

Name: Sabrina Gonzalez

Age: 3

Background:

Sabrina is a happy, curious, and fun-loving little girl who is full of life and constantly yearning to know more about the world she is growing up in. She enchants those around her with her affectionate personality and her charm. But perhaps what makes Sabrina a bit more unique than most kids her age is that at the age of two, she has been diagnosed with chromosome abnormality, which falls within the spectrum of Autism. This disorder affects her ability to communicate and relate to others, her fine and gross motor muscle function, her social interaction and cognitive skills.



Other developmental delays were noticed as Sabrina grew from a baby to a toddler like the way she limps as she walks because of the weakness of her muscle tone. But this never stops her from trying to run and play like other children her age. Perhaps the obstacle that affects her most is the ability to talk and express herself. Sabrina is stripped of this gift by her disorder. She frequently gets very frustrated when she cannot communicate. Unfortunately, she resorts to withdraw and retreat into seclusion in her own world. Commonly she behaves as if she is alone, even in a room full of people.

Sabrina's parents work fervently, trying to help their little girl conquer the many challenges she faces. Sabrina requires frequent medical visits, endless tests, and most importantly intensive therapies that help her face the obstacles in her path. These services are not available at the local public schools and government assistance for these programs is very limited and hardly covers a fraction of what Sabrina needs. Her parents' combined income is not sufficient to provide for these services. They actively follow all recommendations that may help. Health insurance does not cover this type of care.

Need:

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

Integrated interventions including Speech, Pragmatic Language, and Cognitive Support

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

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

Occupational Therapy to help improve fine motor skills, gross motor skills and spatial awareness and to increase independent. Cost: 135/week

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