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Dear Friend of Oley,

I was living a fairly uneventful life until shortly before my seventeenth birthday. At this point my small intestine knotted up on itself and died, leaving me with very little healthy tissue. I was told I would be on IV nutrition, or TPN, for the rest of my life. Within a few short hours, my life had changed forever. Everything was totally new to me.



Jameson and his father, Steve Atkinson

For a long time, my family and I felt alone and isolated. We had never known anything like this, and we didn't know anyone else who had my condition. We learned things from the Internet and my doctors, but we didn't have anyone we could talk to who understood what we were going through and all of the emotions that came with it.

Then we were introduced to the Oley Foundation. Suddenly, I could talk to people who knew exactly how I was feeling, and my parents could talk with other parents who had similar experiences. What an unbelievable gift!

Through Oley, I've learned how to take care of my central line, how to maintain a healthy weight, and so much more. But the most important

thing I've learned from this wonderful organization is that I'm not alone; there are people I can talk to who care. I've made lifelong friends through Oley, people I'd never have met otherwise. I now live life to its fullest, and Oley has played a tremendous role in making this happen.

So I urge you to please donate to Oley in whatever way you can. By giving you can help Oley reach more consumers and families, educate them, and ultimately bring them together so they, too, can live as fully as possible.

Sincerely,

Jameson Atkinson
HPN Consumer

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