



Jason has some cognitive challenges, and he continues to work on his endurance and basic play skills. He uses sign language in combination with his iPad to communicate.

Jason continues to take independent steps around the building, and he loves to see his PT because he knows it is time to move. He enjoys taking part in volleyball in PE class and loves to go to the park. He is a big fan of morning meetings and claps his hands during the "If You're Happy And You Know It" song. Jason was so excited about our new pet therapy program he vocalized one of his first words, "doggie," when a special furry friend came to visit.

***Your gift today will help us continue to meet the needs of students, like Jason.***

**Together, we are just scratching the surface of his potential. He knows we are on his team, and we are so glad we found each other.**



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### Your gift of:

- \$5,000 funds an adaptive transport stroller.
- \$3,000 funds Eye Gaze software which allows a student to control their communication device using their eyes.
- \$1,000 funds a child's gait trainer/walker.
- \$500 funds a child's iPad including software.
- \$250 funds a child's participation in two early intervention therapy sessions.
- \$100 funds a child's assistive communication switch.



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*Discovering the unique potential within every child.*

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# JASON

## A MOTHER'S LOVE HAS NO BOUNDS

For Milagro, nothing could stop her from helping her son. Jason was born with a seizure disorder that affected his speech, vision, mobility, and cognition. Milagro was told by medical professionals that there was nothing they could do to help him. She made the bold decision to move to the U.S and stay with a family friend in Morristown. In April 2020, as she describes it, "my prayers were answered." At age 6, Jason was enrolled at P.G. Chambers School.



## JASON WOULD START SCHOOL AS A VIRTUAL STUDENT DUE TO THE PANDEMIC

Milagro was a single parent in a new country and did not speak English. Jason was non-verbal. During the first few days, Jason attended class using Milagro's cell phone. The School then provided a laptop and an interpreter during every class and therapy session. Our team got creative, utilizing items at home and sending toys and books home to help. They started with sign language, using music and books to practice. Basic vocabulary words, written in both English and Spanish with pictures, helped move communication forward for both Jason and Mom.



## EVERYTHING WAS NEW TO JASON

Jason began his in-person journey at P.G. Chambers School in the summer of 2020. He was not used to sitting and/or attending. He thought the smartboard in the classroom was unbelievable and he spent the first few months just taking it all in. Jason spent much of his time in a sitting position, and he could barely pull himself up to stand but it was evident early on that he wanted to move and learn. Jason was fitted for his first orthotics through the School's clinic and he began to use a gait trainer. "He was like a bull in a china shop; he loved to crash into walls with his gait trainer," shared his PT, Holli. He progressed to using a gait belt to help him feel secure as he took independent steps. While he tired easily, he kept trying. Then one day, many tears of joy were shed when Jason walked proudly down the hall all by himself.

“ The team at P.G. Chambers School has helped Jason accomplish things I never thought possible. Jason has made me stronger as a mom and I am incredibly grateful for the wonderful teachers and therapists who have helped Jason blossom. ”  
- Milagro