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To Whom It May Concern:

All of us in WA State have been doing all we can to stay healthy, offer support to our loved ones, neighbors, and in our communities. Since March, many of us have been experiencing a lot of change requiring us to adapt in our daily life. Truth be told, in the disability and special health care needs world that our organization exists to serve, we know this to be our way of life. While our response is unique to each of us, we have a lot to share with one another, especially during this global pandemic.

We are moving forward in this time of uncertainty. **Our mission to provide support, training, information, and resources to empower and give voice to individuals, youth and families impacted by disabilities is even more critical.** Individuals, families, and youth are counting on PAVE now more than ever. How to navigate, district by district, for their loved one so that they receive support and their free and appropriate education. We have been creating informational resources to Live Mindfully into Practice, sample letters to request an evaluation, help for understanding health insurance, and Fall 2020: Ready or Not! We are producing videos to share bite-size nuggets of helpful steps and resources. And offering virtual one-to-one and peer-group support and training. All with our loved ones with us, at home. The new life-work balance, a work in progress.

Together we will shine the light on hope. On the possibilities of what we can accomplish. Our 10th Annual Event will feature an online auction November 14th – 19th and our LIVE gala on November 19, 2020.

When you donate to support youth with disabilities, we publicize your business for maximum exposure across WA and this year, outside of WA too! Being in this together means we will promote your business and its services and products. Our community loves to shop and buy from those who support us!

Check out what you receive for empowering families and individuals:

- Donations valued less than \$250: Receive enhanced exposure with mobile materials during the event (e.g. logo on bidding site with your donation).
- Donations valued at \$250 or greater: Business name displayed for national exposure on the PAVE Auction website, and virtual materials during the online auction and/or live auction.

We are here to answer any questions you may have and adapt to fit your business needs! This is a time that calls us to be brave. To be our better selves. **Forward with Hope to continue striving for inclusive communities that value the unique abilities, cultures, voices, contributions, and potential of all individuals.**

From all of us, **thank you.**

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To donate, please fill out PAVE's online form at:
<https://wapave.ejoinme.org/donateitems20>.

Donations can be mailed to PAVE, emailed/submitted online, or picked-up, if arranged with an auction committee member in Pierce County, WA.