

AZ Giving Spotlight: Chris Meyer of Colton's Vision

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Colton's Vision is an organization based on helping children born with Microphthalmia, leaving the child nearly, if not completely blind. After a personal experience with the disease and his newborn son, Chris Meyer decided to help others in need of medical support for this disease. AZFoothills.com takes a closer insight at this brand new nonprofit.



AFM: Why did you decide to create this organization?

CM: We have a 2-year-old son Colton that was born with Microphthalmia. This condition is also called small eyes where his eyes didn't develop all the way. This led to him being born blind though some babies born with this have some sight. The Foundation For Blind Children here in town was a great help for us but we found ourselves in a bind with the cost of surgeries that Colton needed. My wife Simona and I decided to start Colton's Vision after finding a private Facebook group of parents with children that have Microphthalmia and Anophthalmia. For definition, Micro is small eyes and Ano is absence of eye or eyes. We heard from families that do not have the funds to get treatments needed for their children. We hope to help other families with medical cost and their insurance deductibles with the funds raised through our organization.

AFM: Do you have any personal experiences that caused you to create it?

CM: As stated above we found difficulties ourselves with absorbent medical cost. Insurance was not covering quite a few things that Colton needed like a doc band which is a helmet that helped his head grow correctly as some blind children don't move their heads much which causes flat spots in their skull. Another need we found that was not covered was an eye conformer, which helps the eye socket form correctly so his face looks as normal as possible.

AFM: What is the most important aspect of your organization?

CM: To financially help other families and bring awareness to the special needs of these special children.

AFM: What can the community do to help?

CM: Donations would be extremely helpful. As Colton's Vision grows we hope to have many fundraisers to support our cause. We would appreciate the community attending these.

AFM: What do you hope to see in this organization's future?

CM: Growth to sustain helping as many families as we can financially and also having a division to help parents find counseling, specialty doctors and to give them support and resources they need throughout our country.

For more info on Colton's Vision, [click here](#).