

# Know Me

NAME

*Weston*

PASSION

*Dr. Who*

## My Story

Hi! My name is Weston Eberhardt and I was born on January 23, 1991 at Aultman Hospital. I was born prematurely at 28 weeks. I weighed 2 pounds 4 ounces and stayed at Aultman Hospital until I was 4 ½ pounds and able to breathe on my own.

I was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at age 4. I had numerous surgeries on my legs at The Cleveland Clinic. An intrathecal pump was implanted in my abdomen to relax my legs and help with my mobility.

I attended Stark DD's Eastgate School and with the help of their occupational and physical therapists I was able to walk. They also helped me improve my fine motor skills.

It became clear that I had many challenges ahead of me. I was told that I would never walk, never live on my own, and never be able to hold down a job. With the help of my family, Stark DD, and financial support from federal and community dollars, I am proud to say that I have accomplished all three of these. I am able to walk on my own. I live independently in my own home. I have a job that I love dearly. I have become a valuable member of my community and for this I am very proud.

Presently I am employed at Bonefish Grill. I have worked there for 1½ years. During that time, I was named "Employee of the Month". I was very happy when I received this award and my family was extremely proud of my accomplishment.

I am very thankful for all of the wonderful people at Bonefish Grill that help and make accommodations for me on a daily basis. My job at Bonefish Grill means everything to me. It has given me a sense of worth and value.



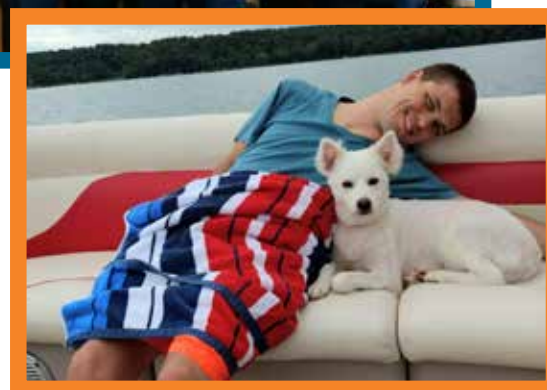
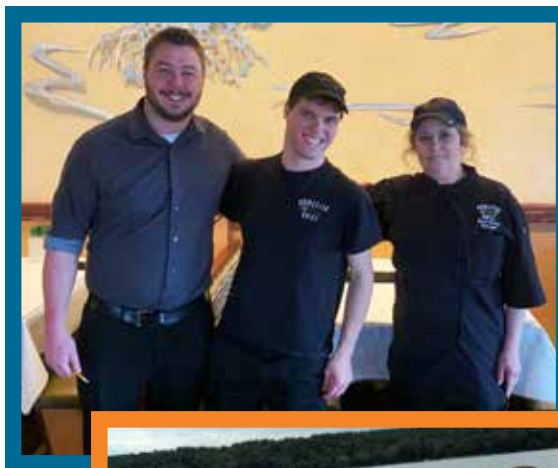
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With the help of my HPC provider, I am able to go out to restaurants, movies, outings, and special events. My provider helps me do the things that I am unable to do for myself, so that I may live independently.

I enjoy public speaking. My SSA schedules many opportunities for me to share my story with others so they can understand that individuals with disabilities are just like everyone else. I am a big fan of "Dr. Who." I enjoy all types of music. I like to go camping and boating with my family. I especially love caring for and playing with my dog "Sherman".

My goal is to continue to live independently and lessen my reliance on others. I also hope to someday obtain my driver's license.

I am grateful for all of the help that Stark DD and everyone at Bonefish Grill has given me. I would also like to thank my family for the love and support that they provide for me on a daily basis.



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