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"IT WAS DESTINY"

It all began one lovely day in early Spring when our C.E.O., Dr. Ron Cohen called me to arrange a tour of our campus. Our guests were Steven Frankland and Brad Hertan.

During the tour, the subject of our desire for a dog was discussed. It just so happened that we were talking to fellow dog lovers! They represented "The Sounder Foundation", a non-profit organization, and they offered to find us a dog and pay for any expenses involved, i.e. adoption fees, training, food Vet bills, bedding, etc. We, of course, were delighted.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Frankland returned with his wife, Vancine, children Claire and Kate, brother-in-law James Fregoe, and Sandy Roth, another "Sounder supporter", all of who were very enthusiastic about our "pet" project!

Within a month, a lovely four-year-old female dog walked on to our campus, into her new home and into our hearts. We then had a "Name That Dog" contest and the Lead Staff of our Newport House, Miki Ariyama, won with the creative name of "DESTINY".

She is the joy of our lives, both Residents and Staff alike. She couldn't be more gentle! Our Residents unintentionally, when reaching out to Destiny, may poke her eyes, pull her ears, or inadvertently "roll" over her tail; her response is to wag that tail and lick them!

Thank you, Carol Kaufman, for your good heart, in rescuing our Destiny from the freeway, to Julie Iles for training her (and us), to Dr. Megan Bamford for your good care, to Brad Hertan for your involvement and especially to Steven Frankland for your continued concern and support.

As a result, we are all "Happy Campers", a perfect lead-in to inform you that we are gearing up for our second annual "Camp Runamucca". Throughout July and August our Residents will all experience a camp-out in our large tent on the Oak deck. We will provide an in-depth report on this event in our next Chatsworth Chronicle. In the meantime, have an eventful and safe summer.

With our love and gratitude,

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Norma DeHaan
Administrator



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July 12, 2001

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Frankland
Sounder Foundation
16455 Gunther St.
Granada Hills, CA 91344



*For your convenience,
we have enclosed an
envelope that you or a
friend can use for future
commemorative gifts.*

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Frankland;

Because the Sounder Foundation is participating in the tradition of charitable giving, *AbilityFirst* is able to continue providing the highest level of compassionate, professional services for children and adults living with disabilities, as it has since its founding in 1926 as the Crippled Children's Society of Southern California.

Please accept our deep appreciation for the Sounder Foundation's contribution of \$980.00 to *AbilityFirst Foundation*, which sponsors the programs and services of *AbilityFirst* and its affiliates. This gift has been used to sponsor a camp scholarship for Melissa, enabling one young person with a disability to discover their full potential through the enriching and magical experience of *AbilityFirst* camp. Melissa's twin brother, who too has a disability and attended the same camp session, also benefited from his sister's assistance and the shared wonder of the outdoors – perhaps for the first time – due to the Sounder Foundation's exemplary generosity.

The Sounder Foundation's grant, and similar private philanthropic contributions, enable children and young adults with special needs to experience *AbilityFirst's* Camp Paivika in the majestic San Bernardino mountains and Camp Joan Mier at the scenic Malibu coast. Through activities such as horseback riding, swimming, cabin stories and arts and crafts in a safe, professionally supervised, wheelchair accessible environment, youngsters with physical and developmental disabilities find lasting memories, joy and hope for the future.

We are encouraged by the Sounder Foundation sharing *AbilityFirst's* vision of a society in which all people have the opportunity to lead full and productive lives. Thank you so much for caring, and for investing in a brighter tomorrow for everyone.

Sincerely yours,

Vicki Mastro, CFRE
Director of Annual Programs

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July 1, 2001

Vancine and Steve Frankland
Sounder Foundation
16455 Gunther Street
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Dear Vancine and Steve,

Thank you very much for the generous donation that you sent to sponsor Melissa to go to camp. It was very thoughtful of you and enabled her to have a delightful experience last week. As I mentioned to you, Melissa is a twin and she and her brother are ten years old. This the the third year that they have attended camp and, when I interviewed the family in 1998, we were only considering John for camp, as he was a client of the Regional Center, which funds children to attend camp. However, although Melissa has some developmental delays, she does not qualify for Regional Center funding. During the interview, she became quite tearful when she heard about the activities that John would be involved in at camp and the fact that she would not be there to assist with his care. He has cerebral palsy, does not walk, and requires a great deal of assistance with his personal care.

We made the decision to allow Melissa to attend camp and provide her with a scholarship to do so. As AbilityFirst has been faced with many financial constraints over the past several years, your camp scholarship was very timely and enabled Melissa to have a wonderful time at camp. She enjoyed all of the activities and particularly liked arts and crafts, in which she was involved when I took this picture of her. She was very helpful with other campers and often liked to be a junior counselor. She always ensured that they were ready to go to activities and spent time talking to them if they were having some difficulty adjusting to the camp setting. In fact, I feel that she has the potential to be a camp assistant when she is eighteen!

Again, thank you very much for the scholarship and look forward to seeing you at camp.

Sincerely,

Wendy Feldman, M.S.W.
Director of Social Services

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Doctor of Philosophy, Other Health Professions, University of Southern California, 1996
Doctor of Medicine, Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, 1988

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