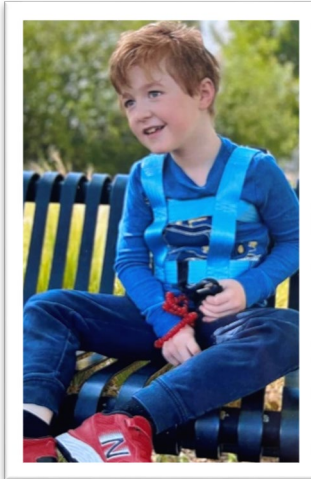
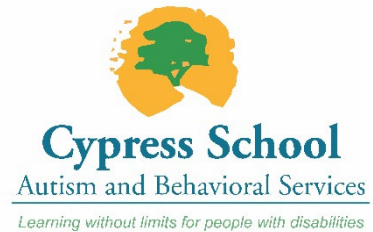


Dear Families,

Every parent wants the best for their child. Every special needs parent wants the same, but will undoubtedly face more obstacles, often from the people that are supposed to be helping their child. It takes finding the right kind of people, at the right kind of place, at the right time. That's not easy. I want to tell you about one such place that has changed our lives.



Our ten-year-old son Jameson is on the autism spectrum. He has a smile, laugh, and twinkle in his eye that will light up a room. He's had some developmental obstacles that have made finding the right school setting challenging. About two and a half years ago we were at a crossroads. The public special day school he was attending was not going to let him continue. It was the middle of the pandemic. Jameson's next school would be his third in three years. We wanted to find a school that would fit Jameson's needs. We had heard great things about Cypress school and knew we would have to advocate heavily with the school district for this to be an option. After visiting Cypress, we felt this could be the ideal place for Jameson. We knew we were going to have to roll up our sleeves and push hard to get him there. It was the best decision we ever made.

From the very first day the wonderful staff at Cypress embraced Jameson. They met his challenges head on with a caring can do attitude that was different than we were used to. We have seen so much growth and development in Jameson.

Prior to Cypress, Jameson had very little community access. He was scared to go into stores as a busy environment could be overwhelming for him. We lived in fear of him running off. But with Cypress, Jameson goes out in the community daily. He now loves to go shopping, listens to instruction and stays with the group. He is also growing leaps and bounds with life skills. He now cleans up after himself and wants to help take out the garbage. He follows simple instruction much better, and verbally communicates his wants and needs.

We cannot say enough good things about the wonderful staff at Cypress. The teachers, aides, and therapists truly love working with Jameson. We feel like they can see his potential, and always have his best interests at heart. They offer support options and always have open lines of communication. It's a collaborative effort between his school team and our family. It's not always easy, there are peaks and valleys with everything. Some days we just need someone to listen when we are struggling. Sometimes we need skilled help to meet a challenge we are facing with Jameson. Cypress is always there.

We now have a happy child who likes to talk about the fun things he did at school, or the fun places he went. He is now at a school that accepts him for who he is and is ready to help him no matter what. As any special need parent can attest, you search, and you search for the right help. When you find it, you hold onto it tightly because you know how rare and hard it is to find. We feel like we finally found it.

Sincerely,
Matt and Nicole Wehr

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