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## Recognition of JCCNV's Special Needs Programming

JCCNV's Special Needs programs for children and young adults with autism, asperger's and related disorders are a great accomplishment for the Center and our community. These programs help individuals develop their social and physical skills through a range of activities. At *Camp Shalom*, children can learn social skills in a fun setting – taking field trips, social skills workshops, specialty inclusion classes, and swimming. Another success is the *YAWAS Club* (Young Adults With Asperger's Syndrome Club). The *YAWAS Club* gives young adults an opportunity to become more comfortable in social situations and improve their social skills through a mixture of outings for dinners, bowling, miniature golf, parties, museum tours and more.

The achievements of the Center's outstanding special needs programs like *Camp Shalom* and the *YAWAS Club* are vitally important to children and families facing special challenges. As more and more special needs are identified, I have no doubt that JCCNV will continue to provide our community with wonderful programs that will help improve the quality of life for all. It is a privilege to have such a devoted neighbor in the Mason District.

Sincerely,

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