

A smile that shines

This boy's bright outlook makes other smile.

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Ten-year-old Neal Lain has been thrown some curveballs in life, but he never lets them slow him down. Ever since he was 15 months old, Neal has been living with Cerebral Palsy.


Cerebral Palsy is a group of disorders that affect Neal's ability to move and to maintain balance and posture. There is currently no cure for Cerebral Palsy, but Neal visits Children's Medical Center four times a week for occupational, speech and physical therapy. Those treatments and Neal's wonderfully positive outlook have helped him maintain an active lifestyle. Five years ago, Neal began using a computerized device called a Dyna Vox to help him communicate. He uses it at home, at school and at church to communicate with his family and friends. He even won a spelling bee last year using his Dyna Vox speaking system.



In his spare time, he plays baseball in the Challenger League. While baseball is his favorite sport, he also finds time to play soccer in the Hot Wheels soccer league. A sports enthusiast, Neal enjoys cheering on his favorite team, the Boston Red Sox.

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and the Dayton Dragons applaud all those who have been instrumental in Neal's life, including his parents Sunnie and Douglas Lain, his sister Susanna, Dr. Muniyappa and his entire medical team from Children's Medical Center. Please join us at the Dragons Game on June 2 as Neal completes his Home

Run for Life.

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