

# PATRICK R.

Ally B. & Nurse Sherrill



Hanging out with Ally



## MUSICAL, FUNNY, HARD-WORKING...

My name is Patrick R. I like to be called Patrick, not Pat. I was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. I have Spinal Muscular Atrophy and I have used AAC since I was 2 years old.

I like to hang out with my friends in my free time. We go to the movies. We help out at the Food Bank and other places.

My family rocks because we do everything together. Our motto is from the movie Lilo and Stitch. We are "Ohana. 'Ohana' means 'Family' 'Family' means no one gets left behind or forgotten." I don't have any brothers or sisters, but I had a Golden Retriever named Bay that I loved very much. And I have a really close friend named Ally B. I like to hang out with Ally and her sister Bailey.

I use different ways to communicate. I use a computer with software to do my schoolwork and to talk. I also use a Dynavox. And when I want to talk about something with details or when

my computer or Dynavox are not available, I use a familiar communication partner like my Mom or Dad so I can spell what I want to say. Often the partner can guess the word I am spelling after just a few letters.

I don't have a favorite food, but I like to bake cookies. I use assistive technology to operate the mixer and measuring cup and read the recipe out loud. I like to take cookies to the firemen or donate them.

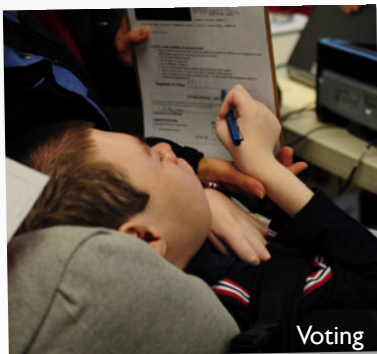
I love music of all kinds. My iTunes playlist includes Broadway, movie soundtracks, and classic rock. I loved playing drums at school. I love the symphony, musicals, concerts and comedy. What really makes me laugh until my nose runs is comedy shows!

I'm really good at reading, spelling, using a computer, surfing the Internet, and I have a very good memory. I'm most likely to Google/surf the net to find out information about things that I want to know more about. One thing I could

not live without is my computer. You can usually find me at home working on my computer or watching the Science Channel. My postings on Facebook would most likely say...nothing. If you knew me, you would understand why that is funny.

What people love most about me is that I work hard to do a good job. If I've got money to blow, I'm most likely to buy DVDs or soundtracks. I'm not so into Karaoke or getting stuff on my hands. I am interested in learning computer programming. I love to travel. One thing I am not so scared to do is fly in an airplane.

One of the best things that happened to me was getting to vote in the 2012 General Election. I was so proud and excited to vote. I was also very happy to get to go to The Bridge School Benefit Concert and to see Saturn through a telescope with a special eyepiece for people in wheelchairs to use. I was so happy the telescope was accessible!



Voting

Walking for a Good Cause



Dad & Bay -Homer Alaska

