

Your act of kindness can
change everything for
kids like Ryan.



**Together, we can make a difference for
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Meet Ryan.

“Too much to handle” and “out of control” were just a couple of labels placed on 6-year-old Ryan. You can imagine what it must have been like for Ryan and his Mom. The daily struggle to fight labels and overcome objections had become...hopeless.

Although Mom had limited financial resources, she borrowed educational resources and workbooks from the local library and had Ryan practice each night. She also read through every parenting/self-help book available, but nothing seemed to help.

The outbursts at school were only getting worse. Mom was at the end of her rope. **But thanks to friends like you, Mom had options—Thornwell’s Building Families program.** A Family Specialist began visiting Ryan’s home two to three afternoons each week. He learned basic skills like following instructions, accepting no for an answer, and expressing his feelings. Mom learned how to calm Ryan down and honor his feelings, even if they seemed silly or aggravating. She also learned how to communicate expectations and motivate Ryan on his level.

The hard work began to pay off. One day Ryan’s mom called the Family Specialist in tears. Ryan had tested into the gifted and talented program! It turns out that with all the workbooks Mom brought home, Ryan learned to read and write at a third-grade level! He wasn’t such a bad kid; he was just bored!

It’s families like Ryan’s that compel us to continue this meaningful work. With your help, we address the child welfare crisis at the root level to prevent instability or breakdown before it happens. You give families like Ryan’s a second chance. **Thank you! Visit thornwell.org/give to give a one-time or monthly gift to sustain Thornwell’s ministry for children and families.**

**Names and photos have been changed for the family’s protection.*

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