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Dear Anthony and the team at Holman's,

Over the past three years I have been blessed to receive support from Holman's Technology for Autism. These donations have changed the lives of over 25 students and they have enhanced my teaching to a level I only dreamed possible. As a result of the generosity of Holman's and the sponsors that have supported this initiative I now teach in a classroom that is outfitted with technology and supports to meet the needs of all of my students.

I am a preschool teacher serving students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. These students struggle to communicate their basic wants and needs and require highly specialized teaching in order to be active learners and participate appropriately in the world around them. This year I am working with nine students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and four general education peers, for a total of 13 students. I started the school year painting my own classroom, collecting furniture from the district salvage yard or discarded from other classrooms and soliciting help to repair that furniture and make it fit for use by preschool students. Our classroom set of iPads received last year from Holman's, some old school computers and materials left over or discarded by others was what I started with.

I was humbled and brought to tears when I found out that Holman's Technology for Autism was sponsoring another round of donations in my classroom. An updated computer, a new color printer, scanner, and storage for the electronic materials are a few of the items on the most recent donation. These items are priceless to our program and our classroom team is honored to accept them. The motivation created by the immense recognition that we have received for the job that we do is priceless. I would love to have any of you visit my classroom and see what a difference your support has made. Please contact me if you are interested.

From all of us at the Mark Twain Preschool for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, we wish each of you a wonderful holiday season. Blessing for an outstanding New Year! Thank you for making sure that we have another phenomenal school year.

For the Children,



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