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Please find attached a submission to your inquiry into long term support for people with disability.

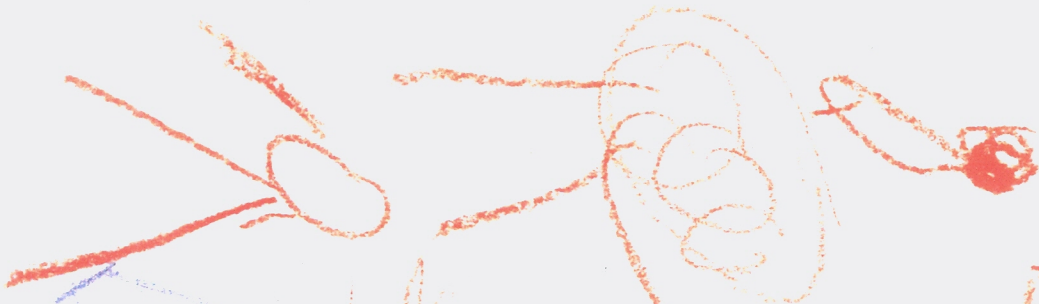
Our daughter is 7 years old, she has a 'moderate' intellectual disability and Down Syndrome. Last week she brought home the attached drawing, 'when I grow up', and as she was explaining it to us I thought of something I had read about your inquiry.

As you can see her name is Breanna. She sees herself as having 'her own house'; she sees herself as having friends; she is going to have a dog and she is going to cook.

Breanna attends our local public school and is in a mainstream classroom. What she wants is no different to her friends in her class. But, for her dreams to come true she needs funding so that she can buy her own support to live her own life. She needs you to recommend a tax or levy to raise the funding she needs and she needs you to tell governments and service providers that she is the best person to decide how she wants to live her life.

[signed]

Helen Fisher



BOOK 2

BOOK 1

