



Sharing our Success Stories

What happened?

Robert is an eighth grade student at a local middle school in Richmond. He has cerebral palsy and has difficulty communicating with others. For the past year he has been using a Tobii for his augmentative communication system. He and his teachers and family were trained on how to use it and how to program and add pictures, words and phrases for meaningful communication. Robert has three dogs at home that he adores. He has learned how to use the Tobii to communicate commands to his dogs and they are responding to him! “Sit” they sit and “Come” and they come to him! Robert is very excited to be able to communicate with them.

Why is this a “success story?”

Robert has always struggled with communication and getting others to understand him. Using the Tobii he has been able to see that he can control his environment, including his dogs, which has been very motivating and rewarding for him. He seems to realize that what he says really does matter! Robert is continuing to use the Tobii in other ways at school, in the community and at home.