

S U C C E S S S T O R I E S



Our Success Stories series was created as a way to communicate with our friends and donors in an efficient, inexpensive format. Each month, we feature one of our programs and the inspiring story of a child whom the program has helped. To be added to the Success Stories email list, just send your complete e-mail address to successstories@eliada.org.

David, a recent Eliada graduate, is a living, breathing success story, and a reminder of how Eliada's core values can change lives when applied caringly and consistently. In December of 2008 David came to live in our younger children's cottage, and quickly demonstrated the spontaneous energy of a hurricane. He exhibited a lively, though not always appropriate sense of humor. He was anything but shy, and always in motion, a combination that often led to crisis. However, it was during David's quiet moments that he revealed the tender, caring heart that quickly endeared him to staff and made him so popular amongst staff and students.

As the months went on, David began to show that he was becoming serious about his treatment, his class work, and his relationships with peers. He rewarded staff's patience and belief in him by showing real remorse when making amends with staff or peers. The same David that once preferred to stand on his desk rather than sit in his chair was able to remain still during class, and even make up work that he'd missed

when off task. David's confidence in himself seemed to increase with every conversation he held, every joke he told, and every assignment that he completed.

David first came to Eliada amidst painful family uncertainty. A year later, he was given the news that a foster family placement was secured for him. He was overjoyed to find that his patience had paid off, and that there was a reason why he never lost hope. David is now in the care of a loving family, staying safe, and enjoying the company of his new siblings and pet chihuahuas.

Congratulations, David! Although you are missed, we are so excited about your new life and new family.



David, January 2010