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Ellen Holmes of Lake Grove is the loving wife of Glenn Holmes and mother of Andrew, Thomas and Christine. To better assist her two sons who are diagnosed with autism, and other individuals with developmental disabilities, Ms. Holmes has dedicated herself to ensuring that all children have the highest quality of life and access to the services they deserve.

Throughout the past two decades, Ms. Holmes has devoted countless hours providing guidance to families with children diagnosed on the autism spectrum. Her efforts have been

essential in helping countless families across the region navigate the often confusing process of accessing and securing the services their children deserve.

To best help those she is dedicated to, Ms. Holmes has served in the role as an Executive Assistant for the Developmental Disabilities Institute and the DDI Foundation. In this position, she works tirelessly and selflessly to help the foundation raise significant funds to support its mission of providing more than 1,200 families the services they need.

In addition to her work at DDI, Ms. Holmes has been an active member of Schem SEPTA from 1995 to 2015. She served as Corresponding Secretary for the Schem SEPTA board from 1999-2000.

Ms. Holmes' commitment and dedication to services has inspired her daughter, Christine, to become certified as a special education teacher. In that capacity, she specializes in working with children who are diagnosed with developmental disabilities.

Most of all, Ms. Holmes enjoys spending her spare time with her family and working with Andrew and Thomas so they can meet their goals and achieve a lifetime of happiness. She is also the proud sister of John, Vincent and Daniel Toomey.