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Subject: Hello from APRIL and Family...  
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Hello Mr. Durham,

We just wanted to keep in touch about April and her amazing abilities. Since we have had our precious gift April has alerted us to 6 episodes Kayalani has experienced. The first time she did I was unaware, she was in my bed licking my face and I almost dismissed it by taking her off my bed when I wondered How in the world she got down from Kay's bed (loft Bed) It has a slide attachment on it. I took her back to bed to find Kayalani having a small seizure. I stayed with her until it was over and April spent the rest of the evening with her. The following episode was during the day. April was barking at me in my room and I thought she had to go to the bathroom, but when I was walking to the door she went down the hall instead. Kayalani was playing in her room and almost immediately Kayalani fell into a seizure. She has also alerted me to a high fever Kayalani was experiencing at night 104. I was able to bring it down before she had a seizure. And the last one was about a 10 minute warning. She is so amazing we want to thank you so much. April goes everywhere with us and we love her.

April and Kayalani are close and April gets really protective of her. Unfortunately she growls at times when she hears voices approaching. but only when we are at home. When we are out she is very quiet and obedient. Kayalani started Pre - School and April and I visit her sometimes. We pick her up everyday after school too.

Somehow word got out about April, and Channel 7 news contacted me. They would be interested in doing a story on Kayalani and her special friend April. To make people aware that there are Seizure Alert/Response Dogs out there. We haven't made any decisions on it as of yet, we would like to get your insight on it as well.

April and Kayalani have never been denied access to stores but we have been stopped many times to verify our daughter has epilepsy and this is her Seizure Response Dog. We had a vest made for April to wear to keep other children and many curious adults from petting her. The vest says S.A./R.D. for Seizure Alert/Response Dog. I carry a copy of Kayalani's Medical History and a copy of the ADA access Law. But I was looking through April's papers and I have nothing that says she is a trained Seizure Response Dog. Is there anyway we can obtain something that states that. Like a Certificate or an ID? We also have not received her TDI certificate. She is a very valuable asset to us and Kayalani is going to be scheduled to stay at Children's Hospital for over a week in September for a Video EEG and it will devastate her not to be with her dog. They won't allow April with her unless we have something that says she is a trained Seizure Response Dog. I will be responsible for her, as I will not leave Kayalani's side. April will not sleep at ACH, but we would like for her to be with us during the day. We have been to appointments there where April is a big hit, but This will be our first hospital stay there.

Thank you for everything you have done for our family, You are always in our prayers.

Jasmine Cloe and Family