

Name: Cristian

Age: 3

Background:

Cristian is a loving, sweet, smart and affectionate little boy. He loves to play with sand, watch TV, play with toys that have buttons; his favorite is the TV remote control. He also likes music a lot. With that said, he was diagnosed with Autism 7/10/09, a date we will never forget. Although he is non-verbal at the moment, he does demonstrate the capacity to develop his delay. His lack of communication, due to the delay in language and of course a common Autistic trait, lack of socialization, prevents him from interacting with other children. We are hopeful and have faith that with the appropriate therapies, he will someday be able to socially interact with other children. The happiest day of my life will be when he is able to call me Mommy.



We have great expectations for our son and are completely dedicated to helping him overcome his challenges. However, to achieve this he needs intensive speech, occupational, physical and ABA therapies. All of this is an overwhelming cost which very few people can afford. We certainly can't. Cristian has great potential but to achieve his maximum potential we must provide early therapeutic interventions. Early intervention has been proven to be very effective on Autistic children and we need to get him this to give him the best shot at a "normal" life. We are willing to do anything we have to. We are doing everything we can. However, financially, we are running out of options.

Need:

Therapy Intensive Integrated Group Program (1: 1.5 therapist: child ratio)

Integrated interventions include Speech, Pragmatic Language, and Cognitive Support.

10 hours per week recommended. Cost: \$335/week

Verbal Behavior Therapy-Intense intervention is to develop and support communication and cognitive skills. 10 hours per week recommended. Cost: \$450/week

Occupational Therapy is to help improve fine motor skills, gross motor skills and spatial awareness and to increase independent. 1.5 hour weekly recommended Cost: \$135/week

Sensory Integration is to foster appropriate self regulation to environmental stimulus. 2.5 hours weekly recommended. Cost: \$112.50/ week

To help this child with any level of support, please contract Angels Reach at (305) 828-5276 or contact@angelsreach.org