

STORIES OF HOPE

Inspirational stories at Easter Seals



Meet Zach, age 11

When Zach came to Easter Seals at age six, he knew only fifty words, and he didn't use many on a regular basis. Easter Seals outfitted him with an augmentative communication device and with speech and occupational therapies Zach has made significant progress. His language is becoming clearer and he no longer needs a machine to help him communicate.

"He talks so much now, sometimes I have to remind myself how thankful I am that he can speak," says his mom.

Zach's personality shines through even more now with his improved speech. He loves to give gifts, play pranks and has a delightful sense of humor. **"Easter Seals has helped Zach with so much more than language—it has helped him join the world."**



Meet Anthony, age 6

Anthony has a speech delay, motor delay and jaw instability, as well as possible sensory issues. He was referred to Easter Seals at 18 months, was enrolled in a half-day "toddler enrichment program" and worked with an inclusion therapist. According to his dad, **Easter Seals has helped build the foundation for Anthony's success in life today.** Anthony has transitioned into another pre-school and is incredibly social with an extensive vocabulary!



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