

April 2, 2023

To our loyal supporters-

I write to express our deepest gratitude for the support that you have given our cause over the past 15 years and to let you know that we have come to the difficult decision to unwind Hope Autism Foundation for two reasons. The first relates to the challenges that we have faced regarding fundraising since the pandemic. The second reason is that with your help we have accomplished our mission! Our continued support of Our House helped them to open the first Hope Autism Solutions program in Basking Ridge in 2011. We hoped to create a replicable model and we did! This is an amazing accomplishment that occurred due to the collaborative work of many organizations and individuals. Our board has agreed that our remaining funds will be donated to Our House to support the Hope Autism Solutions adult life enhancement program. Our House is the only local organization that has been able to grow a program to serve this population so it is best suited to our mission.

April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day. Please remember the individuals and families who are impacted by autism on a daily basis. Many cannot advocate for themselves and there are not enough programs and resources for the adult population. It has been an honor to serve them over the past 15 years.

With gratitude,

Danielle Guyet Lumby

Hope Autism Foundation- *From Grassroots to Great Things*

Did you know?

Approximately 90% of U.S. nonprofits operate with under 500k and many, like HAF, rely on in person events for fundraising. The pandemic caused the cancellation of these events, including Our House's 40th anniversary celebration. The 2022 National Philanthropic Trust reported that there is an estimated \$224 billion in donor advised fund charitable assets and more than \$1.3 trillion in private foundation assets in 2021. There are countless parents who are desperately searching for housing and day services for their vulnerable adult children while massive sums of money idle in charitable investment accounts. Please remember small local organizations, such as Our House, that do the daily "boots on the ground" work when you are interested making a donation. If you would like to continue to support the critical work that Our House does visit ourhousenj.org

Let's solve today's problems tomorrow- not in 100 years!