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Dear KIND friends, families and sponsors,

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to express our gratitude to all who have shown their support. KIND had a very successful 2022-2023 school year.

This school year, we hosted thirteen KIND days at seven different schools across the Upstate: Augusta Circle Elementary, Christ Church Episcopal School, First Presbyterian Weekday School, Pine Street Elementary, Roebuck Elementary, Sara Collins Elementary, and Westminster Weekday School. Furthermore, 1,058 students participated in KIND Days and 1,500 books were donated to students, teachers, and school libraries.

During KIND days, the students were able to learn about the importance of kindness and inclusion through multiple learning experiences and resources. We read educational books together as a class, discussed what it means to be kind, educated students on differences through a PowerPoint presentation, and encouraged students to continue these conversations at home. The students were able to enjoy some amazing books titled *ABCs of Kindness* by Samantha Berger, *A Rainbow of Friends* by P.K. Hallinan, *Different Like Me* by Xochitl Dixon, *Everyone Belongs* by Heather Avis, and *We're All Wonders* by R.J. Palacio.

The outpouring of love and support from you, our KIND community, has paved the way for KIND to be a successful organization in the Upstate. We are sincerely grateful for the generous donations we have received. Each student has been able to go home with a hard copy of one of our favorite books and many educational materials. Although a book and educational materials might seem small to some, we believe that if each student has a physical copy of one of our special books, this will spark conversations of kindness and inclusion at home and create a domino effect within our community.

Lastly, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and say thank you. Having sons with disabilities has opened our hearts and minds. We are grateful to all of you and appreciate how many of you have welcomed KIND with open arms. As we look ahead into the 2023-2024 school year, we are full of hope and excitement. We have many fun KIND days planned for the school year and look forward to sharing our special days with all of you as we strive to build a solid foundation of kindness and inclusion for all young children.

KINDly,

Handwritten signatures of Caroline Giguere and Francie Todd in blue ink.

Caroline Giguere and Francie Todd

