

My name is Ian Campbell, and I live in Falls Church, Virginia. I've lived in this area since the age of four and a half. When I was two and a half years old, my parents found out that I had autism at the Army Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany.

I live at home with my day, my mom, and my sister. My parents are not just parents, but they're my advocates, my behavioral support staff, my personal chefs (I have some dietary restrictions and preferences that mean I can only eat certain things), my care attendants, and my chauffeurs. I am eligible for an ID Waiver, and I've been on the waiting list for over twelve years so far. That waiver would help me get



Ian relaxing at home

staff to do some of the things my parents do now, so they could have a break and I could be more independent.

My dad turned down promotion opportunities, so that we could live in the same location, since moving would have made finding therapy and other medical services for me very difficult. He was in the same Army command in the DC area for 11 of the last 31 years of his active-duty Army service. He would have been promoted if we moved or he was deployed, but he chose to care to me over advancement in his career.

When we ask, we're told that we're near the top of the urgent waiting list for an ID Waiver, but we've been told that for several years. My dad had lung cancer connected to his active-duty service a few years ago and declared by the Veterans Administration to be "home-bound", but even that didn't make our situation urgent enough to get funded because there are so few new slots.



Ian with his dad, Scott

My parents are really smart and have been very involved in the autism community. They are doing a lot to plan for my future and volunteer a lot to help other families, police officers, other first responders, and teachers learn more about how to help us kids with autism become successful adults. However, I'm going to need my ID Waiver to make all of the pieces come together.

You can change my future! Please fund the waiting list for ID and DD Waivers. End the wait, start a life.