

#### Fourth Interview: Gabe's Dad

1. Could you state your name and your relationship with Gabe?
2. How old is Gabe, and what does he enjoy doing in his free time (his favorite activities?)
3. What are the best qualities of your child?
4. What is one thing you wish people knew about your child that they don't?
5. What is the biggest obstacle Gabe faces day to day?
6. Do you feel that Gabe has ample opportunity to socialize with his peers? Is there anything that you wish was better in that department?
7. What are Gabe's plans when he finishes high school? What are your biggest worries after he is out of school?
8. What is a misconception about your child or children with disabilities that you wish other parents or others in general understood?
9. Are there ways that your friends and peers could gain more of an understanding of raising a child with a disability?
10. Do you have times when you feel your own friends and peers are insensitive to the experience of raising a child with disabilities? If yes, is there any way you could point to an example?
11. Another mother said that certain things bother her about the language people use regarding people with disabilities. For example, she doesn't like when people say "what's your handicap" when golfing. Is there language or general insensitivity that you hear that people may be unaware is offensive?
12. How did you feel when you found out your child had a disability? How have those feelings evolved as Gabe has gotten older?
13. Do you think the Spartan Buddies Club has benefited your child?
14. Do you think it is more difficult for children with disabilities to make lasting friendships vs those without a disability? Why or why not?
15. What are your hopes and dreams for your child?
16. Is there any program or activity that you wish the school would provide that they do not?
17. Do you think it would be helpful to have some classes or clubs that integrate both the students with disabilities and peers?
18. Based on my research there are programs that are employing students with disabilities, like grocery stores, and cafes, like Ada's cafe in Mountain View, but what about if

companies like Google and Facebook made more of an effort to see the value in hiring adults with disabilities?

19. Would you be interested in your child working at a job with a paid salary, and paid days off, but with understanding and flexibility of your child's disability?
20. How do you help prepare your child for the future?
21. What should Gabe's peers be taught about children with special needs?/What do you wish other kids of Gabe's age understood about people with disabilities?
22. Do you have any stories about Gabe you want to share in this interview?