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Dear Individuals, Families, and AHRC Suffolk Team Members:

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This week, our Saul & Elaine Seiff Educare Center celebrated very special students and their remarkable accomplishments. With six separate Graduation ceremonies over the course of two short days, the excitement was high as the Educare team celebrated students moving on to their home school districts, students moving up to another classroom at Educare, or students aging out of the Educare program.

Andrea Nickdow, Vice President of Children’s Services, welcomed families and friends with encouraging and meaningful thoughts.

Change comes to our graduates as it does to all of us: perhaps change makes us feel a little scared, maybe a little sad, but I encourage you to also find the tremendous sense of pride and the thrill of accomplishment which this day marks. Today, we celebrate the successes and the achievements that come with so many years of teamwork. For our graduates, a bittersweet closing of a chapter, but at the same time, a joyous new beginning packed with opportunities and growth.

Five extraordinary students are graduating from Educare this year: Aldair, Joshua, Lilymarie, Louis and Summer were celebrated as Ms. Nickdow recalled special characteristics and personality traits of each graduate.

- Aldair** - a dapper dresser with sneakers to match every outfit, Aldair appreciates a funny noise or silly joke and has a wry smile and fun sense of humor.*
- Joshua** - a calm, observant young man with a tremendous sense of humor, Joshua has a mischievous side but enjoys company and a hand held and the occasional snuggle.*
- Lilymarie** - a stylish young lady with an easy smile and bright eyes, Lilymarie often serves as the in-house courier around the Educare building delivering messages and mail.*
- Louis** - a quiet observer, Louis is a natural at accessing technology and using electronic media who also enjoys tinkering with puzzles and computer activities.*
- Summer** - a sweet and gracious young woman always wearing the cutest fashions and accessories, Summer enjoys quietly observing her friends, smiling and laughing at classroom antics.*

When we think back to years past, we remember all of the important milestones that our students have reached, and think of how lucky we are to have been a part of that process. We think of how privileged we are for having known each of our Graduates, and how grateful we are for having the opportunity to be a part of their educational career. We remember that you parents, guardians and families chose us to be part of your team, allowing us and trusting us to help your student grow into the bright, engaging young adults they have become. We are so grateful that you have championed our program through the best of times and defended us during the most challenging year ever.

All students face obstacles and challenges on their path to growth, with the students at our Educare Center facing more or different hurdles than many of their peers. Their successes are true testaments of each student’s perseverance and fortitude. Huge kudos to our Educare team for shepherding our young angels in their success with such skill and care. We wish for our Educare Center graduates and their families the best - your bright future awaits you!

Stay well, stay safe and thank you for all you do,

Paul H. Torres
Chief Executive Officer



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