

Dear Donor Family:

I am Magalis, Nicholas's Mother,

My son, who has Down Syndrome, has a considerable delay in his stuttering. He cannot speak or hold a conversation, nor can he read or write, which complicates his future, as he is 100% demanding, well maybe 98% but what gives me satisfaction is that he's all about love. He's a happy kid, the only thing he gives is love. I was thinking about how the world would be if we thought the way Nicholas does. It would be a world filled with joy. There wouldn't be evil or selfishness. My son is marvelous. We didn't know or assume that he would be diagnosed with Down Syndrome when he was born. The other day, they told me, it was hard at the beginning, because of all the tolerance, this town has limited integration in schools for people like him. He would go for 8 hours a day, he left kindergarten around 5 years and started school at around 8. It took a lot to integrate him into the schools. I think the times have changed in Chile; Nicholas is 27 years old now. I live in Las Serena, there weren't any integrated schools before, so it was harsh as a parent. Many people looked at him like he was strange or like an alien, thank God he would only give love. He persevered. I can't fully describe how they looked at him, like with evil or just strangeness, like he was from another planet. But he's an adorable kid,

Regarding the theme of the cornea, it was the year of the pandemic, we didn't realize, I was alone with my other daughter at that time. I worked a lot, from 5-6 in the morning until 11 pm or midnight. When I came out, it was basically to say "goodnight." At times I would buy lunch instead of preparing food. About a year later, we realized. He is very strong in that sense; he wouldn't tell me when something hurts. At times we would ask him "Does it hurt" and he would just say "No." One day, we were having lunch. I looked at his side, and I realized he had a cone on his eye, it was very raised, and immediately we got involved with the doctors, and was referred to a cornea specialist. It all happened within a week. They did many exams and were initially told it was practically impossible to do a cornea transplant. I was very discouraged. From there, I lost patience. But there would be more exams, and in April we were informed of the possibility of a transplant which was a huge miracle. I wanted this to be done as soon as possible because I was very distraught that Nico couldn't see along with what he could say about what he sees. From there, we were able to prepare and have everything set within less than a month, so I want to express much gratitude for the donor's family because allowing another person to improve the quality of another person's life. That is priceless, I believe, that there is only something to appreciate, appreciate, appreciate. I have decided to complete the civil registration as an organ donor because here in Chile, many people die, waiting for an organ and it is something so simple that people can do to save so many lives or understand more of the quality of lives of the patients who are waiting.

I'm not sure how to put it, but I'm overcome with emotion, and I want to thank the donor family for everything they have done because I know there were other organs donated, and all the families are appreciative.

I am happy and Nico will recover his sight within a year.

I am forever grateful.
Magalis

-Grateful Recipient