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Dear Zack's Place Friends,

Many thanks to all of you for inviting me to perform in ZAPOLLO XV last December. From our first rehearsal at Zack's Place to our final performance together I had a ball. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly, and for giving me the chance of a lifetime - to perform "Rocket Man" and 'be' Elton John on stage. What a treat.

My flight to the moon with my fellow Zack's Place passengers was full of many pleasures. Working together helped me get to know all of you much better. I had never fully appreciated what a rich experience Zack's Place offers everyone who participates in its programs. It was great to watch our confidence build as we rehearsed. You are a talented community. Everyone seems to have a number of different interests and skills all of which you brought to bear on ZAPOLLO XV - helping make it such a satisfying success. Whether you painted, sang, directed, wrote, made jokes, unicycled or were patient and willing, you are my 'special idols' and I am delighted to have shared this wonderful experience with you.

In ZAPOLLO XV Zack's Place afforded its participants the opportunity to build self-confidence, to perform and to have an audience publicly appreciate their work, skills and talents. What a gift. Thank you, Zack's Place, for enriching our community in such a meaningful way.

Love,

'Elton'  
Alison Clarkson  
State Representative  
Plymouth, Reading and Woodstock