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JAKE'S JOURNEY TO WELLNESS BEGINS AT OKLAHAVEN

What is it like to live in a hyperactive world of whirring sounds, spinning, jumping images, conversations weaving in and out.



Jake's world was so terrifying that each new situation was traumatic. It's the autistic world of excruciating sensory distortion.

Since February of this year, Jake has been adjusted and coached through a neuro-reeducation program in a

team effort to organize his sensory function. The reward is discovering the real Jake, the sweet little five year old boy his mother knew was locked inside.

At his first appointment, Jake gave us no eye contact, no words of speech, flapped his hands constantly, and narrowly missed walking into walls. He never responded to loud sounds, barely followed one step commands even with repetition, and his whole body tremored constantly. He walked with slow deliberate steps as though he could neither see nor feel the floor under his feet.

Jake's reactions to his first adjustments in mother's words, "His attitude is better, he's not as frustrated or angry. He is not tired all the time and stays awake longer. He stays at tasks longer, walks straighter, has much better attention span and his movements aren't as jerky." Jake began to try new things.

The Law of Gratitude states simply that abundance flourishes in a grateful heart!

His mother writes, "He got on his rocking horse and pushed off which I have not seen him do before." These were only initial results.

"In the past Jake cried every time he got off a ride at the Amusement Park." By the end of July, five months later, "back at the same place he waited his turn without crying, well-behaved for



six hours!" This was a giant step forward for a hyperactive child. Seven months later, mother writes, "when I asked him if he was ready for kindergarten,

Jake's face lit up with a smile and a few giggles." Mother had never mentioned kindergarten to him before, but clearly Jake had overheard family conversations at the dinner table.

Throughout these months Jake has accomplished a therapy program at home. He now recognizes several hundred words and a dozen couplets. He has learned to crawl, a vital developmental mobility milestone he missed as an infant. His balance and visual convergence are so improved that he is beginning to run. Jake's language, understanding, coordination, strength, overall health and especially his vision are improving. He can use his hands together to open drawers, jar lids, begin to dress and undress as well as feed himself more neatly.

Best of all, Jake is more confident. Everyday he participates more fully in life with his family. He bounds into the Children's Center happy and giggling, for two or three day visits every month (he lives in Texas). Hugging all of us,

Jake is ready for a few days of adjustments and hard work. We at Oklahaven thank Jake's local chiropractor, Dr. Whitehead, and all our colleagues who have referred their most challenging patients to us. With the networking support of chiropractors nationally families like Jake's can have faith that their children will have meaningful futures.

Spotlight on Dr. Edward Lynch

Back on our Team is Dr. Edward Lynch, one of Oklahaven's founding chiropractors who began the Children's Center 34 years ago. Dr. Ed as the



children call him, worked here from 1962 to 1979. He is a graduate of Carver Chiropractic College and also a certified Radiologist. The children enjoy his charming smile and the fun-loving way he puts the wee ones at ease when adjusting. For the four women running the Center it's a marvel how Dr. Ed puts up with us. A stickler for documenting each child, he shares our profound love and dedication to children's chiropractic.

Dr. Doscher Nationally Recognized Chiropractor for Second Consecutive Year

Dr. Bobby Doscher, awarded 1995 "Woman Chiropractor of the Year" by the WCWC has just been honored with The Mabel Heath Palmer Award, "Woman Chiropractor of the Year." The award was presented by Dr. Agnes May High Palmer of the Sigma Phi Chi Chiropractic Sorority, the oldest chiropractic organization in the

World. Dr. Glenda Mejia of Aledo, Ill. accepted the award on Dr. Doscher's behalf at Palmer's annual Homecoming.

In Recognition of Your Support....

Oklahaven is blessed with help from so many people, from local volunteers and our families to regular financial support from our chiropractic friends nationwide and abroad.

- The Drs. Parker and the Parker Seminars team for helping us to tell the chiropractic story through the children.
- A special thanks and hug to Dr. Jim Sigafoose Sr., for his regular support and continuous promotion of our work wherever he lectures, bringing many new friends and benefactors to us.
- Dr. Gilbert Rivera of the Internet Life Centers for his generosity on behalf of the children.

Special thanks for consistent tithing:

- Dr. James Sigafoose Jr., Dr. Tina Sigafoose, Dr. Selena Sigafoose Jackson, Dr. W. Brooks, The Arkansas Chiropractic Assoc., The Connecticut Chiropractic Assoc., The New Hampshire Chiropractic Assoc., The South Dakota Auxiliary, Dr. Ann Spicer of Northwestern Chiropractic College and her students, whose donations are part of her instructional code for moral growth, Dr. Harold Williams, Dr. Larry Miller, Dr. Stewart Bittman, Dr. Lowell and Gale Keppels, Anthony Guadagno and The Riley Foundation.
- We also thank the chiropractic students for their enthusiasm and are grateful for their contributions, a real reflection of giving from the heart.

Thanks to the individuals whose time and efforts keep the daily rollercoaster running smoothly:

To our Board Members for their contributions of time and service--Sally Brown, our Volunteer Director of Operations--Dr. Bill Doscher and Reginald Libby, who keep the Center --repaired

and build therapy equipment--James Noble and Robin Hood, our devoted computer geniuses--Richard Gewin, the guardian angel of x-ray equipment--Betty Mullikin of Betty's Produce for flower donations--Mindy Mc Neill, junior volunteer assistant this summer--Candy Chavez, mother of Bryan for donating educational materials--Fred Van Lieu for donating water purifying equipment--Paula Hill, carpenter and FA Highley, materials supplier.

Traveling and Teaching the chiropractic story

Parents are desperate for help. Over thirty percent of America's children are disabled, Over the spring and summer months at the Children's Center we have observed such a wide range of problems--newborns who couldn't nurse, three month olds with arms dislocated from deliveries, teenage dyslexics, hyperactive, violent self-abusive children, asthmatics, children who are blind, seizing, cancerous, the symptoms go on and on. In each case chiropractic adjustments, neuro-reeducation programs, and dietary changes stressing fresh vegetables and whole grains become a way of life for young patients. The results are so gratifying, the story needs telling.

To do this we document our children with photos, parent observations and our own evaluations, to make up the empirical evidence in our teaching program. This preparation and documentation takes time, funds and organization.

Dr. Bobby would like to thank everyone who has made it possible for her to be invited to lecture at colleges, seminars, and to share this work with colleagues, and the general public--especially at Palmer in Davenport, Palmer West and Life West in California, and at Parker Seminars in Dallas, Las Vegas, Acapulco, Dr. Larry Webster at the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association's conference in Atlanta and Dr. Jim DuBell of New Jersey's New Beginnings Seminar.

Logging the air miles to meet and share the power of the chiropractic

premise with mentors and students is costly in time and funding. However, one only has to stand in a conference room filled with hundreds of chiropractors, their eyes glued to the slides of one child after another, before and after adjustments to realize the profound impact of the Children's Center's work. Everyone can see how alive the chiropractic premise is in a child's young body, no matter how hurt or sick.

For us it is exciting to speak with many colleagues who have similar miracle stories adjusting children deemed hopeless, brought to chiropractic as a last resort.

Your financial support makes this teaching available nationwide. Our latest video has rekindled hope in many desperate households across Oklahoma, America, Australia, Canada, Mexico, and Chile. Above all else, we are mindful of D. D. Palmer's epigram, "We never know how far reaching some thing we may think, say or do today, will affect the lives of millions tomorrow." *Together we can do it, one child, one family, one story at a time. Thank you for your help!*

It's Pumpkin Time Again!



To Dr. Bill Doscher, our heartiest thanks for his annual autumn fundraising contribution of 200 handpainted pumpkin portraits. Over the years, behind the scenes, these limited editions selling for \$25.00 a piece, have helped support the Children's Center.

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