

Hello, my name is Chris Klug, I have an 8 year old son with Cerebral Palsy, Hydrocephalous who is deaf, blind and tube fed.

I would like you to imagine you are being told you are going to be a parent, to a baby boy. You feel excited and start to think of all the things you will teach him. Now imagine the doctor tells you of an abnormality on the sonogram. Soon it is confirmed your little boy has hydrocephalous, which is excessive fluid on the brain. The doctor says not to worry it is common, and with dedication he will only be delayed a few years but will soon catch up. You feel you can finally relax and breathe. What seemed like in no time he is delivered May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and within 12 hours he was rushed away into surgery for a shunt to be placed, this is a device that will allow the excess fluid to be drained from his brain. Eventually he was able to come home, but we started to notice things were just not quite right.

I will never forget the day I was holding my son and felt him go unresponsive in my arms. The worst fear for a parent, in fact a daily fear we live with as a family. You see my son is not only hydrocephalous but also blind, deaf, g-tube feed and has Cerebral Palsy. Here you can see his daily medications that he must take 3x daily just to minimize the seizures and pain he lives with constantly. Kids like ours take medications to counter act other medication's affects.



They also have many operations like cutting muscle and tendons in their bodies because if this is not done their spastic muscles can damage their body, like breaking their hip bones in our son's case.



Our son, Cayden, may never talk or walk but our son still deserves a future where his quality of life is worth living. By allowing us to seek and receive this avenue of care, the Kansas bill HB 2244 cannabidiol treatment, you are helping our son live his best life.