

A CLOSER LOOK AT POSTURAL CONTROL

Christine and Will, parents of two---and---half---year old Payton, attended their first family conference in 2010. “It was an incredible experience. We met so many wonderful people and learned a lot from the different seminars,” says Christine.

While at conference, the family met with Dr. Mary Pipan, a developmental pediatrician, for a consultation. “Payton had just turned two, and we were looking for ways to enhance and strengthen her core muscles in order to help her sit upright on her own,” says Christine. “Dr. Pipan recommended that we introduce the Rifton chair to her.”

After returning from conference, Christine and Will spoke to Payton’s physical therapist, who agreed to the use of a Rifton chair. Within weeks of using the chair, Payton was able to sit independently.

Today, she is still unable to get from a lying down position to sitting upright on her own; however, she’s doing very well if placed in a seated position. “Payton has really developed her fine and gross motor skills, and we are currently working on standing and applying weight to her legs.”

