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Dear Shubhankar:

I just read Matt Wilson's Mercury News article about you and your extraordinary new project relating to people with special needs. Your dreams are inspiring and do-able, so never get discouraged if the pace is not as fast as you would hope.

Having had the blessings of a long and quite healthy life and the joy of a degree from Stanford, (Class of 1952I), I know that longevity is impacted in some positive way by steady engagement with non-profit and educational institutions. Add to that the occasional individual effort to reach out to others as another indelibly positive influence.

This is actually a fan letter to you to encourage you to aim high, never take no for an answer and to continue to believe in yourself and your dreams.

One of these days, I would be pleased to connect you with nearby Morgan Autism Center (Kenwood Avenue in west San Jose) to see an Adult Class in action.

Good for you! Hold on to your optimism... and your terrific smile.

Sincerely,

*Vilma Palette*