



The Silver Lining

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From Our Family to Yours

Andrew's situation is dire, everyday.

Just imagine your four-year-old going into cardiac arrest – for no apparent reason. Can you see yourself personally administering CPR to revive him? On top of this mystery condition, imagine managing his other chronic health issues. Imagine living your life on pins and needles, wondering when the next episode may occur – at home, while driving, in a store – always ready to react and *never knowing* if it will be the end.

We first met Andrew when his parents contacted Dream House shortly after relocating to Georgia. Overwhelmed by the constant care their son required, they were also trying to maintain some normalcy for their other three children, and holding down jobs to cover living and medical expenses. We provided a care conference to help the family locate qualified services and resources for Andrew's care.

When things go from bad to worse, where do you turn?

Now imagine you are the parent, sick and needing surgery. This is the situation Andrew's mother recently faced. Again, this family turned to Dream House for Andrew's care during her hospitalization and recovery. In July, Andrew "went to camp" for respite care at the Dream House Lilburn Transition Care Home. He stayed with us five days, receiving quality care from trained staff. His parents were able to focus on Mom's recovery while Andrew



played with the other children living in the house. He experienced fun field trips and played outside in the sandbox pavilion, secret garden, nature trail and playground. Andrew had a great "camp" experience. Thanks to the generosity of Dream House supporters, his parents received the respite they needed.

The demand is constant. The waiting list too long.

Dream House receives requests for respite care more than any other appeal. Families caring for their medically fragile children at home (biological, adopted or foster) need qualified help to give them an occasional break. Respite care gives families a chance to rest. They can engage in activities that enhance relationships and keep the family together – such as time alone with their spouses, their other children, family members and friends. Unlike most families, they cannot call the neighborhood baby sitter to watch their children. However, most families in this situation cannot afford respite care and this service is not typically covered by insurance. **Dream House has the solution...**



Helping kids like Andrew puts your support to work for these children each and every month.

We can only serve these children with your on-going assistance.

Your financial support is critical. Would you consider becoming a monthly supporter?

Together, we can all help Dream House provide training and support to families, like Andrew's, so their kids may enjoy life to the fullest amidst intense, chronic health care challenges.

Please join our efforts.

Contact us today by calling 770-717-7410, or make your donation online at www.DreamHouseForKids.org

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