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## ORTHODONTIC SCHOLARSHIP



**ryan evans**  
west plains, missouri

**TeleVox is pleased to announce  
Ryan Evans of West Plains, Missouri  
as Their Orthodontic Spotlight Recipient**

**Treatment provided by Dr. Mark Dake, Founder and Orthodontic  
Provider of Smile for a Lifetime Southern Mid MO & Northern Mid AR**

Ryan Evans, 12, is a sixth-grade, straight-A student at West Plains Middle School. Ryan participates in SEARCH, Beta Club and the middle school band. He aspires to do something in computer science or be a musician when he grows up, specifically noting, "And I do mean musician, not a drummer in some obscure garage band."

When Ryan lost his baby teeth, his two front teeth grew in extremely large and the right incisor never came in at all. He was referred to Dr. Dake. In tears, Ryan admitted to Dr. Dake how embarrassed he was of his huge teeth. Dr. Dake immediately saw Ryan as a Smile for a Lifetime candidate.

"He is made fun of so much for his appearance that he often bursts into tears the minute he walks through the door after getting off the bus," said his mom, Jeanne Evans.

"The cost of surgery, other family medical costs and financial issues has made it impossible for us to provide orthodontic work and braces for Ryan. It is very painful for me to be unable to provide him the help he needs. It has always pained me to see him be bullied and teased. I witnessed a very confident, happy and enthusiastic little boy become reserved, serious and somewhat of a loner," said Jeanne.

"When I received the phone call informing me Ryan had been chosen for braces, I literally fell to my knees. I was overwhelmed with relief and gratitude. I would like to thank the donors and make sure they know how grateful I am. This is an incredible gift and an opportunity to improve a child's life beyond measure."

"I don't know how I could possibly begin to thank Smile for a Lifetime for something like this! Thank you doesn't cut it," added Ryan.

"This gift has taken away my guilt and sadness that I was unable to provide braces for Ryan. This gift takes away the embarrassment he feels about his appearance and a lot of discomfort he feels in facing the kids at school. Most importantly, it gives him the opportunity to Smile for a Lifetime!"

Jeanne Evans, Ryan's Mother