

Parent Testimonial

When Joseph Bruce P. entered The Arc Mid-South's LETS program in May 2012, he was reading on a kindergarten level. Having endured a Traumatic Brain Injury, he arrived with limited use of his right arm and hand. Joseph was quiet, withdrawn, and reluctant to communicate. His memory would not permit him to recall even his age (now 59) or home address.



Today, Joseph is outgoing, assertive, and self-assured. He can read, so Joseph is able to help his niece with homework while learning right beside her. Though he still has some work to do to increase his speech capabilities, Joseph has improved his social skills to the point that he can self-advocate and hold a conversation. He also is able to take care of his personal hygiene, and prepare meals. Joseph solves basic math and algebraic equations with or without a calculator and counts all denominations of money with no assistance. He has exquisite penmanship with his left hand.

Joseph is determined to do more on his own. His ultimate goal is to earn a GED, then get a job, a driver's license and car, and buy a house. "Living independently is my primary goal," he said. With a huge smile, Joseph added, "If she's the right one, I will marry her."