

# A thank you letter from Lauren Gutenplan



Dear Anchor Center,

I really don't know how to thank all of you for the last 5 years. You have been a part of our family for so long and have helped us in more ways than I can count.

Thank you for your smiles every morning. Thank you for remembering every detail Owen shared about what makes him happy, sad or family happenings! Thank you for the welcome bag our first day. Thank you for my favorite mug. Thank you for giving Owen his voice— especially his singing voice. Thank you for teaching him how to pass and share food. Thank you for his love of plants and how to smell them correctly, according to him!

Thank you for letting Owen stay after and talk your ear off. Thank you for inviting me as a guest to Sunset for 2 years! Thank you for being the place my Jewish kid gets to see Santa. Thank you for the presents. Thank you for the super thoughtful thank you card when Owen and Max made PBJ sandwiches for the staff. Thank you for the frequent and updated evaluations. Thank you for giving Owen tools to use his vision. Thank you for teaching him how to pedal a bike. Thank you for respite. Thank you for ice skating with him. Thank you for community day adventures.

Thank you for making Owen's grandparents feel at home here as well. Thank you for the sibling program. Thank you for the textured cozy blanket. Thank you for always having an ear. Thank you for Erik Weihenmayer's hug. Thank you for asking for parent input. Thank you for all the hugs. Thank you for your care when he had surgery. Thank you for his cane. Thank you for the carnival. Thank you for the barrel train. Thank you for always being ready with enthusiasm and smiles.

Thank you for every little, big and simple gestures over the last five years. You, Anchor, are really amazing and life changing.

With so much love and gratitude,  
Lauren

