

"THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF IS TO LOSE  
YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS."

MAHATMA GANDHI

## DEAR FRIENDS,

It has been an eventful year at Ädelbrook for our extraordinary children, individuals, and staff. As the new year approaches, I find myself reflecting on the many successes we were able to achieve. We hosted our first ever fully-inclusive signature event on our campus, the Ädelbrook Alliance Walk, and opened the Linda Reilly-Blue Respite Home to provide critical weekend support to children and their full-time caregivers. We also expanded our agency by incorporating the Hilltop Preschool and Daycare program into our continuum of services. On behalf of everyone at Ädelbrook, I would like to thank the community for continuing to embrace us and for supporting our work dedicated to providing those we serve a future filled with achievement, dignity, happiness, and hope.

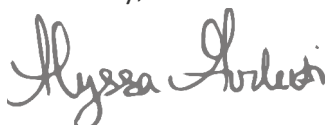
Proceeds from fundraising are vital to us in enriching the lives of the children and young adults we care for. Because of donors like you, our organization was able to launch a new initiative called ÄdelbrookCARES, a campus-based food and personal hygiene pantry designed to address insecurities among the individuals we serve. This initiative, like many of our programs, provides crucial services and relies on continuous financial support.

While your generosity helps fund needed programs and services, it also provides for the extras that bring joy and happiness to our individuals year-round. On the back of this letter is the story of Brandon, a resilient young man who has been with us since the fall of 2020. With the help of dedicated support staff, Brandon has been able to overcome numerous obstacles and continues to be emblematic of the success of the extraordinary children we serve.

WITH THAT IN MIND, I AM ASKING YOU TO CONSIDER A GIFT TO THE ÄDELBROOK 2022 ANNUAL FUND. WHETHER YOUR PAST SUPPORT HAS BEEN THROUGH A DIRECT DONATION, OR THROUGH ATTENDING A SIGNATURE EVENT, YOUR GENEROSITY WILL HAVE A REAL IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF THE MOST DESERVING PEOPLE AMONG US.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission. All of us at Ädelbrook are wishing you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a healthy New Year!

Gratefully,



Alyssa Goduti  
President and CEO





# WE SPECIALIZE IN EXTRAORDINARY KIDS

## Meet Brandon



Brandon has been a part of the Ädelbrook community since 2020. When he transitioned into our care, Brandon used a wheelchair, had very limited verbal abilities, and struggled with eating and nutrition.

At Ädelbrook, Brandon received the supports he needed to succeed and began to make great strides.

With the help of his dedicated multi-disciplinary team including behaviorists, clinicians, medical experts, and others, he is now able to walk without assistance, enjoy a wide variety of foods, and communicate verbally with his friends.

Brandon received the Hero of the Month Award from Kids Wish Network, shown above, for his outstanding bravery and courage.

Despite the many challenges he has overcome, Brandon always has a big, bright smile on his face.



## Personal Growth and Success

In his time at Ädelbrook, Brandon has been able to overcome his fear of falling that prevented him from walking on his own.

With the support of his team, you can now find Brandon confidently walking on his own, running around the field with his friends, and riding his very first bicycle. He even learned how to ride a scooter which is now one of his favorite things to do.



“ Brandon continues to bring great joy through our hallways, whether it's running to show any and every person his special toys or singing a song with a radiant smile. ”

-Portia Green, LCSW, Brandon's Social Worker

## In the Community

After a period of personal growth and development at Ädelbrook, Brandon has transformed from being shy and timid to one of the most social butterflies at Ädelbrook. He can often be found walking through the halls, brightening the days of his friends and our staff with his contagious smile and amazing positivity.

Brandon has been able to build his social skills at Ädelbrook and develop the confidence to engage in new community activities. He loves to visit with animals at the local farm, play laser tag, and go to the movies with his friends. Like so many children, Brandon's future is brighter because of Ädelbrook.

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