

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A lucky sister

Editor:

My name is Alexis Morand, I am 9 years old. I have a 7 year old brother named Zachary. He is lots of fun, loves to play with me and he also happens to have Autism. I am writing because I want people to know that just because he has a disability it doesn't make him less of a person. People always ignore his feelings and talk about him in front of him like he isn't even there. He does understand spoken language, he just has a hard time using it, so this must make him feel pretty bad. People always feel sorry for me and say how hard it must be for me to have to deal with him. I

feel lucky to have him for a brother. We share so much more than anyone could ever know. I do not see a disability when I look at my brother, I see my brother. What I would like is for people to stop feeling sorry for me and realize what a lucky girl I am to have him for a brother. I feel sorry for them because they do not understand how lucky I really am to have Zach. April is Autism awareness month, please do your part to spread the word. My brother is not an inconvenience, he is a blessing.

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