

Dylan's Story

The wonderful thing about Dr. Serrano's arrival to our life in 2010, was the kind of connection she established with her "big brain": Her Heart, along with the many years of experience in creating truly effective interventions that helped children like my son get on the "developmental train" he lost at one point in his life. I have witnessed changes in many other children as well.

My heart goes to her sincere, realistic, pragmatic, and in many cases revolutionary methodology that enabled us, the mothers, discover that every child has all what it is needed to develop his true potential. Maria's interventions were crucial in our initially complex and frustrating path, facing the challenges Dylan had at the time.

When I first told Dylan Maria was living in Mexico helping other kids like him, he wanted very badly to visit her. I still remember how we all met and the impact she had on Dylan's life. At first Dylan chose to hide under her desk and Maria left him there communicating "toe to toe" in non-invasive ways.

Very soon, my funny chubby boy, began to leave his protective capsule and felt a great sense of trust towards her. I felt the same way as she started to empower me helping me to understand him in ways I had never experienced before.

Dylan suffered from selective mutism due emotional trauma and exhibited profound autistic traits since he was 3 years old. I remember his first words when he was 7. Hugging Dr. Serrano he told her: "I am so glad to meet you". I was glad too, as I am sure she was also glad to have met us.

There is a big difference between wanting to do everything in your power to help your child and the knowledge that one acquires when a dedicated professional like Dr. Serrano finds the time to educate the parents and forms with us an intervention team that truly empowers the child.

It is not possible to clone Dr. Serrano who does not reach kids with pre-established techniques depending on the most common intervention trends. She reaches one child at a time and my son was one of those lucky kids.

I think Dr. Serrano's next step should be to educate new professionals who understand the power of the heart as a powerful connector. We need therapists and trained educators who understand every child's needs and who are capable of empowering them. Maria, I humbly offer you my deepest gratitude and thank you for the privilege of always knowing how many other children continue to flourish thanks to your work. Wonderful!

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