



Sharing our Success Stories

This story was shared by parents of a middle school student to her teacher to compliment the teacher on skills she has taught their daughter and the carry-over the family is seeing at home.

What happened?

The family was shopping in Home Depot, and the student, Amy, was holding onto the cart. As her parents were looking at what to buy next, Amy started pushing the cart down the aisle very methodically and with great ease. She didn't bump into anything. Amy noticed she was too far ahead, and turned the cart 180° and pushed the cart back to her parents without any assistance. The cart was full of plants and mulch and she didn't have any problem maneuvering the cart throughout the store for the rest of the shopping trip.

Why is this a “success story?”

Amy has a baby sister and many times shopping can be challenging because Amy typically needs assistance walking through the store and the baby needs help too. Using her walker consistently at school and having opportunities to be independent around the school building has helped Amy and her family when they are out in the community. Her family can now give her the independence to be in charge of the shopping cart when they are in the store, allowing Amy to help out her family.