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Dear Family and Friends of DFRC,

Fourteen years and 30+ Hand-in-Hand high school buddies are what Hayden Wyttenbach loves to talk about whenever DFRC pops into the conversation. Hayden is one of those guys who just loves sports, any kind of sport, but especially football. He is loyal, kind, and out-spoken as he recounts the details of the many buddies he's had...and the football players shine extra bright for Hayden. He told me, "I like being a part of a big organization like Blue-Gold because I get to do a lot of things and meet a lot of people. It's better when it's in-person, but Zoom was okay last year too. I like to meet my buddies every year because we have a lot in common." Hayden and his buddies like to hang out at his house, play football and basketball, go to Friendly's, go bowling, and just have fun. Hayden also likes to sing, play the piano, go horseback riding, ride bikes, go to the beach...his list goes on and on. At one of the DFRC Blue-Gold Swim Parties at the Hockessin Athletic Club, Hayden even taught his high school buddy to swim and helped another conquer his fear of heights by getting him to go down the very tall slide with him. This is the give and take Hayden has found in DFRC's Hand-in-Hand Program since he was 4 years old.

Make no mistake, Hayden loves the DFRC Blue-Gold Game. His favorite part is when he gets to run out onto the field before the game starts and see his buddies and then watch them play. Other than that special game, Hayden is "true blue" and he loves everything about Middletown High School, especially the football team. He loves to wear his Blue-Gold All*Star jersey to their games. They invite him to warm-up with the team and he gets to stay on the sidelines during the game. He's also partial to the Eagles but he "wishes they'd win more." It all sounds perfectly reasonable to me!

As DFRC Blue-Gold focuses on ABILITIES, Hayden speaks multitudes of how very much alike we truly are. Each life comes into the world with deep meaning and purpose. We celebrate our unique characteristics and share the goodness that makes us who we are. This year, the DFRC family celebrates 47 years of our Blue-Gold Hand-in-Hand Program and the kindness, goodness, love and deep respect Hayden, his buddies and literally hundreds of others have discovered. DFRC feels an immense responsibility to provide opportunities for *all* people to learn, grow and love, and we remain dedicated and loyal to our mission to enrich the lives of people with intellectual disABILITIES. When we do this, our own lives become enriched, as well. We hope you'll consider sharing your support, at whatever level you deem most appropriate, to keep the DFRC flame alive and well for all people throughout the state of Delaware. On behalf of the entire DFRC family, we wish each of you Happy Holidays and a healthy and prosperous 2022.

In humility,

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