

## Greyson 's story as told by his mom

We had the privilege of working with Dr. Serrano for my son's (Greyson) second year at Intermountain Academy. Greyson has been diagnosed with Autism, Sensory Processing Disorder, Hypotonia, and Deletion Syndrome. Dr. Serrano approached teaching Greyson differently than others had in the past. When Greyson came to her classroom it was guaranteed he would be aggressive towards himself or others, barely engage with other students, had little concept of pretend play, and had debilitating sensory issues.

Dr. Serrano brought a different way of teaching to our children, providing loving acceptance and creativity to her students. We saw progress and improvement with Greyson almost immediately. Greyson developed a friendship, which was a first for him, that has continued to flourish. He was able to self-regulate better. Negative behaviors were being seen less and less. Self-harm wasn't a daily thing for him anymore. Watching him play in his room about his day was something we had not seen before. Taking dolls and interacting with them. Using the toys as they were meant to be used. This all stemmed from Dr. Serrano and her guidance. He developed a strong bond with Dr. Serrano. Every morning when he arrived, she had the biggest smile and warmest hug for him, she loves these children as she would love her own children. Which is something that we as special needs parents so badly need. We don't necessarily get to communicate with our children about their days at school, she was always in contact with me, sharing pictures of his day, letting me know what he did well that day. The focus became more on what he was able to successfully accomplish that day instead of all the ways he failed. Greyson loved going to school every day, because he knew Dr. Serrano was there to empower him.

Her presence in my son's life has been life changing for him. Her hard work and perseverance are constant and unwavering. We were so fortunate and appreciative to have had her expertise and love for our son.

Amanda Hinton - Greyson's mom

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