# **The Elaine Clark Center**

# SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

**Open the Door to a Brighter Future!** 

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The Frank Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2001 to make sure income didn't bar any students with special needs from receiving the services they need.

The scholarship fund is reserved for families of students with special needs with additional financial need, as identified by income verification. However, a scholarship has more than monetary value. A scholarship gives families the relief and peace of mind that they can afford safe, quality care no matter their financial situation. We need you to **Open the Door for our students** and help us continue to assist children of all abilities.

Will you **Open the Door** and make a donation to change the lives for our students?

## **Annual Scholarship Donation**

Your annual donation will be used to provide a scholarship to a child or young adult receiving services at the Elaine Clark Center.

### **Recurring Scholarship Donation**

By becoming a monthly donor your monthly donation will be an ongoing support to the scholarship fund.

# **Apogee Scholarship Donation**

The apogee scholarship fund is a n Education Tax Credit where you can take a dollar-for-dollar reduction in your state tax liability for either yourself or your business.

This is a state tax legislation that allows you to use your tax dollars to support scholarships to a school of your choice. These dollars specifically support children in our Academy program who need an alternative to public education.



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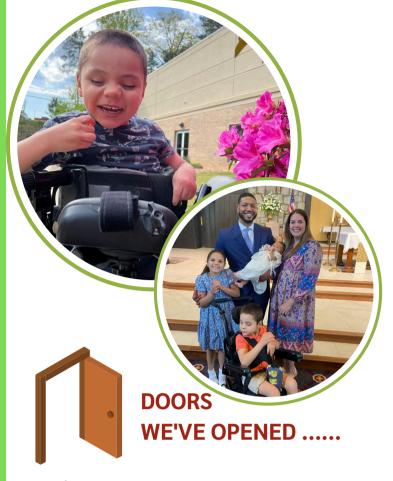
#### THE DIFFERENCE A SCHOLARSHIP CAN MAKE

We found The Elaine Clark Center after operating in crisis mode for about a year. Trey was a victim of abuse, and the road to recovery for our family was not an easy path to take. After getting a full picture of Trey's needs as a result of his TBI, we were in a position to start thinking about care for him. Thankfully my dad had made connections with Joi, and our family was referred to the center. At first it was scary to think of someone else caring for Trey- our family could barely keep up, so the thought of someone else doing it was near inconceivable. We were met with open arms at the center. The staff was kind, flexible, and willing to help. The Elaine Clark Center is the only reason that I have been able to continue working as an educator. With Trey's many needs, the loss of my salary would have put us all in a very difficult situation. After Trey spent time at Elaine Clark Center for about two years, we decided it was time to transition him into the public school system. Then.... COVID. We were lucky enough to find a daycare near our home that was willing and able to provide care for him throughout the pandemic when my husband and I returned to work in brick and mortar and we waited for public schools to return to in-person learning.

Once Trey returned to his public school, the bus was able to transport him to daycare after school. For about a year and a half, this worked, but as we know, all good things come to an end. We, again, found ourselves in a position where we did not have the necessary care for Trey that would allow both my husband and I to keep working. On a random Tuesday, I called the center and simply said, "I need help." Two weeks later we were touring the center and talking to Beth and Joi about the cost for two of our three children to attend. When Beth informed my husband and I that Trey could attend with a scholarship, we both cried. It was an unexpected blessing that made all the difference in our lives. By the time we left that day, Trey and his younger sister, Rachel Grace, were scheduled to start in January.

The scholarship that Trey receives is the only reason that we are able to be a part of this beautiful community. Without it, our family would be forced to make some very tough changes; we are so fortunate and grateful. The Elaine Clark Center is our saving grace. The people at the center humble me when I witness how loving and willing they are in their care for all the students at the school. To our family, the Elaine Clark Center is a Godsend. We have such peace of mind knowing that two of our three kids are cared for, loved on, and pushed to learn each and every day. Words are not adequate enough to express how thankful we are for this place!

Kelly & Jeff Kinne



- **\$558,450** in funds generated from the Frank Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund since 2000
- \$4,960: average scholarship amount
- 100% of Recipients received referrals
- **73%** of recipients received Therapeutic Intervention
- 36% of recipients received daily Nursing Care
- 2050 Days of Service
- 5820 Meals Provided

#### SCAN HERE TO OPEN THE DOOR TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE:



The Elaine Clark Center has been Opening the Door since 1969 to help students with disabilities. However, our children still need adapted services to help them unlock their full potential. Public schools and typical childcares have never been able to provide highly individualized services. The Elaine Clark Center provides the individualized care necessary for our children to successfully develop into confident contributing members of society.

We need you to **Open the Door** and help us continue to assist children of all abilities.



#### BECOME A SCHOLARSHIP DONOR AND JOIN OUR AMAZING LIST OF SUPPORTERS!

#### THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 SCHOLARSHIP DONORS!

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