

## Summer 2020

When Andrew and Glenn started at We Care, they bonded immediately and built a friendship that transcended preschool. During class, wherever one of the boys was, the other one was there too.

Glenn's mom, Leslie, said that Glenn loves to play with cars. And when it was time to bring something from home to share, he brought an extra car so Andrew could play with him as well. When Glenn's birthday came around, Andrew's mom, Rebecca, knew it was the perfect opportunity for Andrew to attend his first party, and he stayed by Glenn's side the whole time.

When We Care transitioned to distance learning due to the shelter-in-place, Glenn was very excited to reconnect with Andrew. He had been watching his older sister use Zoom, while Andrew was a bit unsure about just seeing Glenn on the computer without being able to play with him in person.



"I will miss being silly with you guys." - Glen

"I miss my teachers very much and can't wait to visit them." - Andrew

But working together like they always did, they got the hang of it quickly. So much so, teacher Lindsey said that at the end of one of the first Zooms, Andrew and Glenn took over and entertained the other kids the same way they used to do in class. The boys always knew when it was time to focus on learning, but when it was time to play, their friendship took center stage.

Now they frequently talk on the phone and connect via FaceTime. Rebecca and Leslie are looking forward to planning playdates as soon as it is safe, and they both anticipate that Glenn and Andrew's friendship will continue to grow.

Surprisingly, being best friends in the Quarantine Class of 2020 isn't the only part of their story.

The boys have older siblings who also attended We Care. Glenn's sister Clowvie used to come home and tell Glenn it was "clean-up time" and to "use your inside voice," and Leslie said Glenn has continued that tradition. Andrew's brother Jayden also met his best friend, Xavier, at We Care and even though Xavier has since moved away, they continue to stay in touch.

Both families said that what they will miss most about We Care are the teachers and staff who made their four children's experiences so special. Leslie also shared how much she appreciates We Care's yearly cultural fest because it taught Glenn about different cultures at a young age. Rebecca loves that Andrew has learned to be more talkative and engage with other children.

Another thing the boys were known for was hugging joyfully every time they saw each other and every time they said good-bye. We know Glenn and Andrew are missing those hugs right now – almost as much as We Care misses them.

Andrew and Glenn are 2020 graduates of We Care's preschool. We Care held a drive-through graduation, so the boys and their families were able to celebrate the important step of moving on to kindergarten!