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Who's In Your Family?

I live at home with my husband Steve. I have a daughter, Amber, who lives close by and a son, Daniel, who is 23 and lives in a community home about 20 minutes from us.



Why do you Volunteer with the Foundation?

The single most important source of support that we had when our son was young was that of networking with other parents. We got involved with our state Deafblind Project when Daniel was 2, and it was there that we met a family who had a son just a few years older than Daniel with Charge. I was able to call her to ask questions and she was always willing to share information.

What activities do you like to do?

We spend our weekends busy around the house, sometimes we go camping and every Sunday we pick up Daniel and head to Grandma and Paps. Daniel loves to swim, listen to music and takes rides in dad's truck. We spend time with family and friends and we like to travel.

What do you want people to know about your family?

My husband runs a small construction business and I have always worked outside of the home. Our first child, Amber, was 3 when our son, Daniel was born. Daniel had home nursing he was 19 due to complex medical needs. He attended our local schools until he was a teenager and then attended Western PA School for the Blind until 21. Daniel is now 23 and lives in a community home with a roommate and 24/7 staffing. We see him several times a week. He is currently involved in going through the discovery process and exploring the possibility of getting a job!

