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To our ACT family,

We can't begin to thank all of you for your loving care of Olivia and Grant these last few years. We have been truly blessed by all of you and your vision of taking care of our kids.

We'll never forget the first day when the kids came home and told us that there were no forks available to eat with. Our first impression was what kind of place doesn't give a kid a fork? Well, we soon realized it was very necessary to prevent stab wounds, etc.

You provided a place for our kids to be kids. To run and play and not be bothered with the outside world—just discover. A Child's Touch is a safe place for a child to grow and learn and learn to love. A place where there's always a new discovery around the corner. A place where a parent feels at peace knowing their children are being cared for in a God-loving way.

Ms. Ashriel will be pleased to know her "double talk" lives on in my kids and even their amazed friends all the way up to high school. Olivia simply rattles off sentence after sentence without pause to the amazed and curious people around her. Scott doesn't get it; I speak it; Grant translates it; and Olivia teaches it.

Thanks, Ashriel, for making my daughter feel right at home as the "book worm." And, as she starts to drive on her own real soon, let's hope she took some time to look up during our car rides to know where she's going. Just in case, we have armed her with a good old fashioned map and know how. We don't do GPS.

And Grant—the reluctant leader—will always treasure all of the fun times and parent's night outs. We'll speak fondly of the time he gave his hiding position away when he farted. Good times—definitely. Even though Grant towers over everyone, he still loves to come and have fun just like any other kid would.

As sad as we are to leave, we are glad we came. We make way for the future happy children that are coming your way. We will always be grateful for all of you who touched our lives. You guys will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

Wouldn't it be lovely if Grant and Olivia brought their kids here one day? What a blessing that would be. God bless all of you and always know we are thinking of you and we'll keep in touch.

We love you!

Scott, Vanessa, Olivia, and Grant Hamilton