



SPOTLIGHT FRIDAY

On April 20, 2016 we were unexpectedly blessed with our second child, Jaxon Regan. I was admitted into the hospital four days prior, due to high blood pressure, and the doctors did everything they could to bring it down. On day four, Jax stopped moving and could not be stimulated during an ultrasound. Though we could still hear his little heart beating fiercely, he obviously needed to come out. The doctors and nurses worked so quickly and efficiently that within thirty minutes of that fateful ultrasound, we heard one tiny cry of life before the NICU staff needed to take over. Four days after birth, we were confronted with devastating news, Jaxon had suffered a bilateral grade four brain bleed during the night before his birth. Though his lungs and body were fine, his head circumference began to grow. We were confronted with the reality of hydrocephalus and his need for a temporary shunt. That ultimately turned into a permanent VP shunt before his release from the NICU three and a half months later. Jax is three years old now and in those three years he has overcome feeding issues and GERD (he has a feeding tube), infantile spasm seizures, and multiple surgeries and hospital stays. Today, he lives with epilepsy, cerebral palsy, development delays, and hydrocephalus, but God allows him to live happily and healthy, and for that we are grateful. We are incredibly blessed to have the doctors, nurses, and therapists that we have and Jax is thriving.



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ALONG OUR JOURNEY A FRIEND OF MINE SUGGESTED FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES OF ACADIANA WHEN WE WERE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH MEDICAID. WE ARE SO GLAD WE REACHED OUT TO THEM. THEY ARE GENUINELY CONCERNED WITH OUR PROBLEMS AND HOW THEY CAN ASSIST US WITH THEM. THEY HAVE PROVIDED US WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES, THEY HAVE EDUCATED ME IN MULTIPLE AREAS OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS' UNIVERSE, AND WITHOUT THEIR ASSISTANCE, I TRULY THINK I WOULD HAVE LOST MY MIND. THEY ARE FRIENDS WHO LISTEN, CAN RELATE TO WHATEVER YOU HAVE GOING ON, AND EXHAUST EVERY OPTION TO HELP YOU IN ANY WAY THAT THEY CAN. THANK YOU FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES FOR BEING SO CARING, UNDERSTANDING, INFORMATIVE, AND INCREDIBLY HELPFUL ALONG THIS JOURNEY.

-Regina Regan



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