



Ridgeview Classical Schools

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Dear Ridgeview Community:

Mrs. Kiely (3rd grade teacher 2001 to present), recently gave birth to an adorable baby boy. He has been diagnosed with a condition known as PKU. He is unable to digest/metabolize protein. Nathan's condition is quite rare, affecting only one in every 25,000. He has to have very specialized food. The consequence of his not receiving the special food is that he would become mentally retarded. This will never happen as the Kielys will not allow him to eat anything he cannot have. Herein lies the difficulty: the special food is very, very, expensive. The formula is \$80/can. Luckily, the formula is covered by insurance. The food he will need to eat, starting in the next few months, is not covered by insurance. The RCS BOD and Building Corporation would like assistance from the RCS community and even the community at large. To this end we would like to solicit donations for Nathan Kiely. No donation is too large or too small. The donations will be tax deductible. This will be an ongoing effort, as there will never be a time Nathan can eat "regular" food. The only foods that he can eat from the grocery store are fresh fruits and vegetables. If \$10 per RCS student were donated, there would be an excess of \$7000 to start off. This may be a lofty goal, but as parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts, and uncles without such a challenge of how to fund the nutritional needs of our own children, this suggested amount is minimal compared to the benefit it will provide.

We encourage the RCS community to share this need with others outside the RCS community.

Any donation at any time will be accepted as Nathan's condition is lifelong. The above suggestion is only that and a way to get this started for Nathan. Please make checks payable to Nathan Kiely/RCS Building Corporation. Checks can be dropped off in the front office or mailed to RCS 1800 South Lemay, Fort Collins, CO 80525. Tax donation letters will be sent within 1 week. If you have any questions please address them to Kim Miller, kmiller@ridgeviewclassical.com, or call (970) 494-4620 x 126 school or (970) 214-9340 cell.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

RCS BOD, Building Corporation, and Administration