

Logan's Transition Story

My name is Logan I was born with a congenital heart disease 1984. I have had 6 Open Heart Surgeries from the time I was 6 days old to 16 yrs old.



In October 2001 6 days after I returned from a trip to Russia I had a heart attack. My father started CPR and a EMT finished until the ambulance arrived. I was in a coma for 3 weeks. I suffered a brain injury due to lack of oxygen.

I had to completely learn all over again, how to breath, swallow, sit, stand, talk, and eat. In the Sacred Heart Hospital for 3 months and, then went to the St. Lukes Rehabilitation Institute here in Spokane WA for 3 more months Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy

While there, I was introduced to the District 81 Special Education Team. A team of teachers who would continue to help me make gains in my recovery. At the end of March 2002, I left St lukes and came home. I missed the rest of my sophomore year in high school. I was now supposed to be heading toward my Junior year.

The District 81 Team, continued my therapy at my home. Three women, came to my home 3 days a week to

They helped make gains in Reading, Writing, Math, Speech, recalling words, standing, and balance.

The District 81 team encouraged me to return to High School, my parents were a little apprehensive. But the team came up with the idea to go to Byrant School a (*K-12 Alternative School*) This school helped soften the transition, lot's of kids, all ages, many parents involved with the students and their education. My Special Ed. Teachers. Walked with me every inch of the way.

I then met the transition team of District 81, they began to offer advice on how to make goals for the future. (After High School)

"Logan, we think its time for you to return to a regular High School, be around kids your own age" they said.

Once again a difficult transition, not for me, but for my parents.

I then moved to North Central High School, I met my new teacher. My goals now are to relearn typing, time management, fine tune writing skills.

I also am a part of a pilot program at Spokane Community College/ Images. A transition program, that helps young people out of High School meet the challenges they face entering the work place.

My dream, is to publish a magazine for girls with disabilities called LOGAN MAGAZINE, a web page to compliment that magazine, and do fashion shows for girls with disabilities called ROLL MODELS.

I am very thankful to the District 81 team of professionals, for doing an outstanding job.

THEY WALKED WITH ME AND MY FAMILY THROUGH THE TOUGHEST CHALLENGE OF OUR LIVES WITH COMPASSION, PATIENCE, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND VICTORY!!!

THANK YOU