

TOMMY ELDER



Tommy is a 26-year-old young man. He is a happy guy and will give you a smile that melts your heart. He has suffered with severe seizures since he was 6-months-old. Unfortunately, this is a life threatening condition because his seizures can literally last for hours. Tommy has been on life support 45 times. He has tried 16 different pharmaceuticals, hundreds of medication combinations (which have horrific side effects), been on the ketogenic diet several times, has a Vagus Nerve Stimulator (sort of a pacemaker for his brain), and he even had brain surgery. Yet, his seizures remained catastrophic and uncontrolled... until we found low THC CBD oil!

Prior to CBD, our lives were a recurring medical nightmare. Tommy would turn blue, stop breathing, have seizures that last for hours literally. Or, if we were out shopping when a seizure struck, I have had to leave my other children at Walmart, with the manager until a family member could pick them up, because I have to follow the helicopter to the hospital. Imagine calling 911 so many times that the 911 dispatcher recognizes your voice. Complete chaos.

Prior to trying CBD, our lives were an emotional and financial roller coaster. Tommy's bills averaged over half a million dollars per year for the three years prior to starting CBD. According to my insurance, Blue Cross, the portion I am responsible for, just for 2014, was \$39,000. Fortunately for me, now that he is an adult, Tommy qualifies for VA Medicaid which assists with some of those bills. But just imagine, first, the quality of life for Tommy, but also the positive financial impact on people like me and the state of Virginia if his seizures were more controlled.

2015 - START CBD

We started the low THC CBD oil in September 2015. What a difference! It was like Tommy was coming out of a fog. He is more engaging, has vast cognitive improvements, and the best part: the seizures are more controlled. Over the past 3-1/2 years, Tommy's seizures are reduced in number and severity. He is currently at about an 85% seizure reduction! The seizures are less severe and the recovery is much quicker. It's nothing short of a miracle.

	2-Years Prior to CBD	3-1/2 Years Using CBD
Number of hospital admissions	23	8
Number of times on life support	17	3

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