

Penny Friedman and Ron Meyer Energy healers



Penny Friedman, an energy healer, attended the same summer camp as Ethan Kadish when she was a child. Photo: Emily Maxwell | WCPO

Penny Friedman was on a genealogical trip in Lithuania last summer when she learned a boy had been struck by lightning at the same summer camp she attended as a child.

Friedman said she knew right away, "I'm supposed to help these people."

She got home and waited and monitored the web page that Ethan Kadish's family had established to update friends and family about his condition.

When Friedman saw that one of her friends had commented on the page, she reached out and asked for an introduction to the Kadishes.

Friedman is an energy healer. She explained energy healing as a complement to traditional medicine that she has used to channel disruptive energy out of Ethan and help him remake the positive connections he needs to heal.

Since August she and her husband, Ron Meyer, have been working with Ethan and his parents, Scott and Alexia Kadish, to help with Ethan's recovery.

Alexia Kadish is a believer. She said there have been many times when a treatment from Friedman and Meyer would put Ethan to sleep "and it would be the most restful sleep he'd had all day."

During a recent treatment, it was clear Ethan enjoyed it. Friedman stood at the head of his bed and placed her hands on either side of his head.

As she talked, Ethan smiled and cooed happily.

"This is feeling good isn't it?" Friedman said to Ethan with a broad smile. "This boy wants to get better. We see people who don't. But this boy, from the very beginning..."

Friedman smiled again when Meyer put it this way: "There is an inner champion in there. I'll tell you that."

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