

## Your support for children like Zahiir and Zahkir'e provides them with **a bright future**

Dear Friend,

Yes, the Pathway school has its own Wright brothers – Zahiir and Zahkir'e! And **your support for our special education students provides them with the best possible outcomes** for success, independence, and a bright future.

### Every child deserves a safe and nurturing space to learn

Zahiir and Zahkir'e are identical twins who had their own way of communicating with each other from the time they were babies. Their parents recall, "They'd nod their heads and always knew what each other was thinking about". But, as they grew, they had trouble communicating with



*Zahkir'e and Zahiir ready  
to move up to Pathway's Upper School*

others. They began speaking later than most kids. They didn't communicate verbally with others until they were 5 years old. Problems really began when they started attending public school. They were taunted and physically bullied by other kids. They tried to defend themselves, but they sustained injuries – some that still affect them to this

day. They even wanted to harm themselves and started refusing to go to school. The school administration didn't provide their parents with good information until they hired an attorney to help them find out what was going on.

*Continued on next page*

## Pathway was the best thing that could ever happen for Zahiir and Zahkir'e.

What they learned was shocking and enough to convince them that they needed to seek a better school environment for the boys. In 2018 they visited The Pathway School. At that time, the boys had learning disabilities, emotional challenges, and difficulty communicating verbally with people outside of their home. They saw that the campus was beautiful and welcoming, and they were impressed with all the services available at Pathway, including clinical and behavioral support. Zahiir

and Zahkir'e also liked what they saw and began to open up right away. According to their mother,

**“Pathway was the best thing that could ever happen for Zahiir and Zahkir'e”.**



*Zahiir and Zahkir'e when they first arrived at Pathway, age 9*



*Zahiir and Zahkir'e enjoy sports and outdoor activities.*

Their parents immediately saw progress with Zahiir and Zahkir'e at Pathway. Today, the boys are thriving. Their parents shared, “The Pathway School has a wonderful team, a good curriculum, and everything offered to help the students succeed is great! They have amazing programs and are so helpful and supportive to the students and the families. Our experience with Pathway has been one of the best for our children.” Not only

have the boys grown and progressed during their time at Pathway, **they also now want to go to school!** Zahiir and Zahkir'e receive supporting therapy where they have told their therapist how much they love Pathway. The boys have learned to make new friends, both here and at home in their neighborhood. They have favorite teachers – Mrs. Subers and Mr. Vivian. They love the sports activities here, including football and basketball, as well as the games they play in gym class. Zahkir'e's favorite subject is science and Zahiir's is math.

Your donations support many students like Zahiir and Zahkir'e and promote their academic progress, as well as their success and independence both today, as students, and later in life as adults. You make the difference for Pathway students, their families, and their communities. **We thank you for your generous support!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "David Schultheis".

David Schultheis, President & CEO

**PS, please send your tax-deductible gift today! Every donation makes a difference for Pathway students.**



*Zahiir and Zahkir'e at 5 years old*

Support Pathway students with special education needs by donating online at our secure giving page: <https://bit.ly/DonatePathway>.

Or mail your donation to: The Pathway School Development Office  
162 Egypt Road  
Jeffersonville, PA 19403

**P** THE  
PATHWAY  
SCHOOL