

Sam spent the first 4 months of his life in the hospital. Sam's parents, Carrie and Scott, knew that their son's cerebral palsy diagnosis would be life changing.

"P.G. Chambers School would become a place of hope, comfort and respite and we could not wait for Sam to start."
– Carrie



"When Sam started, at age 5, he could not walk, and did not attend to peers, teachers and activities. Today, thanks to the support and dedication of the P.G. Chambers School team of educators and therapists, he is walking independently, manipulating items with more purposeful interactions, he has friends that he loves, is engaged with learning, and uses his augmentative communication device regularly," shared Carrie. Carrie vividly remembers the day she saw Sam for the first time running down the school hallway in his gate trainer.

"We knew that Sam's determination would make milestones like these possible and we could not have been more proud," said Carrie.



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\$5,000 funds an adaptive transport stroller.

\$3,000 funds software which allows a student to control their iPad using their eyes.

\$1,500 funds a child's gait trainer/walker.

\$500 funds an iPad readied for a child to participate as a virtual student.

\$400 funds a 1-month supply of KN95 masks to keep our children and staff safe.

\$100 funds a child's assistive communication switch.



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Meet Sam



Sam shows us every day the power of never giving up and embracing the simple joys of life.

Sam is a 14 year old boy, with a wonderful sense of humor, and an unrelenting drive to reach his potential.

Just like any teenager, Sam enjoys rough-housing with his brother Judah, riding roller coasters, swimming, and going on family outings. He also is a big fan of Disney movies and Dancing with the Stars. The tent swing in the backyard is one of Sam's favorite hangouts.

At school, Sam is the first to head to the front of the classroom to use the smartboard. As a middle schooler, Sam enjoys cooking for the School Cafe. His favorite is the mixer which he can operate by moving a switch. "Sam is captivated by science experiments and enjoys morning movement, but would prefer to skip chair yoga and go right to recess," shared Sam's teacher, Laura Jaarsma.



At P.G. Chambers School, Carrie and Scott were greeted with a warm and friendly atmosphere where students, teachers and therapists were happy, and rooms were cheery, clean and bright. Therapists were in the hallways with students joyfully riding their bikes or simply going for a stroll.

Since March 2020, Sam has been a virtual student.

Like so many students, the pandemic has impacted Sam's therapy and he really misses the in-person social opportunities with his teachers and friends. While some of Sam's classmates returned to in-person instruction in July, COVID-19 poses too great a risk for Sam to come to school in person. "We are truly grateful to have the support of our P.G. Chambers School family today and every day," said Scott. "The community embraces us as a family and we know Sam is truly loved at P.G. Chambers School."

When asked, "What do you miss most about going to school in-person?" Sam replied, "Going to the Learning Park and telling jokes with my friend and therapist, Laura."



Sam will be graduating in the Class of 2021

and the family is excited to watch him seize the many possibilities on the road ahead. Carrie and Scott shared, "Our son will always need a one-to-one nurse to care for him since he cannot eat or swallow on his own. And as a family, we may never go out to dinner, go to the beach or take long trips, because it is too challenging for Sam, but we are forever grateful for what Sam has brought to our lives."



Many students with complex disabilities across the country have struggled with a lack of services during the pandemic. Yet P.G. Chambers School has persevered, thanks to the generosity of our community. Your gift today will help us continue to meet the needs of students, like Sam, today and continue our important work tomorrow.

Just like Sam, we will never give up. Thanks to your support, our students will reach their unique potential.

