

Two years ago I took Hunter to Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus Ohio, because his eyes were turning in and he was having trouble with daily living, running, playing and seeing everything a little boy loves to do. Bumping into walls and falling over everything.

I got to hear the worse news possible. My son was legally blind and had Amblyopia and Esotropia in both eyes. I was at a loss for words. I was in complete shock. When they started saying we need to start eye patching ASAP and start a process of surgery.... It was all a blur. They said we will get thru this. They sent me across to meet the team for eye patching. The two ladies were life savers. I thought to myself, this is going to be a nightmare, ugly looking band-aids on my kids eye. He will never wear this. She got a white envelope down and said, "Hunter you can pick what you like." I looked up at her and said, "Are these the free ones from the Save Our Sight Program? If not how much are these?" And she informed it was all free. I was able to take a deep breath and was so thankful for this program. Without it I don't know what I would do, I am a single mom of three and want my son to have eye sight again.

Then she pulled out this poster. It was a reward chart. He was so happy to have a turtle poster that when he took them off he had a place to put them. He was so excited. We wanted to fill it up as quick as he could.

I'm not going say it was easy, I would sit up at night and cry, begging for my son to understand that I'm just trying to help him that I'm not just a mean mom. But, at least I didn't have to worry about paying for the patches. And if I needed more I would just send a request and I would have them within three days and a new reward chart every time. What a blessing!!!

I just want to say thank you for making it possible for my son to regain his eyesight and always being a phone call away if I need help with anything. And, also never being told no for eyepatches. The first three months were a mess. He was ripping them off throwing them away; Yet I never got questioned why I need more so soon. Two years later Hunter is doing amazing with eye patching and eyes are looking so much better.

He was so excited and no longer embarrassed of the patching. On his 100th day of school we had a cape on with eye patches that said *Eye Am 100 Days Smarter*.

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Hunter 2016-pre diagnosis



Hunter with his patching poster



Hunter received this certificate and cool monster for doing a great job patching.



