

Thank You

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Steven meets his favorite Yankee, Alex Rodriguez, along with Nancy and Arlene.

Your prays, support and contributions toward Steven's recovery continue to provide the best possible care we can offer him. The "Walk for Steven" hosted by the YM-YWHA and the comedy show hosted by the Friends of Steven raised the money needed for Steve's proactive regimen. The love that Steven receives from everyone has certainly helped him make some significant gains over the past year.



"1, 2, 3, 4, 5", counts therapist Azriel Novogroder as Steven breaks a record for standing – five seconds.

In June, Steven started to take his first independent steps. Now, with assistance, he can walk from his bedroom to his shower seat or into the living room.

Over the summer we took Steven to the beach a couple of times where he experienced the crashing waves at his legs for the first time in four years.

This past August, with the help of the Yankees and friends, Steven went to a Yankee game from batting practice to the very last out. He also had the chance to meet a number of players, including the third baseman to which he aspired, Alex Rodriguez.

Steven is attending a special needs high school full time. There he is gaining ground cognitively and is in the early training of using an augmentive communication device.

And, in October, Steven underwent an operation to remove an implanted device, that delivered a muscle relaxant into his spinal cord, to relieve spasticity that used to be horrific. We were told that this pump was going to be in him permanently.

We are currently focusing our attention on regaining Steven's vision and improving sensory issues. He is seeing a neurological ophthalmologist and receives vision therapy at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation. Steve is seeing a sensory specialist that has prescribed techniques that are practiced at home and in school.

Trust in the Lord with all
your heart, on your own
intelligence rely not;
In all your ways be mindful
of him, and he will make
straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Please continue your prayers for Steven's recovery. The progress that Steven has made, the forward-thinking practitioners, the dedicated caregivers, the advancing science, and the hundreds of loving supporters that have surrounded Steven can only come through God.

Love,
Nancy, Joe, Arlene, Jimmy,
and Steven Domalewski