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Dear Friend and Supporter of DAA,

Every season holds unique splendor and promise. Here we are closing out another year with one of my favorite times of the year, fall. This is especially true since we are having an extended, record-breaking fall.

Every DAA student is a flower ever blooming, year after year. 2020 and 2021 have challenged us to survive under some of the most extraordinary of circumstances. We've come to appreciate how discrepancies in access and resources make all the difference in terms of having positive and sustainable outcomes in educational settings. How will we get through this time in history and move beyond surviving to thriving? How will our kids make it through?

Initially the dream for our kids involved having a village of supporters to draw on in times of need. To say that the needs of our students is at an all-time high, is an understatement. DAA kids are looking forward to a short break over the Thanksgiving holiday to spend time with family and friends. Reaching out to ensure that our families enjoy the break and return to school with a sense of refreshment is a focus in the near-term. DAA is invested in their future.

Having a village of individuals dedicated to a mission of service to underserved and deserving members of the community is something to be grateful for. And I am genuinely grateful. During the coming weeks and months we will continue to offer a layer of support to our kids and reach out for help. The support involves mentors and tutors specifically trained to offer students what is needed to help them hold steady in school.

F. Scott Fitzgerald once said: "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." Stay with us and help continue to breathe life into our program and ensure that our kids have a determined village that they can count on to keep them going.

We'll be in touch with updates and a plan for moving forward with Denver Achievement Academy's programming. In the meantime, best wishes to you and your family over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Grateful regards,

Cindy Van Cise O'Hanlon