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Brenda Ridgley Carbon Valley Half Marathon

Dear Brenda,

We were so pleased to hear about your plans to establish the Carbon Valley Half Marathon to benefit Autism Research. As you know approximately 1% of children are diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. The families of children with autism often have significant challenges. Research regarding the etiology of autism and regarding improvements in clinical care are critical to improve the quality of life of children with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

Sincerely,

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