



The Vaughan Family

It is an honor to share my family's experience with Catholic Social Services (CSS). CSS' Special Needs Services has played a significant role in my life because my brother Michael suffered from Cerebral Palsy. He passed away in 2000 and during his life he needed constant care and attention — care that was provided by CSS Special Needs Services staff for 8 years.

The caring and competent CSS staff allowed my parents to leave the house and do day-to-day things they wouldn't have been able to do otherwise. They knew that Michael was being cared for by caring people they could trust — people that took the time to get to know and love Michael.

Michael could not talk & could not walk.....but he could laugh and he could cry. He was an integral part of my family and we miss him very much.

Personally, if it wasn't for CSS I wouldn't have gotten to do many things I was able to do growing up. Like go to the movies or go shopping....activities that other families might take for grantedwere precious to us.

We feel very fortunate to have met so many wonderful people during Michael's 8 years with CSS....In fact; when we lost Michael one of the first people to be called was a CSS care provider.

I will be forever grateful to CSS for the impact they made on my life & Michael's life. I know my parents share these feelings of gratitude as well.

