

"A Journey of Growth": Salok's Story



>>> When Salok joined the SPARK program in August 2024, his eyes brimmed with curiosity and an eagerness to learn. But beneath that enthusiasm lay a quiet struggle—his ability to express himself through words was limited. His Parent Partner, Shannon, quickly noticed that he often communicated by pointing at objects rather than speaking. It was clear that words felt just out of reach, and expressing his thoughts verbally was a challenge.

Determined to support his growth, Shannon made a commitment: she would not only teach, but also build a strong connection with Salok. Lesson by lesson, she patiently guided him, infusing each interaction with warmth and encouragement. As his parents grew more involved in his learning, an environment of trust and support began to flourish around him. Slowly but surely, something extraordinary started to happen—Salok began to find his voice.

Months passed, and the transformation was undeniable. With newfound confidence, Salok proudly stated his name, counted all the way to 20, and effortlessly identified every color on the skills checklist. His lessons were no longer just exercises; they had become moments of discovery, filled with excitement and curiosity. Shannon watched in awe as his verbal skills blossomed, and with them, his willingness to interact with others grew.

What once seemed like a distant goal had become a beautiful reality. The SPARK program, combined with the dedication of his family and his own perseverance, had unlocked a world of possibilities for Salok. His journey was far from over, but one thing was certain—the future was bright, and the people cheering him on couldn't wait to see just how far he would go.