

Suzanne,

How do you thank someone for believing in your child when it seemed no one else (including his parents) seemed to. We were very close to the end of our ropes around the holidays and God granted you the wisdom to try change and the patience to allow it to work. I can't explain how I feel when I think of all you have done for our family. There are so many times when we thought (for logistics only) Ryan would be somewhere other than Concordia, But the Lord's hand was moving and although we didn't see it before, we now understand His great purpose for Ryan at Concordia. To have been blessed with a teacher like Kim who could empathize because she lived my life gave me such hope. To see the young man Will is now and to think of the strides Ryan has made these past few months - were all and are all possible because of your faith in God, your love for children and your belief in community. I know at our most difficult time, you were going through crisis yourself. That makes your strength in tolerating Ryan

Thinking of you
and wishing you
all the peace and love
promised to us
in the scriptures.

that much more admirable. We pray for you daily and will continue - even though we will not see you everyday any more. I know many people who are now in HS & college who remember you with fondness and smiles as well. You have left an indelible mark on our hearts - a mark of love.

God Bless you,
The Raneros