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# Hope Child

*Blind Children's Center in Los Angeles, CA*



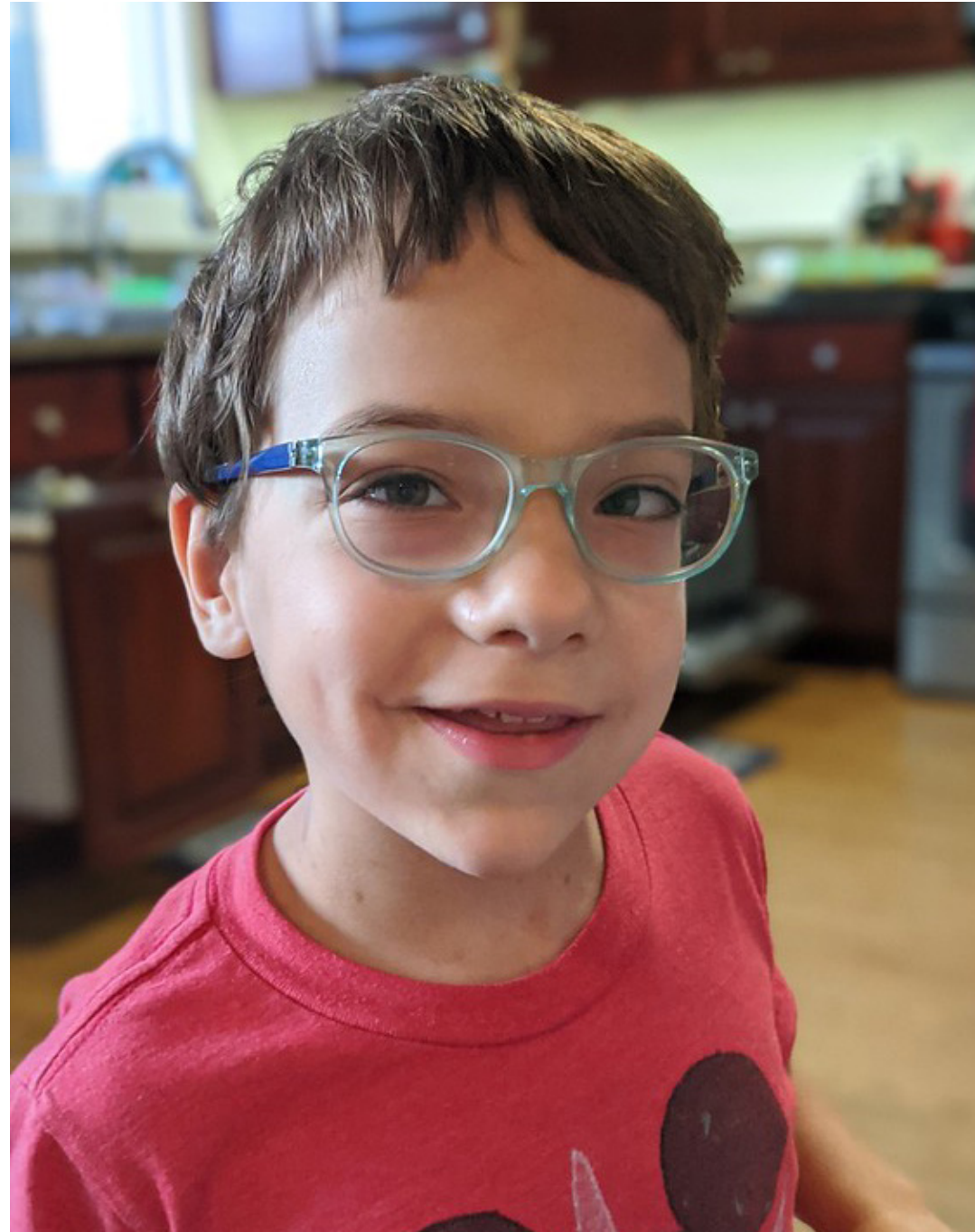
# What is a Hope Child?

Hope Child will invite both members and potential new members to learn more about the Delta Gamma Schools for Children with Visual Impairments through the faces and stories of their students.

A Hope Child is another way to share the impact of the Delta Gamma Foundation and an avenue to spotlight the personal stories of Service for Sight.

This initiative is an opportunity to inspire our collegiate and alumnae members for increased fundraising and most importantly, a challenge to our members to do good for Delta Gamma schools.





# Meet Teddy...

*A student at Blind Children's Center in Los Angeles, CA.*



Teddy is very happy 5-year old who rarely gets upset. He loves to read books and is very good at spelling. Teddy's parents and doctors believed he was blind until he was nine months old and visually tracked a toy! Because Teddy was born 3 months early and suffered brain bleeds, Teddy does not process what his eyes see very well, a diagnosis called Cortical Visual Impairment, or CVI. He also has optic nerve atrophy which means the nerve connecting his eyes to his brain is damaged and can cause areas of vision loss. But, despite these visual impairments, Teddy is strong! He loves to play with cars, rocks and sand. He likes to ride his tricycle around the block and go for rides in the car. He loves music and learning games on his iPad.





# Facts about Teddy

***Favorite Animal:***  
His family cat, Lily!

***Favorite Food:***  
Corn Flakes

***Favorite Song:***  
Going on a Bear Hunt

***Hero:***  
His daddy

As a student at the Blind Children's Center (BCC), Teddy has improved and has learned to try new foods. He has made progress on independent tasks like learning to wash his hands, ask for what he wants, take off his shoes, and make choices. He has adaptive devices that help him with his learning, like enlarged print or simplified papers, a magnifier computer, an ipad for back-lighting, raised or textured words or pictures, sitting close to the teacher and making sure his right side is facing the material as he sees best on the right, and having lots of time and quiet for responses and processing.





## Teddy's mom says...

“Finding the Blind Children’s Center when we moved to Los Angeles was a huge weight off of our shoulders. We were very nervous about sending Teddy to a public school, as many in our search did not have experience with visual impairment. As someone with a teaching background, it was important for us to find a school that will help Teddy with his vision needs. The small class sizes mean Teddy gets extra attention. The mix of children with disabilities and children developing typically lets everyone learn and grow together. The occupational therapists and vision specialists keep an eye on the children’s development and talk to the parents and teachers about ways to help them move forward. Teddy loves school and I am so happy that he has been at BCC to grow and learn”