“If this is all that happens for the rest of our lives, we’re good with that,” said Andrea McCallum one year after her son Blye received a stem cell treatment in Germany. “It’s worth it—it all is.”

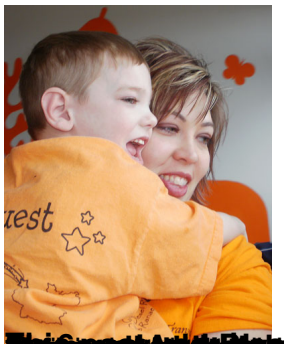
Andrea and her husband Gary didn’t have expectations of “fixing” Blye, who has Cerebral Palsy, but simply wanted to give him the opportunity of a better life. “All we wanted was to see improvement somewhere,” said Andrea.

And the McCallums certainly have seen improvement since Blye’s procedure in February 2011.

“Personality-wise he’s changed so much!” said Andrea, noting how mature 6-year-old Blye is now. He can handle situations better and work through the stressors more easily.

Before, when he encountered a stressful situation, it “wreaked havoc” on Blye physically. In the past year he’s been much more relaxed, and his body is much stronger. He can easily bounce back from long days at school and other activities.

Blye used to have a roller coaster of good days and bad days, but he’s had significantly fewer bad days in the past year. He doesn’t seem to have to work as hard to do the simple movements.



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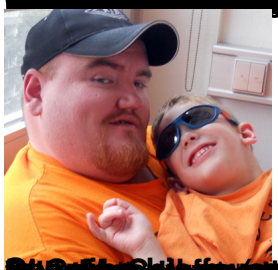

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