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**Alec and Suzanne Glesing**

Suzanne Glesing's hope for her child seems simple. "I just want to hear Alec call me 'Mommy.'"

Alec is among the 46 percent of residents on Damar's campus who have autism, a disorder that impairs social and communication skills and affects one in every 150 American children.

By the time Alec was 3, Suzanne had placed flyers in neighbors' mailboxes, which had her phone number and a picture of Alec saying, "My name is Alec Glesing and I have autism. If I am in your yard or enter your house, please call my mom."

Recognizing the need for greater assistance, Suzanne brought Alec to Damar in 2006.

"I realize now that we could never have met all of Alec's needs on our own," Suzanne has said. "One of these days I am going to walk into his home and upon seeing me he will know that I have a name, and for him it's 'Mommy.'"