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Dear Warden Ed Ketchabaw

I am sending my sincere gratitude for the grant of \$1,499 given by the Elgin County Community Grant Program to Quad County Support Services. These funds will provide assistance to our Summer Youth Transition Program.

As in previous years, we are seeing an overwhelming response to this program. There are very few resources available to youth with disabilities in the West Elgin area. Families see the importance of preparing their children for life after school. There are thousands of individuals on the wait list for supports in adult developmental services. The summer program allows us to offer participants an opportunity to learn new skills in preparation for the time when they leave high school. In the past, many individuals have had opportunities for volunteer and work experience. One of the biggest indicators of securing a job as an adult is work experience as a student. The facilitators also meet with families to assist them to navigating various systems in preparation for their future. Unfortunately there is a large disconnect between the youth and adult systems so the better-prepared families are, the better they will be. Quad County's person directed service model allows us to meet families where they are at and develop supports based on their vision of the future.

We look forward to providing you with a more fulsome update when the final report is submitted. I have attached our most recent newsletter which highlights individuals who are experiencing their best life. Thank you once again for supporting our grant request.

Most Sincerely,

Linda Long
Executive Director
Quad County Support Services