

## Appendix

### Addie's Life Chart

Code	Count	Definition
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+	22	Nice, pleasant, good things
0	6	Neutral
-	7	Emotional, terrible things, not really nice

Year	Code	Event
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1996	0	Birth.
1997	-	Development stalled around 14-15 months, sleeping a lot, falling, hitting her head on the table when eating, stopped babbling, no words at all.
1998	-	At 17 months referred to a neurologist and was diagnosed with Infantile Spasms, EEG revealed hypsarrhythmia, started Vigabatrin which wasn't FDA approved in the US (went to TWWuana, Mexico to obtain it).
	+	Within 10 days of Vigabatrin the seizure activity was gone.
	+	At 18 months went to Regional Center, started Occupational Therapy with this researcher and Speech Therapy.
	0	Started preschool at Rose Scharlin Co-Op at age 2.
	-	Addie was mostly in "her own world", on the perimeter of any activity, dressing up, painting herself, looking for bugs and snails.
1999	+	Brother Leo born in April.
	+	Weaned off Vigabatrin at age 3 due to long term side effect concerns.
2000	-	September just before she turned 4, her seizures returned.
	-	She was given a diagnosis of Lennox-Gastault Syndrome (LGS). Seizures continued with up to 5 clusters everyday (each cluster would have about 20 seizures).
	-	Tried 13 different medications and the ketogenic diet over the next 6 years.
2001	0	Went to a private kindergarten in Silverlake at age 4 with a private 1:1.
	+	Addie was mostly in her own world but made two friends.

+ At age 5 she started an afternoon therapeutic program at Cheerful Helpers Child & Family Study Center, twice a week.

+ Parents participated in a parent support group which was helpful for communicating better with Addie.

2002 + Enrolled in Cheerful Helpers Therapeutic School for another year of kindergarten and 1st grade.

+ Made best friend at this school.

2004 0 Enrolled in the Frostig School for 2nd and 3rd grade.

- She needed 1:1 assistance for basic writing of the alphabet. She could not read or do math. She loved having books read to her and memorized a few books that she pretended to read to people. With clusters of seizures and falling asleep at school, they moved her to a couch in the attendance/transportation office. When she awoke, she thought she was in trouble in the principal's office. She wasn't learning and had a hard time speaking at all.

2005 + Addie's mom started The Children's Ranch and Addie spent every afternoon at the Ranch caring for the animals, horses, rabbits, chickens and working on Addie's communication skills.

2006 0 Started at Bridgeport School (part of the HELP Group --- a non-diploma track school that focuses on life skills and limited academics) from 4th grade to 8th grade.

+ Found medication Onfi (Clobazam) which controlled the seizure activity. Addie joined the clinical trial for Clobazam at age 10 and was seizure free within a month and remained seizure free for 13 years.

2009 + Burst of development at age 13 after three years of being seizure free: started taking more serious horse riding lessons, returned to martial arts, learned to read while studying for her Bat Mitzvah (learned to chant transliterated Hebrew).

+ Addie wrote a speech to thank everyone for coming and she read for the first time in front of hundreds of people at her Bat Mitzvah. After that she started reading everything.

2011 0 Went to Frostig for high school, initially on a non-diploma track for the first year.

+ Then changed over to diploma track as she made progress in reading and writing. Teacher made accommodations for her math so she could take pre-algebra.

+ Addie participated in music (singing) and drama at Frostig, and played lead roles in many plays and musicals, including Guys and Dolls, Seussical and the Wizard of Oz.

2014 + In her senior year at Frostig, she also enrolled at Glendale Community College (GCC) and took several non-academic classes to get a feel for the campus and college in general.

- 2015 + Graduated from Frostig with a high school diploma and was very proud.
- + In June, visited Korea with mom and maternal grandfather as a high school graduation present.
- + Enrolled at GCC for the fall and took 3 classes: theater, dance and English.
- + She read a book, "The Good Earth" from start to finish on her own for the first time in her life in English class.
- 2016 + In February, enrolled in and completed a 10-week Introductory Korean language class at the WW University while living in Korea.
- + In May, back in the USA, she went back to GCC taking one or two classes at a time. She loved history the most.