

For the Benefit of Elijah...

Parents: Andy & Lisa Wagner
Grandparents: John & Teri Wagner
Dennis & Kathy Lausted

Diagnoses: Elijah Wagner is a 17-month-old boy who was deprived of oxygen at birth and spent his first 21 days in the hospital. As a result of his difficult start he has **cerebral palsy**, developmental delay, microcephaly (small head circumference), and cortical vision impairment (CVI)...not to mention, the most adorable smile!



Overcoming Obstacles: After Elijah was born, his doctors weren't sure if he'd be able to breathe or swallow on his own. Not only can he do those things, Elijah can sit unassisted and he has recently learned how to crawl. He cannot stand or walk (without assistance)...yet.

Mission: Our mission is to maximize Elijah's growth and development by providing him with the therapies he needs to recover.

Website: To learn more about Elijah's journey, visit his website (a blog written by his mom) at www.elijahland.com

Therapies:

While there is no cure for cerebral palsy, therapy does help. Elijah sees the following specialists to evaluate and assist with his development:

- Craniofacial Surgeon
- Doctor of Osteopathy
- Neurosurgeon
- Occupational Therapist
- Pediatric Neurologist
- Pediatric Ophthalmologist
- Pediatric Physiatrist
- Physical Therapist
- Vision Therapist

While insurance does cover a lot of Elijah's therapies, it does not cover everything Elijah needs.

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) is only partially covered by insurance.

We witnessed physical and cognitive improvements in Elijah after the first round of HBOT. Our immediate goal is to do another round of HBOT by March of 2009, while his brain is still growing and developing, coupled with intensive Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy.

Any assistance is greatly appreciated and will be used to fund therapies that benefit Elijah's development and recovery.

Please send tax-deductible donations to:

Elijah Wagner Benefit Fund
c/o TCF Bank
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