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My son sustained a traumatic brain injury with a diffuse axonal injury. I was told to put him in a nursing home since he was not a candidate for rehab. I brought him home to my house. I had a support provider who took care of my son as if he was her own, and she did it from 10 PM to 7 AM five days a week. This allowed me to sleep as he was mine, all mine, from 7 AM to 10 PM. Thanks to the wonderful service provider, I was able to actively participate in my son's activities of daily living, range of motion exercises, and I started rehab on him myself. Today, my son independently performs ALL of his activities of daily living from hygiene, to dressing, to some meal prep. Without this service provider, I could not have done what was done and my son would have languished in some pathetic nursing home