



# The Silver Lining

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## From Our Family to Yours

### It was AWESOME!

How many kids come home from their very first day of school – EVER – brimming with such enthusiasm? David did! Having never experienced day care, preschool or kindergarten, first grade has been a revelation to this young boy. Most of us take for granted a ‘normal’ childhood and all that means. However, children like David have had very limited exposure to what the average healthy child has encountered since birth. David is just now getting his first chance to *really* live. No longer does he simply survive each day. He is thriving!



restrictions that result from being medically fragile, David is learning to experience life as a ‘regular kid.’ He has an appetite and is growing. He is having fun, creating joyful memories and learning important social skills that he will use more and more as his condition continues to stabilize.

### When your world is turned upside down, fear and heartbreak follow.

Thanks to the generosity of Dream House supporters, life skills that David is now learning will hopefully sustain him through the tough times to come. In a few short days, he will undergo medical tests associated with his condition. He will have no family to hold his hand through countless needle sticks, blood drawing and down-right scary procedures that would give a grown person pause. Can you imagine *your* child going through something this traumatic without you by his side? Most of us cannot.

For thousands of medically fragile children in Georgia, situations similar to David’s take place every single day. Their health conditions prohibit normal daily activities and consistent routines. And for the kids languishing in hospitals and adult nursing facilities, the only thing they consider normal is what they learn from television, only to have their illusions dashed when loving parents fail to materialize when they need them most.

Don’t you think it is time to broaden awareness about the daily challenges medically fragile children face so these kids have a chance to experience life? **Dream House has the solution and needs advocates like you to help spread the word...**



**Helping kids like David 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 a safe, nurturing home environment for kids, like David, so they can 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](http://www.DreamHouseForKids.org)**

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