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## Darrell to the Rescue!

Adapted from an article by Daniel Suddeath,  
*The News & Tribune*



Ann and Darrell West at their New Albany home. Photo credit: News and Tribune's Christopher Fryer



On April 6th, Darrell's brother Mike presented him with an award for his actions

Darrell West proved that when an emergency strikes, it's all about action, not talk. West, age 47, is a man with special needs who is unable to speak. However, **he holds a job at Rauch Industries**, beams with pride when he shows off pictures of his family he carries in his wallet, and on Feb. 1 he may have just saved his mother's life.

Ann West, age 73, recently fell ill with the flu, and became so sick her doctor prescribed her antibiotics for treatment. Weakened by the illness, Ann said on that fateful day that she was watching television in her living room when an itching sensation came over her. She decided to take a shower to see if that would help remedy the discomfort.

After her shower, Ann put on a robe and gown and returned to her recliner. She began feeling dizzy, and before she knew what was happening, tumbled to the ground. "I didn't even remember hitting the floor," she said. Ann passed out, and a few moments later when she



- SD cards
- Bottled water
- New or gently used wheelchairs
- TARC tickets
- Resume paper
- Office supplies: pens, paper, etc.
- Paper products (plates, napkins, cups, utensils)
- Old jewelry, Christmas decorations, frames, ribbon, & fabric for art projects
- Wii games
- Large flat screen TV
- Admission to local museums, zoo, ball games, movies, etc.
- Rewards for staff / clients: movie passes, store or restaurant gift cards
- iPads

regained consciousness, Darrell was by her side. She told him to call 911, as she was unable to move and still extremely disoriented.

Darrell quickly retrieved the telephone and called emergency dispatch. He brought the phone to Ann, and she mustered enough strength to describe what was happening to her.

When the ambulance arrived and Ann was tested, her blood pressure level was recorded at 55 over 45. Apparently the medication had affected her blood pressure, and the situation was quite serious. "They said I could have died if I hadn't gotten help when I did," Ann said.

Ann spent the next three days in the Floyd Memorial Hospital and Health Services' Critical Care Unit. Back in her New Albany home recovering, Ann said Darrell is her lifesaver. "He's my miracle," Ann said. "I am so proud of him for doing what he did."

Darrell almost died when he was three weeks old due to pneumonia, and developed Chicken Pox before he ever left the hospital as a baby. But while Darrell may struggle with some actions we take for granted, Ann said she's not surprised that he came to her rescue during her time of need. "He can do so much that people can't believe," she said. "I just thank God that I have him."



**Do something heroic for the woman who's  
always been there for you!**

Mother's Day is **May 12th**.

Donate to Rauch in honor of your mom, and she'll receive a special card from us. Donations can be made online at [rauchinc.org](http://rauchinc.org) or by calling 812-981-4410.

- Computers/netbooks
- Playground equipment for ages 3-5 years
- New toys and new stuffed animals
- Art Supplies, paint brushes, etc.
- Wet Wipes
- Street Signs
- Keyboard with big keys
- Exercise DVDs - Sit & Fit type
- DVDs with relaxing music with scenery
- Dry Erase Markers
- Preschool, Kindergarten & 1st Grade level books
- Big beach type balls
- Simple Board Games
- Food for cooking projects
- Flash Cards (clothing, animals, food)
- Poster Paper
- Large Microwaves
- New electric stove for ADA program
- 3 new coffee pots
- Weather radios
- Mini Refrigerator
- Four drawer locking lateral file cabinets
- Window Blinds to fit
  - 2 windows 110.5 inches wide by 4 feet tall
  - 1 window 110 inches wide by

## Discover a Summer of Fun!

Rauch offers a summer program for kids with special needs. Dedicated, experienced teachers offer 6 weeks of discovery for kids with developmental disabilities ages 9-17, including field trips, fun activities and in-house events. The goal: to develop your child's skills, broaden horizons, increase social skills, and provide respite for families. During camp, attendees experience sensory-motor activities, communication and social skills enhancement, and have fun! Camp takes place in three 2-week sessions, daily from 8am-3pm, Monday through Thursday. Rauch accepts Medicaid Waiver or private pay; scholarships may be available. Brochure and application available at [www.rauchinc.org](http://www.rauchinc.org). Contact Amelia Williams at 812-945-4063 for rates, application, & additional information. Summer camp is generously funded in part by the Indiana Department of Child Services.



Help make this year's Summer Camp the best yet! On **Thursday, May 16th**, bring this [voucher](#) to Mark's Feed Store on Charlestown Road in New Albany, and **15% of your purchase** will be donated to the Summer Camp!

## Rauch Resolution

On Tuesday, April 9, 2013, the Indiana House of Representatives passed a resolution commemorating Rauch's 60th Birthday. Three members of the House, including State Reps. Clere, Rhoads, and Stemler, spoke on our behalf and when the resolution passed, we received a standing ovation! Later in the day, we had a chance for a photo with State Senator Grooms, too.

- 4 feet tall
- 1 window 111 inches wide by 4 feet tall

### Volunteer Opportunities

We're always happy to accept volunteers to:

- Present to clients about music, dance, & fitness
- Help clients learn to use the computer/iPad



*L to R: Teresa Jackson, Bettye Dunham, David Franklin, State Rep. Ed Clere, Rauch Board VP Steve Naville, & INARF President/CEO Kim Opsahl*

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