

*Giavanna's Journey*  
Innate Expressions – Denise Goodman  
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**Talking Points**

Denise Goodman shares her daughter’s journey with us. “Giavanna was born with myelomeningocele, the worst form of spina bifida, an opening in the L4 and L5 region of the spine.” (p. 38) She underwent surgery to help the day she was born. Surgery opened up more problems and subsequent surgeries. With everything aside, she was growing, learning and happy. When she received her routine vaccinations at 15 months she quickly declined. She stopped speaking, she would cover her ears and scream and she would rock back and forth in attempt to soothe herself. No one could touch her. As Gia grew older she was only known for her physical and mental disabilities. Her potential was being limited.

Denise head about chiropractic care and the work Dr. Doscher did at Oklahaven. Gia’s life came full circle when she started care. Gia’s eyes unlocked and grew brighter. Her body began to untwist and she has been becoming mobile and able to support her body. Her fine motor skills, vocabulary and speech has improved. She has amazing interactions with her family and siblings.

Life is brighter now. It has been a long journey and it certainly isn’t over. Read Giavanna’s complete story on page 38. It is truly inspirational.

**Resources**

Full references for each article are available at <http://pathwavestofamilywellness.org/references.html>

Other Innate Expression stories from Pathways:

“The Vital First Adjustment” by Madison Snevily, DC  
<http://pathwavestofamilywellness.org/Chiropractic/the-vital-first-adjustment.html>

“Innate Expressions, Sensory Sensitivities” by John D’Ambrosio, DC  
<http://pathwavestofamilywellness.org/Chiropractic/innate-expressions-sensory-sensitivities.html>

“From Distress to Express” by Steve Tullius, DC <http://pathwaystofamilywellness.org/Chiropractic/from-distress-to-express.html>