On July 8th, 2000, Sara Joy Rychener and Jay David Burkholder pledged their lives to each other in marriage. On March 15th, 2002, their plans and dreams of raising a family together were altered as Sara gave birth to their first child. Jackson David was delivered by emergency cesarean section.

A few hours later Sara passed away from unknown causes. Due to the complication of being without oxygen during delivery, Jackson was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy. His father and grandparents refused to accept the grim predictions about what Jackson would not be. Through extensive research efforts, we located a number of alternative treatment processes called Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) and Conductive Education (CE).

During our search and subsequent journeys for treatment for Jackson, we have met numerous families who are emotionally, physically and financially strained during their own quests for treatments. We are seeking to serve these families through a non-profit organization called “Sara’s Garden.”

Sara’s Garden was established in May 2004 and treated its first clients with HBOT in April 2005. The CE program followed in the summer of 2006 with a half dozen children with neuromotor disorders. The program was initially housed in a local church with program oversight provided by a Hungarian Conductor Teacher.

In an effort to serve families more effectively we now offer Autism Intervention (AI) and Sensory Integration (SI) services as well. Today all four programs flourish on the same grounds here at Sara’s Garden. Our most recent endeavour is the creation of New Horizons Academy at Sara’s Garden, a holistic, all-encompassing educational path for children who have special learning needs.

If you would like to receive any additional information regarding Sara’s Garden, please feel free to contact us.

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