

## Tecumseh Toddler Receives Scholarship for Specialized Therapy Program in Pontiac



*Two-year-old Brayden Kosino of Tecumseh, Michigan was awarded a scholarship by The North Oakland Foundation to attend Euro-Peds*

**Tecumseh, MI, May 6, 2010** ~ Two-year-old

**Brayden Kosino** has been awarded a \$1500 scholarship to attend Euro-Peds National Center for Intensive Pediatric PT by the North Oakland Foundation. Brayden, the son of single mother Tecumseh resident Katherine Kosino, has Schizencephaly, an abnormal development of the brain that, for Brayden, resulted in right hemiplegia. That means he has difficulty using the right side of his body. According to physical therapist Melissa McGinnis, PT, MPT, this has resulted in muscle tightness and weakness on his right side, making balance, gait and other functional skills difficult for Brayden.

The Euro-Peds clinic ([www.europeds.org](http://www.europeds.org)) out of Doctors' Hospital of Michigan ([www.dhofm.com](http://www.dhofm.com)) in Pontiac, Michigan, is a specialized hospital-based therapy program for children with cerebral palsy and other neuromuscular disorders. The \$1500 scholarship helped cover the European-inspired "Suit Therapy" portion of Brayden's treatment program between April 26-May 7. The entire therapy program cost approximately \$4,850, plus travel expenses.

According to Katherine Kosino, Brayden's first two-week session last year at Euro-Peds was very successful. "We have hopes that another session will be the therapy that helps him walk. He's very close, and as a two-year-old, he is very excited and determined to take steps independently," she added.

If you are interested in contributing to Brayden's therapy fund for Euro-Peds, you may contact the North Oakland Foundation, ([www.northoaklandfoundation.org](http://www.northoaklandfoundation.org)) at (248) 857-7096 for a tax-deductible donation to Brayden Kosino's Adopt A Euro-Kid named account.

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