

Joel is an 8 year old boy who is constantly on the go. At age 2, he was diagnosed with Pervasive Developmental Disorder - NOS (not otherwise specified) and Attention Deficit Disorder. Despite his inability to focus and extremely high level of energy, he is a very high functioning boy who is a visual learner and enjoys being with his peers. Currently he attends public school and is in a self contained class with five other children with special needs. Joel is a lovable, sweet, and happy boy who does not allow his disability to interfere with enjoying life. When he is with his peers, it almost appears as though his disability goes away. Joel loves to play with animals and enjoys his own pet dogs Rosie and Snowee. During the summer, he had the opportunity to go horse back riding with his friends (jimi and the rest of the gang). He had never gone horse back riding and appeared to have been a pro. He enjoyed it so much that he did not want to leave. Programs like these are beneficial and make a difference in our children's lives. It is unfortunate that many of us are unable to obtain these types of services and help that we need to give our children a better tomorrow. We want to thank all of those donors who have contributed to making a difference in our children's lives and for giving them a glimpse of hope to have a better future.

May God Bless you all!

Love,

Joel and family