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Paxton Campus Launches “FUND the FUND” Campaign

Leesburg, VA, February 3, 2015 – Paxton Campus announces a new initiative to “Fund the Fund”; an effort to replenish the Aaron Kisha Memorial Fund, which helps people with disabilities in financial need in the Loudoun County area.

Dedicated to the memory of a beloved Aurora School student, Aaron Kisha, Paxton Campus established the Fund to help any person with a disability that needs financial assistance on and off campus. It pays for therapy, specialized camps and social opportunities that the families would otherwise not be able to afford. It also “adopts” families during the holidays, purchasing items from their wish lists. Each of these acts commemorates the happy, loving and giving spirit of Aaron Kisha.

Helping a Mother and Son Stay Together

“The Kisha Fund also provides financial support to families who have a loved one with a disability to meet basic needs—food, clothing, shelter, or utilities,” said Jennifer Lassiter, Executive Director of Paxton Campus. “Families like Linda and Phillip, a mother and son both with a disability, who recently lost their home in Leesburg.”

A donation to the Kisha Fund today will prevent Linda and Phillip from becoming homeless by helping them get a permanent residence. They have lived independently for decades, they both have jobs, and they do what they can to stick together and to survive. A *temporary* housing situation has been found for them, but they still need a *permanent* home that allows them to stay together as a family and to keep their jobs. They don’t drive, so they must stay in Leesburg close to their jobs and to their support system. With help from volunteers, Paxton Campus staff, case managers, and generous donors, Linda and Philip can get back on the path to independent living.

Linda Kisha, Aaron’s mom, is grateful to Paxton for all of the work done to help keep Aaron's memory alive. “He would want other special children to be helped,” she said. “You all hold a very special place in our hearts.”

Donating to the Kisha Fund is a win-win because it’s also tax deductible. A simple act of generosity can make such a huge difference. To donate, please go to: www.paxtoncampus.org/kishafund and click on the DONATE button.

Located in Leesburg, Virginia, the historic Paxton Campus has been serving children and families in need for 90 years. In 1967, a group of parents whose children had special needs formed The Arc of Loudoun, a 501(c)3 organization, to start a preschool for their children when no one else would. Since then, the Paxton Campus has grown into a full-service organization with multiple programs



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that together provide an integrated and innovative learning environment for children of all ages and abilities.

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