

## **Chad and Lisa Borodychuk**

Olivia Kay Foundation



Chad and Lisa's daughter, Olivia, is affected by a form of Leukodystrophy called Alexander Disease. Olivia was diagnosed with Alexander Disease at the age of 2 in 2010. At 10 months of age, Olivia was only able to get to the point of sitting up in her development. She started having seizures, which led them on a journey that they would have never expected.

After the Borodychuks received the correct diagnosis from an out-of-state clinic, they thought they were alone. There wasn't much support. As the years have passed and watching Olivia slowly decline, Chad and Lisa decided to remain positive and turn this trial into something good as they came to learn that the most important thing they could do is stop focusing on the disease and start focusing on the impact they could make for others, as well as the honor they could bring to their daughter through it all.

This focus has helped their family have a goal to achieve and a problem to solve, ultimately pulling their relationship closer together. Chad and Lisa have witnessed Olivia's enormous impact on their entire community as she teaches them things they would never have imagined learning. Chad says, "Olivia has wholeheartedly had a greater ministry in 7 years of life without even saying a word than I have in 37 years."

Chad and Lisa's commitment to the LCN is driven by their experiences fighting for the best possible care for Olivia. This has fueled their desire to help establish excellent networks of care; for the purpose of providing the best possible care to all who live with the reality of Leukodystrophy. They have always desired to be a part of something where families and children who are affected by the same horrible disease as Olivia can have better resources and support.

They hope that in the future, all medical care will have the most recent information and resources to families who are affected and a team of health specialists cross-collaborating to provide the best possible

solutions to all symptoms associated with Leukodystrophy as well as sending caregivers home with the best tools and skill-sets necessary.

In addition to their work with the Olivia Kay Foundation, Chad works as a Business Development Manager and Lisa is a stay at home mom. They reside in Dewitt, Michigan.