Meet Mckenzie

Mckenzie is a delightful young lady with a positive, can-do attitude. She is hardworking, energetic, and always ready to learn and grow.

When Mckenzie was six weeks old, she began having seizures almost daily and frequently had several throughout the day. This continued for the next four years. The seizures took a toll on her physical and mental development. Mckenzie's mother became her relentless advocate and worked to ensure Mckenzie received treatment and the educational services she needed from preschool to high school. When she heard about EYES, she immediately signed her up for the summer program.

This year, Mckenzie will graduate from high school and has enrolled in Chattahoochee Tech's Early Childhood Development Certification Program. She also plans to return to the EYES summer program. She is eager to pursue her dream of becoming a preschool teacher.

Why did you come to Tommy Nobis Center?

My Mom heard about the EYES program and signed me up to help me prepare for a successful future.

What programs have you completed?

I completed the Early Youth Employment Services summer program which taught me different life skills that should be used in everyday life.

What obstacles did you face because of your disability?

When I was little I had many seizures that caused problems with my coordination and comprehension. My Mom looked into therapies that would help me have a better future.

What have you accomplished or overcome?

My therapies were a really big part in helping me overcome my struggles with my coordination. Since I was in 3rd grade I've been doing martial arts which helped me a lot. Being able to have control over my body is important because it helps me live out my daily life and just be a normal human being.

How did Tommy Nobis Center help?

Tommy Nobis Center taught me valuable life skills that help me be my best self and helps me be a better version of myself that would inspire people to do what's best for themselves.

Through the generosity of Tommy Nobis Center supporters, individuals like Mckenzie are given the opportunity to explore their interests, develop their skills, and achieve their career goals.

An Interview with Mckenzie

"I enjoyed every second at Tommy Nobis Center's EYES program. It really helped me prepare for my future after graduation."

About EYES

EYES (Early Youth Employment Services) is an educational program that empowers youth with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 21 with the knowledge and skills needed to obtain a job.