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I am writing this email on behalf of The Pumpkin Patch. Our family has been involved with the Pumpkin Patch in several capacities. When we moved here three years ago, we read about a Farm Camp. My kids love animals, and this was a safe camp given the circumstances of Covid. My kids had such a great time and through their time there we became friendly with JD and his family. We quickly realized what amazing people they are and their love for our community went without saying. They operate every aspect of their farm for the community- to bring people together and create memories. There is not a mean or malicious bone in their bodies, which is rare to find these days.

Not only did my kids participate in farm camp, but JD offered my teenager a job, his first job. JD treated him with respect and taught him incredible skills for on and off the farm. Part of his job was working The Pumpkin Patch, so my husband and I took our other kids there. What a great time we had! There is so much to do and the feeling of being outside was awesome! Everyone there had a smile on their faces and kids are enjoying something other than electronics.

I understand there is a concern about the traffic. The Pumpkin Patch is not an everyday event. This is a seasonal occurrence. There are so many people not just in our community, but in others, that look forward to The Pumpkin Patch and taking it away because of some, creates nothing for so many.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely, The Beasley Family

Laurie Beasley

"Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody."