

Rosemary & Brendan L Garbett

Dear Sir,

My family & I moved into your constituency 3 years ago and our son Brendan now attends Reach Unlimited on Mueller Cemetery RD, Cypress, TX. We were recommended by the MHMRA organization that tested Brendan when we came to Houston.

Our son Brendan Lewis Garbett is Down Syndrome. He has been diagnosed as Mosaic Downs which means he can achieve more in some areas where ordinary Down Syndrome children cannot. He is happy most of the time, has a good nature and good manners when with others and is very helpful when in the presence of elders and peers. He will do anything asked of him, within his capabilities and open doors and helps people when he can.

Being a very independent young man of 25 years of age, he is a hard worker and has been appointed recycling coordinator for the whole centre, a job he enjoys deriving independence and a little autonomy.

Brendan attends 5 days a week and enjoys doing the many different activities on offer. He has been in several different classrooms and is now in the CVD class, where they prepare to help gain employment. They also shop for food and drinks and do meals on wheels for the elderly.

3 hours two days a week he goes to the Roadhouse restaurant on 1960/Hwy290 and enjoys his time there by filling salt and pepper condiments and rolling silverware for the evening diners.

He enjoys doing practical, manual activities and things that interest him, and whilst not into educational advancement, he will do the work and bring homework home when given.

The centre does lots of different subjects to keep all the clients there involved as there are a lot of different types of disabilities. It has only been open for 3 years, but it has full occupancy. The teachers do a fantastic job encouraging the pupils to achieve goals. They help the clients to make badges and Christmas decorations for sale as well as personalized printed napkins which bare any logo or desired name. Some of the clients have made a vegetable garden, while others would make more ornaments and glassware if they only had a much needed Kiln.

It costs \$1,000,000 a year to run the centre and they are running under budget deficit. They try to come up with ways of making money by putting on fund raising luncheons, shows and sponsored walks. Without funding and help the centre will have to lose some of the teachers and pupils.

If not for the centre my son would lose his much needed source of stimulus and self esteem that we know of. I hope you can help us in our search to keep the centre open. Hope you will come and see how the States tax dollars are being spent.

Our goal is for you to take a tour of the centre and see how we work and what the clients get from it. We would love for you to come and take a look around and we would be willing to meet you and take you on the tour of the centre. We would like to hear from you about taking the tour. My# is 281-345-8680

Yours sincerely

Brendan Garbett and mum

Parents Keith & Rosemary Garbett, 17407 W Copper Lakes drive, Houston, TX 77095

Dear Sir,

my name is Brendan and I
go to a learning activity
centre I enjoy going there
and meeting people
and I would love for you
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around with me
Yours sincerely
Brendan Lewis GARB

