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Dear Friends,

Happy Holidays from Valley Industries! We have been blessed this year with continued success allowing us to add to our workforce of adults with developmental disabilities and fulfill our mission. The key to this success is a joint effort between our dedicated employees, our staff, our customers who provide the work for our employees, and our community.

Each year at this time we send an appeal letter for support. In the past we have simply stated our mission, and our community has given generously. This year though, we want to offer insight to the value of Valley Industries from the perspective of our disabled employees. This is a poem written by Jerry C., one of our new-hires this year, entitled *We Learn...*

*We learn at Valley Industries to learn to respect ourselves and take respect for ourselves.*

*We learn at Valley Industries to take pride in our work and make a goal that anything is possible.*

*We learn at Valley Industries to help each other and give a helping hand to whoever needs help.*

*We learn at Valley Industries to be strong and believe in yourself that you can do anything you put your mind to.*

*We learn at Valley Industries to be kind and to be friendly to anybody we meet.*

*We learn at Valley Industries to work hard and take effort to make it right.*

*We learn at Valley Industries to be team players and work as a team.*

Jerame A., an employee since 2004, summed up his feelings about Valley Industries very simply. While taking a group photo of everyone in the workshop in this past summer, Jerame turned to one of our staff and said, "This is our family."

Your tax deductible contribution makes a difference in the lives of many. Thank you in advance for your consideration of a contribution to Valley Industries.

I wish for you and your family a healthy and happy holiday season and new year.

Very truly yours,

Jim Guyre

Executive Director

Valley Industries Sheltered Workshop

*Our mission is to provide dignified, meaningful employment for adults with developmental disabilities while providing outstanding quality and service to our valued customers.*

*"Serving Industry Since 1967"*