



Full Life Ahead
FOUNDATION OF **H.O.P.E.**



From “she never will” ... to she can and she is! All because of H.O.P.E.!

Shortly after Kelsi's birth, my husband I were greeted by a well meaning geneticist. She informed us that there was “something genetic going on” with Kelsi. After sending this doctor away and a couple of weeks of denial, we had to admit that Kelsi did have, if nothing else, health and developmental needs. In search of answers, we spent 2 years with that same geneticist trying to discover the root of these needs. A month before Kelsi's 2nd birthday, she was diagnosed with Costello syndrome. She was the 18th person in the world given this diagnosis. **So our journey into the unknown continued...**



**It is amazing the things that
you can do... when the people
in your life believe in you!**

Although we made sure that Kelsi got the best therapies and interventions possible, we continually heard “**she never will.**” Prior to her diagnosis, we were told that she wouldn't live long. As a toddler we were told that most likely she would **never** walk, **never** eat without a feeding tube and she would **never** be able to talk or communicate with others. “**Don't get your hopes up**” was a resounding phrase. With lots of faith and commitment... Kelsi lived! Kelsi walked! Kelsi talked! Kelsi **CAN** eat! Then she started school...yet again we were **encouraged to be discouraged...** that is until we learned about The Full Life Ahead Foundation where we found **hope!**

It was an incredible feeling to have others truly **believe** that Kelsi **COULD!** The Full Life Ahead Foundation advocated for Kelsi in school when we were told that she would **never**

be able to read. Because Full Life Ahead was there and communicated Kelsi's **strengths and gifts**, the staff at the school began to **believe** that Kelsi could. Guess what? Kelsi learned how to read! Later when Kelsi was determined to have a job and get a paycheck, we turned to Full Life Ahead again. They were there for her as a young adult and for us as parents, **leading, guiding, educating, and connecting** the dots. It wasn't long that Kelsi had a job and Kelsi has held that job for over 3 years! One day Kelsi wants to have her own place to live. We **believe!** She **will!**

The Full Life Ahead Foundation is all about **H.O.P.E.!** Helping Other People Envision all of the **possibilities** of what can be! As a mom, I have experienced **the power of H.O.P.E.!** A little over a year ago, I became Executive Director of The Full Life Ahead Foundation. I came here because with all that is in me, I **believe** that we can **spread H.O.P.E.** and the excitement of **accomplishment** to individuals with disAbilities and their families! This has been true for my family and now I have seen the **fruits multiplying** for other families.

On behalf of The Full Life Ahead Foundation, please consider a contribution to help us continue our work with families, bringing them the power of **H.O.P.E.** and the **excitement** of accomplishment!

Thank you from all of us, for your help!

Wishing you and yours a full life ahead,

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Believe... Give and give H.O.P.E.!

