

Dear Small Steps in Speech,

My 4-yr old daughter Abigail has been undergoing unbelievable amounts of tests and evaluations to try and determine how to best serve her needs. We have seen several doctors, occupational therapists, psychologists, SLPs, neurologists, and others over the past few months. The bills have stacked up despite hours and hours of phone calls and insurance battles. In the midst of this, my daughter still is affected by a severe speech disability and her speech therapy has remained a high priority. She attends a county speech program 5 hours per week, but we learned early on that she needed more. Because of your assistance, we were able to hire a private SLP who came to our home and interacted with my very timid daughter. She has developed a relationship with her, and most importantly, Abby is making much progress in speech. Our SLP makes it fun, and connects with me throughout the week to explain her strategies and what I can be doing at home. The school has been unable to provide me with detailed information, so this was a huge gift to us.

Thank you for providing for such a basic need that most of us take for granted – simply being able to talk. It's amazing to me how much we've had to pay just to help our daughter to talk. With this therapy, Abby has been able to try countless sounds, and with lots of hard work, starting to be able to communicate her desires. In turn, this has boosted her confidence, and she has been less anxious and more willing to connect with her peers as well as adults. I simply can't thank you enough. It is a long road ahead, but your program was one huge blessing along the way.

Thank you so much!

Stephanie