

September 30, 2010

Dear Selectmen,

I am contacting you concerning the possible use of the Chilmark Community Center for a family event for families that include family members who have Down Syndrome and their close friends. Families have expressed an interest in having a family gathering during the month of November which would include a pot luck supper as well as music and dancing. The families have been organized as a group for one year and are very interested in continuing to have opportunities to connect to maintain friendships and strengthen connections. The family events have been particularly popular and parents have indicated that they really enjoy activities that all of their family members can participate in.

I provide Family Support Services through Martha's Vineyard Community Services and want to honor the request to support the family gatherings to continue this year. Given the limited budget of my program, I am requesting that you waive the fee for the use of the Chilmark Community Center for this event. Thank you for considering this request and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Kathi Hackett

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