

Why I Trust St. Vincent's

Our son Nicklas just started his fifth year at St. Vincent's Special Needs School (he just turned 15).

Nicklas has CP and is wheelchair bound, non-verbal and fully dependent. Prior to St. Vincent's he attended the public school system which was easier in the younger years. As he grew older, it became noticeable what he needed was very different and we felt that the public school could not meet his needs.



As we found out about and visited St. Vincent's school, we felt right at home. Just watching how the staff interacted with the children was just amazing. The program is structured and implemented to the students ability not just the age and therefore easier to set up activities and teaching.

For our son, the daily therapy is so important since he can not move himself. We love the way the staff integrates therapy in many of there activities throughout the day not just while he is attending a PT, OT or Speech Session. They are also working on letting the children explore with all their senses; from touching, smelling, tasting and vision. Some examples: Biking, cooking, foot massage and many more.

I took Nicklas to a therapy center in his earlier years (while he attended public school) where they had a Snoezelen Room. He especially enjoyed when they dimmed the lights and he could just focus on the sensory lights. I felt that it stimulated many of his senses. You could see him getting excited and he would frequently vocalize. I remember one of the products they used that allowed Nicklas to operate only by looking with his eyes. This was an incredible moment since his limitation of movement. He looked so proud that he was able to do something on his own and that just melts your heart.

As parents, we could not be happier that Nicklas is receiving his education at St. Vincent's Special Needs School and there is not enough praise for the entire staff who works endlessly with such positive attitude and have such respect and love for our children.

Sincerely,

Christina Flory