

Dear Friend of KETCH,

Recently, KETCH celebrated the opening of the Tech Zone, our new technology teaching and learning center. Here, adults with disabilities served at KETCH have the opportunity to learn more challenging job skills and life skills necessary for living in today's society of technology.

Because people have varying degrees of disabilities, KETCH staff won't always know a person's learning level. In fact, before now, consumers at KETCH have had limited access to technology of any kind, making it nearly impossible to know what capabilities lie within each individual.

Through the "discovery process" in the Tech Zone, students and staff are able to determine which level to begin teaching individualized technology training.

The first week inside the Tech Zone, a truly magical moment was unearthed. Joe had been scheduled for classes and as the words came up on the computer, he began to read. No one knew he was a skilled reader until now. Staff who witnessed this extraordinary event began to cry...not only tears of joy, but tears of sadness as they realized that all this time had passed without his reading one single book.

A new world of future opportunities was discovered that day. Many more discoveries have yet to unfold. The Tech Zone has already accomplished so much for the people we serve at KETCH, but it has also brought about new hopes for their future. Hopes for new and better opportunities of higher paying jobs. Hopes of furthering independence by learning and understanding about the world of technology that surrounds them everyday.

Together, we can strengthen our community by creating the capacity to make a much better environment for adults with disabilities. In fact, for the past 40 years, it has been this great community who has provided jobs for over 30,000 individuals we have served at KETCH. Let's begin the next 40 years with as much enthusiasm as the first.

We are asking you, once again, to support KETCH programs by giving a donation in as great of an amount as you can provide. Please give today. Your dollars will help build in the capacity our community needs to keep our children out of institutions, to care for our most needy, to support the independence of individuals with disabilities, and to teach others the great capacity within people who live with disabilities. As always..

Kind Regards,



Ron Pasmore
President and CEO



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