I’m speaking as an alumna of ASD. I grew up here, starting at the age of 2 years old.

ASD offered me another home and most importantly language and communication. I had rich experiences, involved in MANY clubs and sports. Also I was successful academically and well prepared for college.

ASD provides choices – I could determine MY OWN future and choose what was right for ME! I want the same to continue for our students today.

I had, and still have, the potential to make the most of my life. I want the same for ASD students today. They have dreams and goals and CAN do what they want. ASD gives them the important SUPPORT to become successful and think of their futures.

We need to keep this support in the lives of the students, their families, and the community. Funding ASD is critical, as it has been since my time, and all the way back to the beginning.