

Summer 2019

On Nolan's first day of attending We Care's early intervention program, my husband and I were anxious, nervous, and worried about how our 20-month-old son would make it through the day without us. Meeting Nolan's teachers put my mind somewhat at ease, but it was still extremely difficult to leave him.

Fast forward to one year later, we know that putting Nolan in We Care for early intervention education was the best decision we have ever made.

Mastering new skills at school and home

During the past year, he has thrived while attending We Care. When I drop him off each day, he is so happy to be there. He loves the classroom and his amazing teachers. Masako, Joycelin, Caroline, Kat and Merci have all spent so much time working with Nolan to help him master new skills.

Each day I get an update from Masako Poeppel, his incredible primary teacher, who tells me all of the exciting things he has learned or accomplished. We get consistent feedback from Elysa Underwood (speech therapist) and Kathy Youngson (occupational therapist) about activities to try at home to encourage Nolan's development and learning. It feels like we have our own team of professionals ready to help us tackle any issues that may come our way.

Heartfelt, unwavering support

Over time, we came to the realization that We Care was not just a school – it was a community where we all feel supported. It's a place I bring my son to each day knowing the teachers there truly care for him. Masako has celebrated with us so many of Nolan's seemingly small, yet significant, successes.

I remember telling Kathy Youngson about progress he had made related to a medical issue. Kathy was so happy to hear our son was doing well that her eyes immediately filled with tears of joy. Her reaction was so unexpected, genuine and heartfelt, and in that moment, I had so much appreciation for how dedicated these teachers are and how much they want their students to succeed.

With heartfelt thanks,

Christina (Nolan's Mom)



We Care is our community and, in a sense, our extended family. We will forever be grateful for all of their work with Nolan and their unwavering support of our family along the way.