



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Cory Castelli, pictured here with mom, has Epilepsy and needs to go to Louisiana for an intense treatment to control seizures. Please read our story below and help us in any way you can.

My oldest son Cory has epilepsy. He has had two previous brain surgeries to try to correct this. As a result of the last surgery, he has some cognitive losses which effect his learning and reasoning greatly. He is in special ed classes and is presently in 11th grade. He is still having seizures and although he does not have them every day, nor are they severe I am constantly seeking an answer and a cure.

He is on medications for seizure control, which help greatly but not totally. He is also on a thyroid medication since his last surgery. His latest issue is his loss of appetite. He eats sometimes only one meal a day. Not because he doesn't want to, but because he is almost sick from the thought of eating. He sleeps an average of 12 hours a day. At present my son is 5' 7" tall and weighs a mere 100 pounds. Both of his doctors do not see a problem with these issues to the same degree that I do. This has caused me to look into metabolic testing to see what he may be deficient in, and also hyperbaric oxygen therapy. My friend, Allyson Scerri, Founder of New Beginnings Community Center, recently gave me a book written by Dr. Paul Harch. He is the top in his field of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. After reading this book, I am convinced that my son would have nothing short of a positive outcome from this treatment. Allyson then put me in touch with a doctor in Great Neck who specializes in this field and we are presently waiting to see what my insurance will cover for Cory to be treated. The diagnosis of Epilepsy is not valid to an insurance company, so the doctors need to review all of Cory's medical records and find a reason to request treatment. In speaking with Allyson recently, going over the status of Cory's health, she said she would speak with Dr. Harch on Cory's behalf. Dr. Harch resides in New Orleans and is willing to not only see my son, but also to treat him! They have made arrangements for Cory and I to come out there and reside in a Ronald McDonald house while undergoing hyperbaric oxygen therapy. This will be at the very least, a 5 to 8 WEEK treatment plan. Dr. Harch, having the experience he has in this field, can do a much more aggressive treatment plan than the doctors here are able to do. Allyson went one step further and contacted Angel Flights and was able to make arrangements to fly Cory and I out to New Orleans for no cost.

Being a single mother, and main provider for my three children, I would need some sort of income to pay rent, and various bills, as well as provide for my two younger sons. I would have loved nothing more

than to get on that plane first thing Monday 3/27/10 with my son for the opportunity of a lifetime toward a healthier life for HIM. This is an incredible opportunity, one that I would not want to pass up. My son's health is slowly disintegrating and I need to do whatever is needed to keep him alive and healthy.

Allyson and many others have stepped in to help me, and we would like your help as well. We would like to get the word out there to the public, because Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy can help numerous medical conditions, Seizures is just one of them. We are seeking your help with a donation of any kind that will help us get to Louisiana ASAP. We appreciate anything you can do to help.

Sincerely,

Debbie Castelli,
Cory's Mom

Donations can be made to New Beginnings Community Center in Cory's name.

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If you would like more information on Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy or Dr. Harch, visit www.hbot.com

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