



Where it All Comes Together
for a Better Future

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Dear Colton McGrath:

Let us introduce ourselves. We are five adult members of a social stories writing group. Originally these stories were written for young children with autism. As your mother knows, autistic children have difficulty learning the skills and customs needed for those going to school and socializing with their classmates. Since we are adults, we have adapted this idea, by writing stories for adults with disabilities, to help them learn about living at home with others, and adapting their social skills for more independent living in their communities. We have chosen to work on these stories because each one of us has some form of disability that requires assistance from other people.

Because of our wish to help others through our stories, we were very interested in the recent article (3-9-06) in the Boston Globe, telling about your three years of work to educate your schoolmates about the obstacles which confront every person who lives with Cerebral Palsy. Two of our members (Kerri and EJ,) have lived for over 30 years with CP, and, like them, the rest of us are thankful to know that a person of your age has, so early in your life, found the courage and skills to begin teaching others about it. Your mother and your classmate Ryan must be proud to be members of your team. It shows that you don't have to be a grown up to have seen the truth of a situation and to make it known to any people who need help to see the truth about people with disabilities.

We wish to have a share of that happiness by offering you our support, encouragement and thanks for your splendid undertaking. At the same time, please give our cheers to Ryan Plunkett, for his willingness to demonstrate his appreciation and his willingness to work for what you are doing. He sets a fine example for others to follow.

We plan to follow your successes as you move on through your education, not only as one who receives, but also as one who already has earned the stature of a teacher.

If there is ever an opportunity to meet you in person, we would like to thank you in person. If there is any way we can assist your efforts, please let us know how we can help.

Stanley Hardy, Facilitator SPH