

August 6, 2010

The Shannon Foundation
1624 Market Street, Suite 302
Denver, CO 80202

Attention: Mr. Fritz Fisher

RE: Kaitlyn [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Fisher,

We would like to take this opportunity to give you and your foundation our sincere Thank-You for your overwhelming support in assisting us with purchase of an Augmentative Device for our daughter Kaitlyn (Katie).

Katie was born in 2001 a healthy baby girl and developed in every aspect at a very fast pace. At 2 years of age Katie had a grandmal seizure lasting approximately 45 minutes. We found out at that time that the left side of Katie's brain was omitting "sparks" almost continuously. Within the next 5 months Katie experienced several focal seizures and we had started to notice that Katie's speech was deteriorating. At the age of 2 ½ Katie was only babbling.

We took our daughter to the University of Chicago Hospital to see Dr. Michael Kohrman a specialist in Pediatric Neurology. After several days of monitoring and testing Dr. Kohrman and his staff diagnosed Katie with a rare childhood neurological disorder called Landau-Kleffner Syndrome (LKS). LKS is characterized by the sudden or gradual development of aphasia and an abnormal EEG. Treatment for LKS usually consists of anti-seizure medications and speech therapy.

We started speech therapy and several different anti-seizure medications. Over time Katie's speech has improved and those close to her can understand some of what she is trying to say. It is the day to day interaction with her peers that has made Katie frustrated and angry because she cannot express her wants and needs in an understandable language. With the help of this Augmentative Device Katie will be able to tell us and those around her exactly what she wants to say and alleviate some of her growing frustration.

Words cannot express how grateful we are for your help in supplying this device to our daughter. With the cost of speech therapy, medicine, doctor appointments and travel, routine EEG's and lab testing it has made for some trying financial times. With your overwhelming support we can now give our 8 year old daughter a voice.

Sincerely,

The [REDACTED] Family (Chad, Kim, Katie and Caleb)