



## **About Kyle Westphal**

Kyle Westphal is a 16-year old teenager with an exceptional story.

As Kyle grew from an infant to a toddler, he changed from an outgoing and happy child to a removed and withdrawn young boy. When Kyle turned three, his parents, Jeff and Jenifer, became concerned. The following years were a heart-wrenching and confusing time, until at last, Kyle was diagnosed with autism in 1998.

Jeff and Jenifer were determined to bring back the sweet, loving child they had once known, and after dedicating almost five years to therapies and treatments, Kyle's story took a beautiful turn. The Westphals had finally found a progressive treatment that enabled him to emerge and thrive – the Son-Rise Program®.

Today, Kyle's an upbeat, fun-loving kid again, one who in his father's words, "has his whole life ahead of him, the joys and sorrows, successes and failures, all the things that are a part of experiencing life." To the parents who thought they'd lost him forever, nothing could be sweeter.

As Kyle has grown into the mature teenager he is today, his love of art has emerged as a significant outlet. He has continuously nurtured his talents for painting and drawing, and is now a burgeoning fashion designer. As part of a recent fundraising initiative called Fashion for Autism, Kyle joined forces with artist Jessie Rose Vala to create a tee-shirt, which debuted in September. As every person living with autism is unique and beautiful, each tee was individually screened and one-of-a-kind, and his work has been featured on Instyle.com, The Glamourai, Refinery 29, Atlantant Home, Couture Snob among many others.

His first fashion collaboration was a perfect union of aesthetic functionality, as well as tangible evidence of Kyle's progress. Kyle has found an immense outlet through art and creativity, and so it was only natural to encourage his artistic visions.

To learn more about Kyle's work and the Kyle's Treehouse community, visit [kylestreehouse.com](http://kylestreehouse.com).