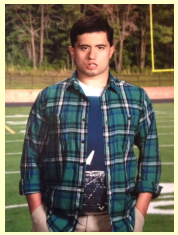


John Smyth is a 21 year old young man with a diagnosis of autism, communication disorder and seizure disorder. John lost his speech to regressive autism at about 20 months of age. He was unable to communicate even his most basic needs until the age of 16 ½, when he began taking lessons in Supported Typing and began communicating age appropriate thoughts immediately. Until then John had been in a life skills placement at school. John transferred to Brownsburg High School where his high level of intelligence was finally recognized. His placement was changed to general education where he graduated in September 2015 with a core 40 diploma and academic honors. He lives at home with his parents, and now attends Marian University in Indianapolis. John is also a prolific writer. Visit his website at www.authenticjohn.com to read examples of his essays, reviews, and poetry.



"I am a 15 year old male typer and I have been typing to communicate since October 25, 2013. I am homeschooled and enjoy listening to youtube videos about food recipes, and watching the different things being made! I want to be a pastry chef some day and love cooking and making things in the kitchen! I love Masgutova and feel it is helping with my different behaviors I use to have more frequently! I am also feeling it improve my ability to be more independent with my typing!"
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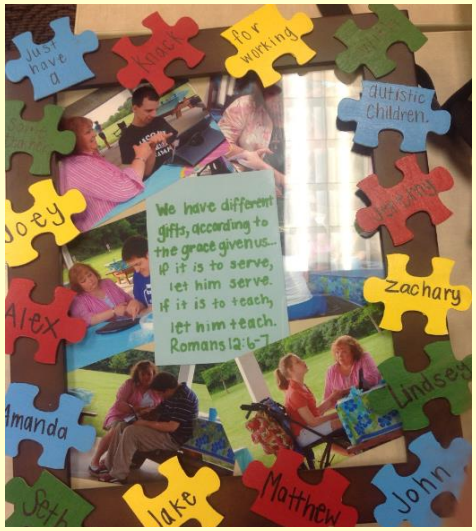
At the time of Jake's passing he was 17 years old. He lived with his parents Rob and Karyn and twin sisters Abbey and Grace. Jake was one of the original founders of Saved By Typing. As a result, he contributed to many lives of individuals with no verbal voice and helped bring them into the world of communication. He was diagnosed with autism at age three. Jake had no way of communicating until he was introduced to Supported Typing at Syracuse University. He began typing at age 8, was then able to communicate his wants, needs and opinions. His typing voice gave him the ability to contribute to conversations, participate in class discussions and have a successful academic life. Jake attended Hamilton Southeastern HS, and had plans to attend college. He was thrilled to have a voice and aspired to impact the world profoundly. We remember him with much love and know in our hearts that his dream of impacting the world continues to be fulfilled



Joe Kelly started using supported typing in 2013 at the age of 18. He has autism and is nonverbal. Joe was diagnosed as profoundly mentally handicapped and had worked at school on functional living skills before he learned to type. Joe has this to say about his early experiences: "Keep fighting always oh the life I frustratingly have lived without any communication... ... my autism is a gift and the anger is that it took 17 years for professionals to notice... so when the body disagrees with my words do not judge me. Always presume competence. Really three beautiful years of typing are all i have had in my 21 years of experience in life and autism is not an enemy anymore.

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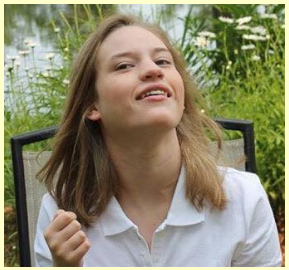


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20 year old Lindsey Dotlich was diagnosed with a seizure disorder at 4 months of age and autism at two years. She used to communicate by pointing at choices or choosing a picture card to give to her parents, and had been placed in life skills classes until she was able to communicate with supported typing. She soon began going to regular classes at her middle school, and is now in her fourth year at Brownsburg High School, on track to graduate with a academic diploma in May 2017. She has a 3.4 GPA and has passed both her English and algebra ECA's.
Lindsey wants to continue her education in college and she wants to eventually be a writer someday, possibly writing math books for children.



Clayton Tharp is a 28 year old man who rediscovered his voice about a year ago. He has made great progress this year and wants to be an advocate for others. The support through Saved by Typing has made a difference in his life and provides peer support that he didn't have before.

"I fight my Autism for years. Talking didn't come for me. I give my mom a great deal of credit in helping me find my voice. Just finding my voice for me did not come easy. It was really height of my great frustration. My mom gives me hope for finding my voice."



19 year old Conner Ray was first given the opportunity to express his voice through typing last year at the Neurologic Music Therapy Workshop sponsored by Saved By Typing at the age of 18. It was at that time that he was able to show us all that he had taught himself to read and speak; he let us know t that he is a very intelligent young man. Over the past year there have been many highlights, including co-presenting at a Supported Typing Workshop by Angie Sylas, MT, where he shared the importance of community and emphasized that typing has given him the opportunity to have friends. Conner is currently home-schooled. Having a voice through typing has made it possible for Conner to advocate for himself by choosing his life goals and clarifying how it is best to support him. Please visit his blog at keeplookingtohope.wordpress.com



36 years old Matthew Hobson was diagnosed at an early age with autism and labeled mentally retarded. When he was eleven, Matt was introduced to supported typing and was able to type the first day and give information his facilitator did not know. Up until that day, Matt had no form of communication. Being able to reveal his knowledge, that he thought no one would ever know he had, gave him hope for a future outside of the special education classes. He has since graduated with honors from IUPUI, and wrote and published his book titled "I'm So Glad You Found Me in Here." Matt has done many speaking engagements at college/ university classes, churches, and various other groups, and has had a life no one ever would have thought possible.



Jeremy Stutz lives with his parents and three younger siblings. When Jeremy was two years old, he was vaccine injured, had seizures, and has celiac disease. No one thought Jeremy would be able to read or learn. He tried speech and sign language and spoke some words, mostly food items, but had no real conversational communication. Jeremy was in and out of private and public schools mainly due to behavioral issues. He was in life skills classes. Jeremy started using supported typing at the age of 13. Since learning how to type to communicate, Jeremy is now 16 and and on a diploma track at Hamilton Southeastern High School studying academics. He loves spelling, history, and science. Everyone is getting a chance to know him and his likes and dislikes.

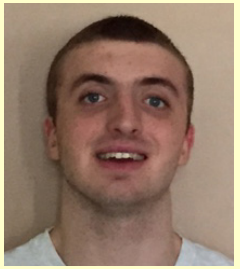
Although Jeremy is still frustrated that he cannot talk, he is happy to have found a voice through typing.



Seth Harrrison, age 36, graduated with honors from Warren Central High School. He has completed 2 ½ years of college at IUPUI. Diagnosed with autism in the first grade, he found his "voice" at eleven years old after his special education teacher trained in supported typing at Syracuse University and started working with Seth at a keyboard. Seth now lives independently with two roommates in their own home with supported living. He has become a happy, independent young man who fully communicates his thoughts and feelings.



"My name is Kelsey Krause and i found my voice at saved by typing. I was diagnosed with autism at a young age. Much of my life i was non verbal until both of my parents found saved by typing. I am a sophomore at North Central High School and plan to graduate with a high school diploma. I am very hopeful to continue to follow my dreams and become a doctor. I have had my voice two years."



Deric Suess has a diagnosis of Autism, Encephalopathy, Mitochondrial Metabolism Disorder, Communication Disorder and a history of seizures. Deric lost his ability to talk and walk and had poor motor skills after receiving vaccines at 18 months old. Deric has been homeschooled and attended both private and public schools throughout his 19 years. Deric does a lot of video scripting. He can speak a few words, but usually only when prompted. We always knew Deric had so much to tell us. He was able to find his voice once again in 2014, through supportive typing. He continues to remind us how smart he is and that autism does not define him as a person. Deric lives with his parents and younger brother.