

NEXUS CHAMPION

FERRIS WILLBURN



“He tries so hard every day to improve himself.”

PATRICIA WILLBURN
Ferris' Mother

Ferris Willburn joined the Nexus family in 1995 after an accident in a machine shop caused him to lose three parts of his brain, affecting his short-term memory, decision making, and personality. After being told Ferris would be a vegetable for the rest of his life, Patricia Willburn, Ferris' mother, advocated tirelessly until she found Nexus Health Systems and Dr. Cassidy.

“We have been through a lot, but it has been a miracle that we found this place,” shared Patricia. **“Dr. Cassidy saved my son's life.”**

Upon admission, Ferris couldn't speak, feed himself, or use his right arm. After intensive physical and occupational therapy and speech-language pathology, Ferris is more independent, and continues to participate in daily therapies and activities at Nexus Neurorecovery Center and at his home, Nexus Specialty Hospital. Through his determination and hard work, Ferris is speaking more, writing notes, and utilizes both arms.

Patricia explained that Nexus gives Ferris the life he wants and expects normally with his long-term memory. “He gets up and loves going to activities and day programs,” she explains. “He makes crafts and is learning to write words. There are all kinds of activities to keep his brain working and make sure he is busy all the time.”

When it comes to the nurses, therapists, technicians, physicians, and other Nexus staff members, Ferris thinks he's **“spoiled rotten to the core”**. As his mom explains it, Nexus is his home, and the team members working with him daily are part of his family.

Patricia put it simply: **“Nexus is the best.”**

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