



*“I guess what I want to say most of all is simply ‘thank you.’... You never know the impact you may have on another person’s life....on that day in December, you helped save our son and our family.”*

*~ from a parent of a child with emotional disturbances & ADHD*

Dear Friend of Matrix,

As Matrix supporters, that parent’s comments don’t surprise us. We’ve heard similar heartfelt responses for years.

We know many clients often feel overwhelmed and isolated. We know the frustration of being unable to get answers or access services from schools or health care providers. We know the pain of recognizing that dreams long held for our children may not be realized. **And we know the difference Matrix makes for families.**

For Matrix staff, the above quote is a reminder of how essential their work is for families of children with special needs. It inspires continued commitment to helping:

- Parents to understand their children’s special needs, access services and deal with emotional challenges and isolation.
- School personnel to understand and implement their legal responsibilities to children who have special needs and parents.

Matrix has cut its expenses and staffing hours, while still providing vital services that vastly improve lives.

**But it does take money. That’s how you can make an impact!**

We all know the weak economy has brought higher costs, less money and increased uncertainty. Sadly, services for children with special needs are among the most threatened. That makes access to Matrix – a nationally recognized Parent Training and Information Center serving Marin, Napa, Solano and Sonoma County families – even more important.

Matrix services range from immediate support for families following a new diagnosis to helping families gain life-long practical skills and get the emotional support they need to successfully navigate the constantly changing world of disability services. Matrix is the best investment we can make as a community to assure that these special children successfully reach their potential as productive citizens.

Whether \$5 or \$500 or \$5,000, **whatever you contribute makes a difference.** For Matrix. For children and families. For our community. Working together, we can do it. **Please help!**

Donate securely at [www.matrixparents.org](http://www.matrixparents.org) or mail your donation to 94 Galli Dr, Novato, CA 94949. Questions? Please contact Brenda Gates-Monasch, Development Director, at 415-475-2118 or [brendagm@matrixparents.org](mailto:brendagm@matrixparents.org).

**Thank you for joining us: your dollars will help save lives!**

Best wishes,

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