

## Dallas

Dallas (DJ) is 15 years old and attends school at Reed Point School. He says his other nicknames are Tiny and Pesto! If you are curious about those nicknames, just ask him to tell you about them. Dallas, Mom (Jennifer), Dad (Dan), and 17-year-old brother (Clayton) are all grateful for the treatment at Shriners Children's. They believe that Dallas would not be able to do all the things he does without the skilled care and expertise he received at Shriners Children's Spokane. Dallas says his favorite thing about going to his appointments are "that he gets to miss school and that everyone at Shriners treats him like family".



Dallas is your typical teenage boy, full of life and craves adventure and "danger"! He enjoys watching Basketball (L.A. Lakers) and Football (Green Bay Packers). Dallas likes to play guitar, video games, and VR either at home or when he is hanging out with friends. His favorite subjects in school are P.E., Music, and culinary class. Dallas says that "he likes to help people have a better day" any way he can.

Dallas flipped in utero at 4 months and his left foot got stuck under mom's pelvis. This condition is known as Poliomyelitis. When Dallas was 1 day old, he got his first cast. Oran Pratton (Great Grandpa & a Master Mason since 1949) sponsored Dallas to be seen at the Shrine Hospital.

Dallas and family made their first trip to Shriners Children's at just 2 months old, he had a complete checkup and x-rays done. He had check ups every 6 months and had to have lifts put in his shoes to even out his stride.

Dallas had his first surgery at 9 ½ years old, in this surgery Dr. Thompkins started the leg lengthening process and placed a halo on his leg. The halo was removed 6 months later (Nov. 2018). In May of 2019 8 plates were placed in the leg to help straighten it. November 2019 the 8 plates were removed and Dallas has had yearly checkups ever since.

Dallas and his family would like to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to their local Shrine Club, Shriners Children's Spokane, Dr. Tompkins, and everyone who takes the time to donate to Shriners Children's. Without the generous support of hospital donors Dallas may not have gotten the state of the art care that he needed to live a full active life.