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To Whom It May Concern:

Please try to help this handicapped child of God, Tony Sakac. He and his father, Steve Sakac, are known to me. I can be a witness of their struggle in the hard difficulties in which they find themselves. Please join with me in helping them in any way you can.

As testified by Tony's doctors (such as Dr. T. Le of Fairfax, VA), Tony suffers from "severe neurological disabilities secondary to a viral encephalitis and probably Lyme disease since December 1990." Medical authorities in CA at one time even considered Tony "brain dead" or in a "chronic vegetative state". Steve, at that time, refused to accept such a harsh diagnosis and instead took his son home to care for him by himself. Single-handedly Steve has cared for his son's rehabilitation in such a positive manner over the last 18 years and doing excellent loving care of his son, Tony, that he has received the attention and praise of several medical professionals. Different doctors have been able to help Tony. Steve is adamant that he has seen improvement in his son. Tony, who once was falsely labeled as "brain dead" is now seen moving his limbs and mouth, and trying to make sounds, like trying to talk, and trying to walk and now he can make steps a long way with his father's help and he is too demanding to stand up seven hours daily.

Steve has an incredible fatherly love and devotion to his son, Tony. He is a man of strong courage and great joy. He sacrifices tremendously to care for his son. He constantly seeks improvement and healing for Tony.

Unfortunately, Steve is not able to work at a job because caring for his son, Tony, is a 24 hour, 7 day-a-week effort. Therefore, he and Tony rely upon the good will and charitable assistance of others, since the little that the government gives is not enough. The cost of special braces, shoes, medicines and specialized treatments are very high.

Please open your heart to the needs of Steve and his son, Tony, and find the joy of giving whatever you can to help their plight. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

Thank you.

Yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Thomas Kazich  
Diocesan English Secretary