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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the Autism Society of the Keys. ASK, as I call it, has transformed the autism community in Key West and all of the Keys.

As a parent of a child on the autism spectrum, Autism Society of the Keys (ASK) has been an invaluable source of support. Support that was not available here.

Before ASK there was no regular support group in Key West for those with autism and their families. Thanks to ASK there are now 3 support group meetings a month with locations throughout the Keys. I started attending their meetings about six years ago. These meetings offer educational guest speakers along with a forum for fellow members. There members can collaborate while sharing their struggles, successes and ideas in an understanding, supportive, judgment free setting.

ASK also offers support in countless more ways. They provide financial support for medical care, sensory items of all types, training, swim lessons, books, school supplies, social outings, and communication devices to name a few.

They work hand in hand with many other organizations including law enforcement, schools both public and private, state agencies and members of the medical community. The partnerships ASK has developed with other organizations exponentially improved awareness, acceptance and quality of life for those in the Keys effected by Autism.

My family and many others in the Keys admire, appreciate and support the Autism Society of the Keys.

Regards,

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