

So thankful for improvements due to Vision Therapy

Brayten had just started the 5th grade and was struggling with his work and with his relationships. We knew something was wrong. We took him to both the eye doctor and to his pediatrician, and they could not find anything. We tried everything that they suggested, but nothing seemed to help. We had prayed for our child before, but that is when we started praying earnestly for him. Our prayer was that God would either heal him or would send someone into his life that could help him. That is when he came home with a note from the school nurse that there was going to be vision testing completed in two different elementary grades, the second grade and the fifth grade. We really did not think anything about it until we received the note that Brayten had failed that vision test. When we scheduled a consultation with Dr. Joan at Vision Development Center, she completed additional testing on Brayten and sat down and talked with us about her findings. It was amazing how she could describe our child and the struggles that he was having, and she had spent less than two hours with him. Dr. Joan wanted to know how old Brayten was when he talked and crawled. She said that all played a part in the development of his eyes. It was amazing to see how intricately God created us. How everything in our body works together as one unit. Brayten was struggling with hitting a baseball, fatigue, headaches, eye redness, hyperactivity, reading comprehension, homework, clumsiness, and was very accident prone. Needless to say, we did sign him up for therapy even though our insurance carrier was unsure of how much they would pay for the service.

We began Brayten's therapy around Christmas 2014, and we saw improvements in him almost immediately. He was struggling to carry a B- in reading, then his grade shot up to an A. He was finally able to tell us that his words moved on the page as he was trying to read. He had to concentrate and work so hard on his reading that he was exhausted before the day ever really began. By the time he came home from school, he was finished but still had homework to complete. It made for very stressful evenings in our home. He is a very bright child and that was the only reason that he had made it through school thus far as an honor roll student. As his story progressed, it was very hard for me as his mother. Why had it taken so long for him to be diagnosed? What should I have done differently to make his life a little easier? No Mother wants to see her child suffer or struggle through life.

Brayten loved the sessions with Dr. Joan and her staff. We never had to push him to go; he looked forward to his visits. The staff was very helpful in working with his schedule to allow him to keep the commitments he had with basketball, church and family. He finished his sessions right before school started in the fall of 2015. When he completed his performance changes worksheet at the end, he acknowledged that he could see improvements in 37 of the 46 areas. He will tell you that everything is "brighter" and that he can see more clearly than he ever had before. He is more mature and has a smile on his face almost all of the time. His eyes do not bother him as much, and he does not have headaches anymore. Sixth grade is a big step at our school and requires organization from the students. As far as we know, he has mastered getting to

the correct class with the correct books and has his locker organized. He still does not like school and his homework, but he can actually accomplish it on his own.

In closing, I would first like to acknowledge the miracle in our child's life. Without God sending Dr. Joan to the fifth grade on that day in 2014, we believe Brayten would have never been diagnosed. Thank you for the nurse at our school that saw the need of our students! Thank you to Dr. Joan for her passion for her patients! Thank you to her staff for being so kind to Brayten and being so easy to work with! May God richly bless each and every one of you that had a part in Brayten's success!