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To The Mat-Su Sertoma Club -

I am excited to tell you that when Alyssa came to school on the first day, she was a different girl. She was eager and excited and told me that she is no longer shy and is motivated. She talks to her teachers and lets them know she is hard of hearing and therefore will need to sit ...here. She asked for a notetaker and explained to the teacher why. In another class the teacher turned off the lights and Alyssa spoke up and said that she couldn't see the interpreter. She requested CC's in Math for the videos.

These are all things that she did not do in the past, even with encouragement.

She rode a roller coaster (6 times) and other rides at Six Flags. She says that she has always been afraid of rides. She had a roommate from Sweden. She was overwhelmed by the speed of the signing but after two days it was easy.

She took an interest test and the Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator for jobs and careers and was completely surprised by the results

I don't recognize this self-possessed young woman. It's wonderful. If it continues all year, she will do well for sure. School has been in session for nearly three weeks and her motivation continues.

This is the perfect program for any Deaf students who want to go to college.

I want to thank you and your club because none of this would have happened if not for all of you. You have done something for someone at the perfect time in their life and I hope it will have lasting results.

She has friends that sign and they are staying in touch. Isn't that what she said she wanted?

Thank you all again and again,

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