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Mr. Fritz Fisher:

How would one start to say 'Thank you' for saving and extending my son's life?

My son, Scott [REDACTED] has Dravet Syndrome. A severe, irrefractory, and highly drug resistant seizure syndrome. The doctors have found one 'cocktail' of anti-convulsion medications to have better seizure control than others. The doctor's at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia recommended a drug that would not be covered under his medical insurance. I was able to pay out of pocket for some time on my own. Scott's seizures were under the best control that he has ever had.

My son and I only have my income to support the household. My income varies tremendously due to hospitalizations, testing, and multiple doctors' appointments. I could not keep up the extended cost of this medication. Mr. Tuttle, the social worker for the pediatric neurology at Children's Hospital referred me to the Shannon Foundation.

Shannon Foundation has been able to help me with the cost of my son's medication. I have made many financial sacrifices for my son's health and for home modifications. I would not be able to come up with the cost of this medication without the Shannon Foundation's help!

Scott is still having seizures, about 40-50 a week, has chronic respiratory distress, and is non-verbal. Scott is aspirating on everything he eats and drinks.

The Shannon Foundation has extended not only my son's life, but as well as every other child's life by showing their compassion and unselfishness!

Scotty and I will blow out 16 candles this September 13 in remembrance of Shannon's sweet 16th birthday.

God bless you and all that you have helped!

Thank you,

Mary C. [REDACTED]