope you will sometime to take part in the on-line community. More about Jan from two years ago at:

http://www.active.com/donations/fundraise_public.cfm?key=JanDil

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