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Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I extend my congratulations on the occasion of the New York Yachad Gala event. Your wonderful organization and its staff embody excellence in addressing the needs of all Jewish individuals with disabilities and advocating for greater understanding, acceptance and outreach for those with disabilities.

I applaud the wide variety of programming offered by your organization that benefits not only the community of people with disabilities, but for the broader community to participate and enhance their own lives and appreciation for people of all abilities.

I would like to express my sincere congratulations on the dedication of the West Hempstead Chapter of Yachad to the memory of Caryn Pollak, of blessed memory. It is so fitting to pay tribute to this very special individual that pioneered the incredible programming that makes Yachad what it is today.

It is further most fitting to pay tribute to Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig, of blessed memory. As Director of Camp Morasha, he took the lead to open the doors of camp to Yachad members, which spearheaded the movement for 29 additional camps to follow suit, revolutionizing the summer camp experience for developmentally disabled children.

I would also like to congratulate Adira Katlowitz for her dedication to Yachad, commitment to community service, and serving as a role models to others in both philanthropic and volunteer capacities.

Once again, my best wishes to all my friends at Yachad for a memorable evening and continued success in the future.

All the Best,

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