

Lives worth Living and Humanity.

That is what Ted Carr brought to his research.

When my son, Nicholas, was diagnosed with autism, it was Ted Carr's work in the early 90's that helped me most. We didn't have a computer or the Internet in our home at that time. Maybe it was a good thing.

I stumbled along and discovered Ted Carr's commonsense writings, loaded with humane approaches to address various autism-related behavioral challenges. They were the right fit for my son, my family and me. I learned that behavior was communication and knew what needed to be done.

Soon thereafter, I learned that there was a name for the evolving science and for how we worked with Nicholas. It was called Positive Behavior Support. Another amazing person who recently passed, Bernie Travnika, introduced me to the step by step processes needed to rationally think through and operationalize our work. Through Ted's initial research writings and heartfelt influence, and Bernie's incredible social network, I was able to meet many other thoughtful professionals and families who helped us understand how to wade through the sometimes-murky waters of autism.

Quality of Life . . . It is something that I rarely hear enough of in most research presentations, but always did when Ted Carr spoke.

Research, for Ted, was about people and making their lives worth living. And that is what set him apart most; Ted's humanity.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Ted's family and all those who were closest to him. I thank them for sharing Dr. Ted Carr with my family.

He made a lifelong difference, and I will always be grateful.

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