Dear:

Mr.

Switzerland

I would like to present to you the unique and important activities of the "Alei Siach" organization, which I established 28 years ago, in conjunction with a group of parents of children with special needs.

My personal experience as a father of two children with disabilities enabled me to understand the pain of the families from up-close, as well as the children's strong desire to win love, recognition and equal treatment from society at large. One of the goals of "Alei Siach" is to promote sensitivity among the general public towards children and adults with special needs. This is accomplished by means of a wide range of rehabilitation services developed by "Alei Siach" that enable children and adults with special needs to have all the necessities for their future, including housing, employment and social life.

"Alei Siach" has succeeded in bringing about a significant change in the lives of thousands of families and bringing about a shift in attitude towards the disabled among the Israeli public. It is recognized as one of the largest organizations promoting the integration of children and people with disabilities.

The organization operates 55 houses for people with intellectual limitations and a unique network that services people with autism. It has three employment centers in Jerusalem and an employment center in Ashdod. It offers mainstreaming kindergartens, supportive employment services, and groundbreaking projects such as a "College for life skills," the “Ofek” initiative that offers ongoing support to married couples with special needs and a summer camp that provides a solution for more than 700 children and adults, boys and girls, religious and secular, who have various disabilities.

This year we have moved beyond Jerusalem and have begun to provide support for residents of central Israel, as well. We opened an apartment for autistic youth in Rosh Ha'ayin, and we will soon be opening additional apartments in the center of the country and in Samaria. We also opened one apartment for residents with severe behavioral issues, and another apartment for young women with physical disabilities.

Over the past year we have been involved in developing a joint venture with the Ministry of Health in order to improve the health and quality of life of our residents.

My friend –

This vital activity is made possible thanks to the professional staff and devoted volunteers of "Alei Siach," along with friends and supporters from Israel and around the world, who make our dream a reality and enable us to implement all of our programs.

The organization is supported by Israeli government agencies, but these budgets alone are not enough to create a real change in the lives of the children that we care for.

On behalf of the children, the residents, and their families, I thank you for your outstanding contribution. It is thanks to you that we have successfully gotten to this point.