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Hello everyone,

I came to this country 13 years ago with my family. At birth I was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, while that has put a difficult pressure on my life, however I pride myself in that I try to live to my full potential every day. I was able to attend the Horizon summer camp for 4 years and I will do my best to help Horizon in any way I can. If I am chosen as a recipient of the Horizon grant it would be a huge honor for me. If I would be chosen to receive this grant that would help me with purchasing a bike which would be adapted to my needs. By having this bike I would be able to explore my neighborhood during the summer and fall, which means I would be more active, which in turn is a very important for my condition. I will also gain more independence than I have now.

- How I demonstrate the Horizon mission outside the camp (Empowering adults with physical disabilities through lifelong friendships and recreation)

I talk constantly about Horizon to my friends and family members because of the mission resonates with me. The experiences I had at camp introduced me to new like minded people. I introduced my friends to the Association of Horizon. One of them became a cabin leader this past year. I'm talking to more people about Horizon sharing my stories from each day there, friends donated money to Horizon because of what they heard about this wonderful organization from me and that spurred them to contribute so that others can experience what I've had the pleasure to. As often as I can, I attend the fundraisers held for Horizon. I spread the word to the best of my abilities on Facebook and other social media about Horizon, so that others can sign up to participate, volunteer or contribute and so Horizon can grow larger with people drawn by the cause.

- How I contributed to Horizon

To list more of the physical and monetary contributions I have been able to make to Horizon, I'm one of the top raffle tickets sellers for Horizon each year. I'm always working on getting more people as volunteers for Horizon for this upcoming summer camp. I have donated gloves and small equipment for the camps. I used my personal contacts from other activities to get Horizon camp committee members in touch with the Adaptive Adventures organizers.

Once again I want to thank you for your time and for my consideration for the Horizon Hope Grant, it would be an honor to receive this grant.

Thank you for your time,