

Colt's Journey

Beginnings are scary, endings are typically sad, but it's what in the middle that counts. This statement is a testament to Colt.

When Colt was a mere hours old, the nurse shared that he had failed his newborn hearing test. My husband, Jay and I were devastated, confused, and scared, but then we started follow ups with local audiologists and researching. Fast forward past all the countless tests, appointments and tears and when Colt was one, he started his journey at Desert Voices. We called Desert Voices home for 4 years, it was truly our second home. In that time, Colt endured two cochlear implant surgeries, hours of speech therapy, but he also met many friends with similar starts and along with the hard work, he had fun and learned to hear and speak. We watched our shy, curious, son grow from an infant into an outspoken, adventurous, competitive, five year old. He proudly graduated from Desert Voices and mainstreamed and joined his older brother, Brody at Legend Springs Elementary as a Kindergartner.

Fast forward, Colt's now a 4th grader. He continues to excel in and out of the classroom. He's an avid reader, a born leader and thrives on the soccer field. We are forever endowed to Desert Voices for giving Colt a voice. We proudly wait to see what his future holds. Since he could say "airplane," he's always said he wants to be a pilot and recently, his dreams have turned to being a professional soccer player. No matter where he ends up, we'll be there supporting, guiding and being his #1 cheerleader. Each day we remember his humble beginnings and celebrate everything in the middle. We'll worry about the end much, much later.

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