

Son at center is not neglected

On Oct. 15, in the Staten Island Sunday Advance, in an article concerning the Staten Island Developmental Center (Willowbrook), our son Anthony Mennella was featured. We would like to correct a number of inaccuracies in that article.

The article indicates that our son wears clothes supplied by New York State. This is not true. His clothes are purchased by us and are his private belongings. Anthony's wardrobe is far from sparse, and he has an ample supply of clean clothes on hand to last him for his short stays at the Staten Island Developmental Center.

Your article also left its readers with the impression that Anthony rarely leaves the Staten Island Developmental Center to visit home. This, too, is untrue. Anthony spends more time at home than in the Staten Island Developmental Center. He comes home at least every other week for a full week, and many times even longer. He is by no means neglected.

Although there were a number of other inaccuracies in the article which also disturbed us, in the interests of time and space, we will not elaborate on them here.

We would appreciate your rectifying the inaccuracies outlined above by printing this letter in your paper.

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