

## Treatment that Hits the Spot

### What We Do

Provide speech, physical, and occupational therapy to children with developmental delays and disabilities, regardless of their families' ability to pay

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**Marty Rankin,**  
father of Isaac (pictured),  
former patient of  
The Children's SPOT

### Isaac Rankin learned to cope with his autism at The Children's SPOT, a place that promises hope for children with developmental disabilities

At home Isaac Rankin loved to spin in dizzying circles between the hallway and the kitchen—not unusual for a toddler testing his mettle. The problem was he did it nonstop.

“You could not get him to quit twirling, and if you did, he'd cry uncontrollably,” said his dad, Marty.

Between ages 2 and 3, Isaac hardly spoke. And he couldn't cut paper with scissors or write with a crayon, which are typical behaviors for kids by age 3.

“My wife, Ana, and I were concerned,” Marty said. “We knew

children develop at different rates, but clearly Isaac was missing some milestones.”

At 3, Isaac was diagnosed with autism—one of 1.5 million Americans with the disorder, which includes a range of developmental symptoms that affect social interaction and communication.

“I was really worried,” Marty said. “Could we help Isaac? And if so, how?”

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#### Help and Hope

They were referred to The Children's SPOT (Speech, Physical, and Occupational Therapy) at Saint Luke's, where kids with such conditions as autism, cerebral palsy, complications from premature birth, chromosomal disorders, or general developmental delays learn and grow.

A speech therapist helped Isaac build his vocabulary; an occupational therapist worked to improve his cutting and writing skills; and a physical therapist helped bolster his upper body strength. Staff also encouraged social interaction, play, and pretend skills, which were a critical part of Isaac's treatment.

#### A Community for Kids

When generous donors like you earmark donations for The Children's SPOT, kids like Isaac benefit from a range of programs, including:

- Developmental preschool
- Individual treatment
- Follow-up assessments for infants born in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Developmental evaluations

“When Isaac started at The Children's SPOT, he said six words,” Marty said. “By the time he left three years later, he was prepared to begin kindergarten. It amazed us. And we couldn't be more grateful.”



### How Your Gift Will Help

Your support allows these children to get the very best start in life by helping to provide:

- \$25** Family education materials
- \$70** Day of developmental preschool, speech, and occupational therapy for a child with financial need
- \$200** Neonatal follow-up screening for an infant who was premature or had other problems at birth
- \$500** Continuing education conference for a staff therapist
- \$1,000** Specialized therapy equipment