

Dear Shannon Foundation,

Hi. My name is Nicole Dworning and I am the mom of a child that your foundation has helped. In generous kindness, you offered to feed my two-year old son his formula (Neocate + One) for six months to a year, depending on his allergies. That is a blessing of ten to twelve thousand dollars!

This miracle came at a time of great despair and brought us the hope that we needed. We had recently given birth to a new son. We did not know during pregnancy, but at birth, discovered he had Down syndrome. Later we would come to find out that our new son also had (and still has) two holes in his heart and a chronic lung disease that require(s) continuous oxygen and also a stomach tube for feeding. The news that you agreed to pay for Samuel's food was told to us when our new son Benjamin was in the PICU on a ventilator. For me it was the good news I needed to keep my faith, believing that God would take care of us in all situations.

I am a teacher and have a total of three children. My husband is a Network Consultant and is our only income at this time. I don't know when I will return to work but worrying about Sam's food is something we don't have to do. Our sons are still medically fragile and require around the clock care. It is people like you helping families like mine that help to make our situation brighter. My heart is filled with so much gratitude toward your foundation and I pray that as you give to those in need that God would continue to pour out blessings to you and your families. Good deeds never come back empty.

Sam had his testing redone in October and unfortunately he has not outgrown any food allergy except beef. We need to keep him on his formula for at least another six months while we work with specialists to create menus and foods that meet his needs. Benjamin has spent more time in the hospital and continues to have problems with his heart, lungs, and growth. This walk that we are on is one of endurance, perseverance, and character building. My only hope is that God moves in the hearts of people like you to continue helping, so that we can make it through this, with peace and love to then share the same kindness as was given us.

Again, my family cannot express enough the heartfelt gratitude we have for the miraculous blessing you provided at such a crucial time. Financially, your foundation has been a true saving grace. We are not a couple who believes in debt and have passionately worked to be debt free. The only debt we have is from student loans. I don't think I could say that if we would have had to pay for Sam's food, on top of our other medical expenses. Thank you and may you be richly blessed!

The Dworning Family (Paul, Nicole, Juliea, Samuel, and Benjamin)

Thank you!! Nicole Dworning

Don't grow weary doing good work for in due season you will reap if you faint not!