Pictures of You

A photo series of Neurology Now readers.

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"Racecar Driver"

"Garrett is seven years old and has global apraxia, ADHD, and epilepsy. Even with all his medical needs, he loves to play and run and have fun like everyone one else his age. He has a great sense of humor and loves to dance with his stuffed animals. Garrett has been helping to raise awareness of childhood apraxia for five years by appearing in newspaper articles and even on TV. Every day is a challenge for him, but he holds his head high and always does his best."

Submitted by: Carrie Edberg



AMANDA KLOEPFER

"This photo was taken of my daughter, Amanda Kloepfer (in the orange shirt). Severe traumatic brain injury doesn't stop her from meeting challenges and doing what she loves, like rock climbing."

Submitted by: Yolanda Beets



"All Star"
REAGAN FARLEY

"Our son was diagnosed with epilepsy in 2010. He is doing well in school and was selected for a team of under-12 all stars that will play for a week in Cooperstown, MJ, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame."

Submitted by: Chris and Vanessa Farley



"The Reader"
BONNIE EVANS

"The pain of cervical dystonia comes and goes. When I'm feeling good, I mow the grass, bake, go for walks, and shop. I've taken on big projects too, such as painting the kitchen walls and cabinets. I changed jobs and am now a reading specialist. I work with small groups of primary school children and I love it. I feel rewarded by the progress that they make."



"Chasing Gremlins"

"I am 49 years young and living in the United Kingdom. I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) in 1995. A bit knackered at the moment from all the ups and downs MS brings but doing my best to be positive and not let the gremlins get me down."



"Artist Remade"

"While relearning how to write and regaining my fine motor skills, artwork became an outlet for dealing with the emotional turmoil and depression I felt."

In 2005, Tom Watson suffered a massive brain stem stroke.
His passion for art saved him. Watson's recent work reflects the internal transformation that occurred during rehab: While his mind learned to repair broken connections, Watson reassembled materials salvaged from earlier projects to create a new body of art.



"Positive Changes"

"Having an arteriovenous malformation and an aneurysm has not been a death sentence; it just means my life has changed. I would have never believed that mine could be changed for the better, but it was."

If you would like to be included in an upcoming issue, here's what you can do: E-mail us at **neurologynow@lwwny.com** with your photo and a few words telling us about yourself. And if you don't have access to e-mail, you can mail your photo and caption to: Wolters Kluwer Health, 333 Seventh Ave., 19th floor, New York, NY 10001, attn: *Neurology Now*. If you want the photo returned, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your submission.

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