

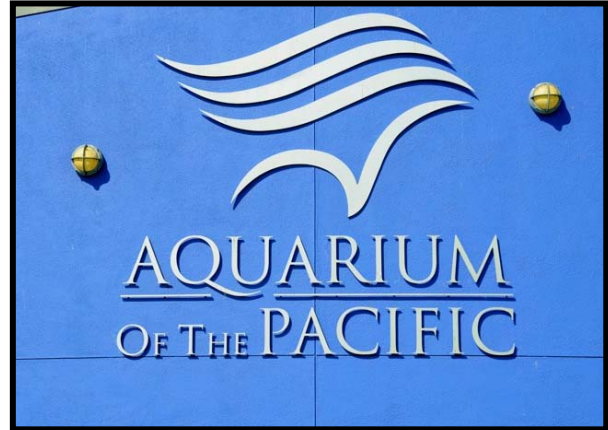


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Shane is a great kid with a lot of energy and enthusiasm for life. He is a vivacious and engaging little boy and has much curiosity about how things work; perhaps this is why he's so interested in puzzles and board games. Born in 2002 and diagnosed with autism and cerebral palsy, this rough start is not what makes him special. What is special about this little guy is how much progress he's made over the years. We know that with the right services and the loving attention of a permanent family, there is more growth and progress ahead for Shane.

In light of his adventurous spirit, we met up with Shane at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, California for a special tour of sea life. And while the Aquarium was a lot of fun with all the sea creatures there, Shane's interest in how things work led him to a fascination with and exploration of the buildings tank system. Fortunately our friends at the Aquarium were happy to oblige Shane's interest and extended this special tour to include some information about how aquariums themselves work.





A lot of children who are diagnosed with cerebral palsy have trouble walking but Shane doesn't seem to have that issue. You do notice that his motor coordination is not as smooth for someone his chronological age but the focus of his fine motor skills can be astounding. Using a small scale model, Shane assisted in a hands-on demonstration of how those big oceanic tanks throughout the Aquarium actually work.

Shane loves school and loves to learn and he's making great strides. Once Shane was finished with his small-scale tank project he took some time to engage with some of the special sea life that depends on this very technology. We're hoping to find something similar for Shane, an adoptive family that understands what kind of services a special kid like Shane needs and has that same adventurous spirit to learn that Shane has. Throw in unconditional love from that permanent family and all the basic mechanics to help Shane continue to develop, grow and achieve milestones will be in place.



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