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Dear Sir or Madam,

It is now widely known that 1 in 68 American children fall somewhere on the autism spectrum. What is less widely considered is the fact that children become adults, and they need a place to live. In Massachusetts, more than 10,000 young people will be scrambling to find affordable, supportive housing over the next 20 years.

Autism Housing Pathways is the only non-profit in the state exclusively dedicated to the needs of families looking for housing solutions for their family members with autism or other developmental disabilities. We provide information and training to families and individuals about housing, supportive services and available funding streams, empowering them to create new, innovative housing models that are safe and sustainable. AHP also works with service providers and public officials to make them aware of the appropriate supports necessary for individuals with autism to be successful in a residential setting.

On March 24th, Autism Housing Pathways will hold its major fundraiser of the year, "Dancing with the Celebrities", at the Unitarian Universalist Society in Winchester. This year's celebrities are: Collette Divitto, founder of Colletty's, Inc. and baker at Colletty's Cookies; Rich Mucci, of the Law Offices of Richard Mucci, and president-elect of the Winchester Rotary; Andrea Phelan, Assistant Principal, Lynch Elementary School, Winchester; Teresita (Tere) Ramos, Ramos Law, board member at the Federation for Children with Special Needs; Stephen Shore, Adelphi University, Autism Speaks; and Tim Sullivan, New England ABA. Our "professionals" are members of the national powerhouse MIT Ballroom Dance Team. The event will also feature live and silent auctions.

Please consider donating an auction item, purchasing an ad in our program book, or making an in-kind donation of food or drink, including the possibility of hosting a "taste of" table. Donations to Autism Housing Pathways are tax deductible. Our tax exempt number is 27-264564.

Thank you for your generous assistance – families need to know they are not on their own in creating residential solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Boyle". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light-colored rectangular background.

Catherine Boyle
President