

Annabelle & Karson



On Thursday, 2/4/21, Annabelle (3), & Karson (8) were involved in a bad car accident. They sent us to Motts Childrens. Karson had a fractured jaw & spent roughly 6 days in the hospital. Tragically, Annabelle suffered a cervical spinal cord injury & is currently paralyzed from the neck down. She can no longer breathe on her own so she now has a tracheotomy with a ventilator. She is a miracle. The traumatic brain injury she suffered has yet to present itself apart from cognitive fatigue, I pray that continues. TBI normally presents itself at age 5 & up when the brain begins to have more in-depth thinking.

She is the smartest little girl. And very aware of her care, & life changes. She knows that we have no lift to get her upstairs, that it's dangerous when I have to carry her upstairs, that the bathtub I put her in is not like the one the hospital had, that we no longer have transportation unless approved for appointments & therapy, and that we've lost power 5 times so we were frantically on the phone asking everyone for a generator & calling DTE letting them know I have someone here on a vent.

My son is going to be 10 in July, his suffering through this accident is heartbreaking. He lost his mom & sister. Covid wouldn't allow him to see us so he went over 100 days without seeing his sister. The mental effects of this tragedy have ripped him apart. He is aware that we are alone, that we fear thunderstorms/power outages, and that mom cannot be 100% there because of the uncertainties within this new life. As a mother...this kills me, tears flood my eyes every night.

Motts became our home for half a year. Discharge was difficult as nobody within the hospital or insurance companies understood the new law. Companies were no longer taking auto cases and still to this day, AdvisaCare remains the only one that I know of that will take us. How unjustified!! She's disabled and in need. It shouldn't matter if it was a disability she was born with, an accident in a car, or otherwise. Annabelle requires 24-hour nursing. Someone has to be physically watching her even when she sleeps. If you add the nursing shortage we are having, it's a mess, I am not fully staffed. The nurses I do have are angels, and I do not say this lightly. They work overtime every week to ensure her safety.

As a mother guiding my children and self through the tragic miracle, The uncertainties of this law gave me anxiety and still do every single day. If the company closed, like the surrounding companies, Annabelle's life will be at risk. I 100% cannot do this myself. I say this out of desperation, put yourself in my family's shoes, as a mother, a child, and a brother we are all suffering and it's been a year today. I am barely making it now because I can't work.

Please listen to Annabelle and Karson. Listen to me. This could be you. I'm praying God moves you into the compassion we need to change this. Please, come and spend time with us. We will even come to you. Meet us. Listen to us, please!!!