



THIS IS DIABETES

HE WAS DIAGNOSED WHEN HE WAS THREE. I'M A DIABETES MOM IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD. IT'S NOT VISIBLE SO PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND THE SEVERITY OF IT.

IT'S NOT A CHOICE TO NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT. YOU HAVE TO HANDLE IT OR LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO GET SICK OR SOMETHING BAD IS GOING TO HAPPEN. CHANGING MY SITE AND STUFF, IT'S PRETTY HARD AND PAINFUL. WHEN HE WAS DIAGNOSED, I CALLED HIS DAY CARE AND SHE LIKE, UHM, CAN YOU NOT BRING HIM BACK. WE'RE NOT COMFORTABLE WITH HIM BEING HERE. SO I MISSED A LOT OF WORK TRYING TO FIND A SCHOOL FOR HIM, FOR A THREE-YEAR-OLD, THAT EITHER HAD A NURSE OR SOMEONE THAT WAS WILLING TO BE TRAINED. IT'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, WHICH IS WHY I ADVOCATE SO HARD.

THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION, THEY'VE LITERALLY BECOME LIKE OUR FAMILY. THEY HELPED ME LEARN HOW TO BECOME AN ADVOCATE, MAKE OUR VOICE HEARD, TRYING TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT DIABETES IS. THEY PROVIDE RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT HE'S SAFE WHEN I'M SCARED. OH, HIS TEACHER THIS YEAR IS AMAZING, HIS NURSE IS LIKE RIDICULOUS. SHE IS IN LOVE WITH CHASE AND SHE KNOWS HIS BODY INSIDE AND OUT SO WE'RE LUCKY BUT THERE ARE SO MANY KIDS WHO, THEY DON'T HAVE THAT VILLAGE AND THEY DON'T HAVE THAT SYSTEM.

ONE DAY, SOMEONE'S GOING TO FIND A CURE. SOMEONE SHOULD.