

EMAIL OF GRATITUDE

TO: Joe Tarver
SUBJECT: Gratitude
FROM: Jeffrey Lallak

Dear Mr. Tarver, In 2001 you took the time to help me set up my sons bicycle. At the time I lived in Int'l Falls, Minnesota. The bike once set up was amazing! We rode with our son down steep hills, I pulled another bike trailer behind the bike (wheelchair-bike-bike trailer), and my sons PCA took him everywhere on summer days. We went camping with the bike, rode to libraries, restaurant, and especially his Grandmas house. Just detach the bike and you could visit anywhere. The true gift was our determination to make a life that had been so shattered completely amazing. Our son always had great cognitive awareness, and a great smile. We could never say no to this child even though he could not speak, walk, or use his hands. Your gift through the shine a light program made our son feel like there were no barriers, and it gave us hope with possibilities.

The bike now hangs in our garage, and it is the last item left of our sons possessions. Benjamin passed away without suffering at home May 27th, 2015. He was 18 years old. I have a bike with adaptation meaning it has a 3 speed Shimano Nexus Hub with a shifter attached to the seat stem. We made this easier to pedal with the innovation of Mlit a man at the International Falls bike shop. There were so many good times that I needed to share the importance of how you helped. I do have to ask if you have interest in the bike, or know someone who would need one? This life with our son was a truly awesome ride, and I am glad we had the good times.

Thanks Joel
We will never forget!

I dropped off some information at Gillette Childrens in St. Paul when we donated some stuff. I hope the word of mouth brings more happiness.

Jeffrey Lallak
Farmington, MN

TO: Jeffrey Lallak
SUBJECT: re; Gratitude
FROM: Joe Tarver

Thank you Mr. Lallak, for your kind words.

This earth is our temporary home. Some seem to have a better life here than others; however, challenges can bring us closer to God. My prayer is that your whole family knows and believes in Jesus Christ. In a short time we can all be in Heaven, with Benjamin and others who have gone on before, with whole bodies and in no need of adaptive equipment. What a day that will be! Glory!

Sincerely,
Joe Tarver