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During a routine ultrasound at 11 weeks we found out that something was "wrong" with our baby. At 16 weeks the diagnosis was confirmed as Spina Bifida. The doctor told us what little she knew about it, mostly that our baby will probably never walk because that's about all she knew about it. Our outlook was dreary as we left the office with absolutely nothing but the words of the doctor, and some names of some specialists. I was terrified.

Looking back now I'm so sad and disappointed that no one told me what a blessing my boy would be. How he would show me a new definition of love, determination, perseverance and strength. That he would teach me more about myself than I'd learned my entire life. No positive information was given. We're missing out on opportunities to show parents who receive this diagnosis that kids live and thrive and have very active and healthy lives!

-Jacquie Sandison, mom of Owen age 5 living with Spina Bifida



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