

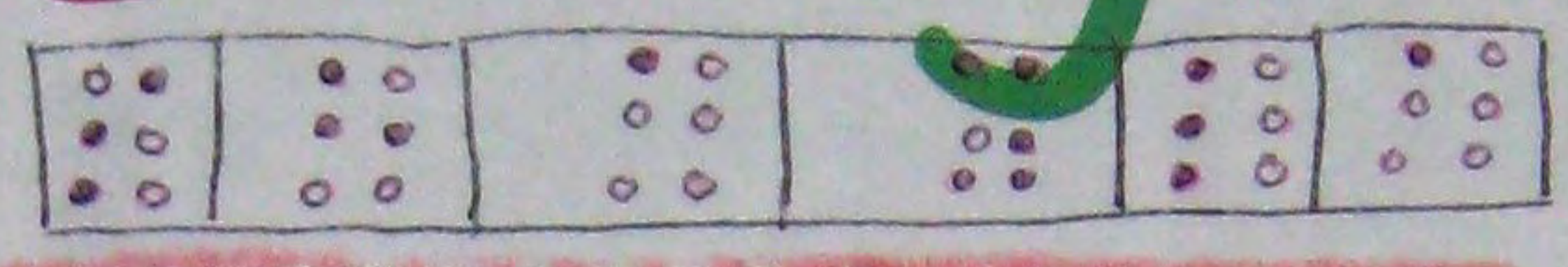
Faith, Hope, Love

September
(2012)

Original (Shayla ~ My Story)
For: ~~The~~ (Dr. Arnold) (My sight saving Hero!)

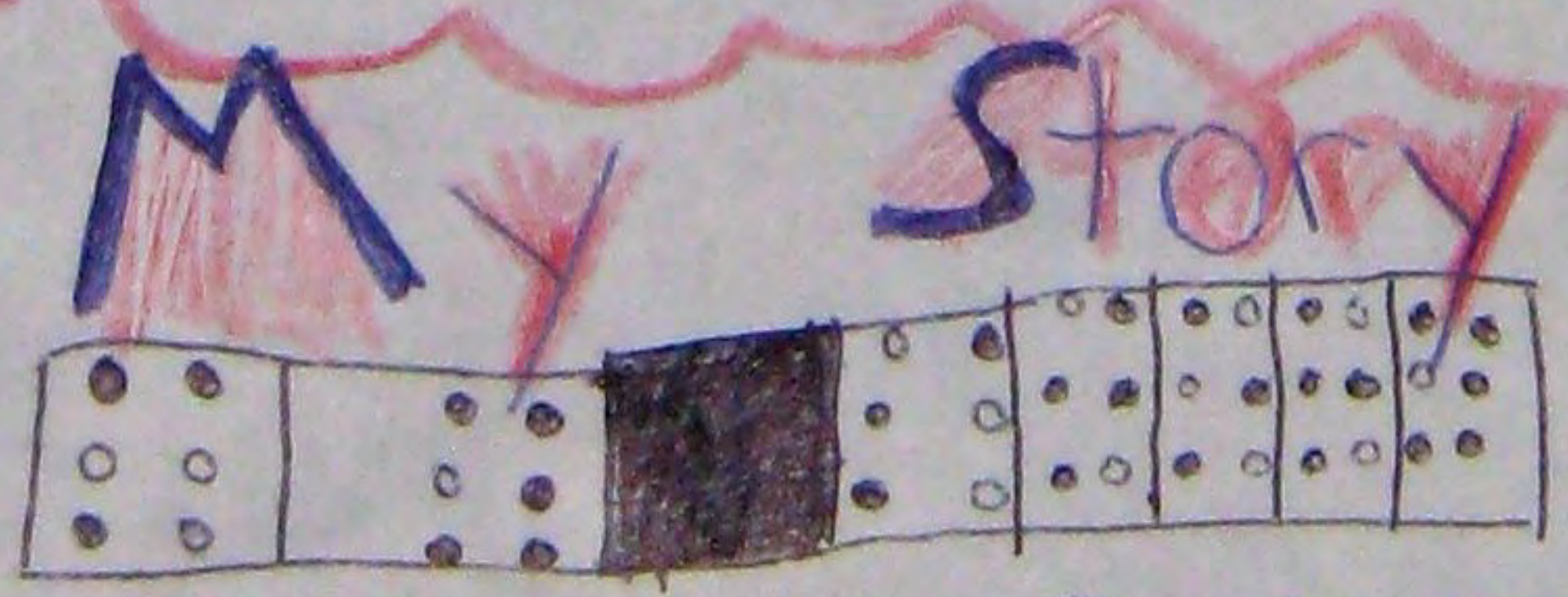
Love, xoxoxo !! (LOL!)
"Shayla!"

Shayla



Dr. Arnold,
you and
my sight saving
HERO!

Dear
Dr. Arnold, just
thought other kids
could read and enjoy
this book, too!



Written and Illustrated By: Shayla McCartney

WISDOM'S PREEMIE BOOM! POWER

My Kindergarten School Picture



I HAVE TWO SIBLINGS

age:

6 1/2 years old

FAITHA

Name: Maureen Kay McCartney

DOB: 9/24/89 and...

Birth Weight: 1 LB. + 100Z.

Preterm Gestational Age: 27 weeks / 13 weeks Early

100% LIVES



TRY TO HELP CHILDREN
BE ONLY BLIND TO: BRAILLE,



CONTENTS:

LONG WHITE
CANES, GUIDE
DOGS AND
BLINDNESS
ITSELF!

WE
CAN
HELP
MORE
BABIES
SEE A
BRIGHTER
TOMORROW!

(Pages)

(MEET)
Title.... Shayla

(About) The Author!

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SHAYLA

SHAYLA

preemie @ 27
weeks

Living
Proof!

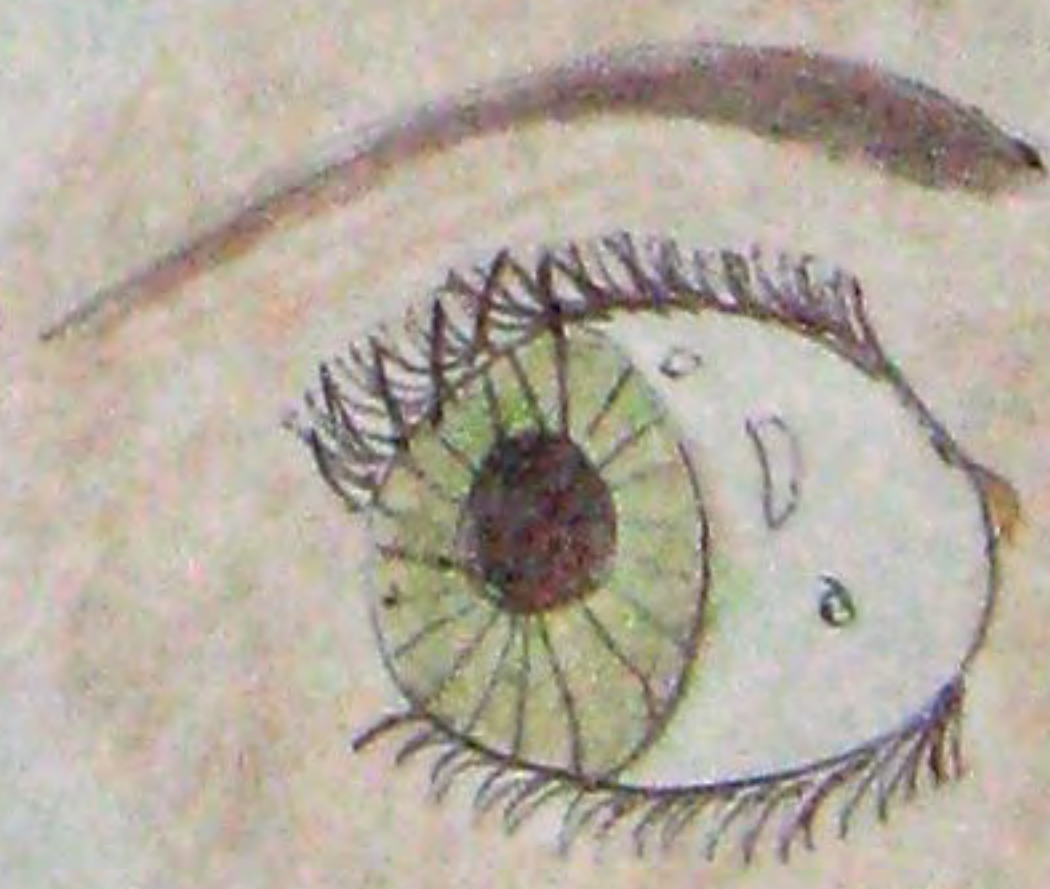
WE CAN STOP HOPE!

Retinopathy of Prematurity!
(ROP)
Retinopathy of Prematurity

LOVE!

Turn
Blindness
TO
Sight

ROP
ROP
ROP
ROP
ROP



BLINDNESS IS THE
DARKNESS OF SIGHT!

ROP

Hello!

My name is:

Shayla Kay McCartney

Shayla:

was born at Providence Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska. She was born at 27 weeks gestation, or 13 weeks early. Shayla progressed the premature baby, retinal disease known as ROP. She was also, the first baby in Alaska to have laser surgery on her eyes, to prevent blindness.

Retinopathy of Prematurity causes severe visual impairments, if not caught at an early stage of the disease. As written in this book, more premature babies are going blind. Shayla's sight was saved by Alaska's Top Pediatric Ophthalmologist, Dr. Robert W. Arnold. Dr. Arnold still does laser surgeries to prevent blindness, but it is not working.

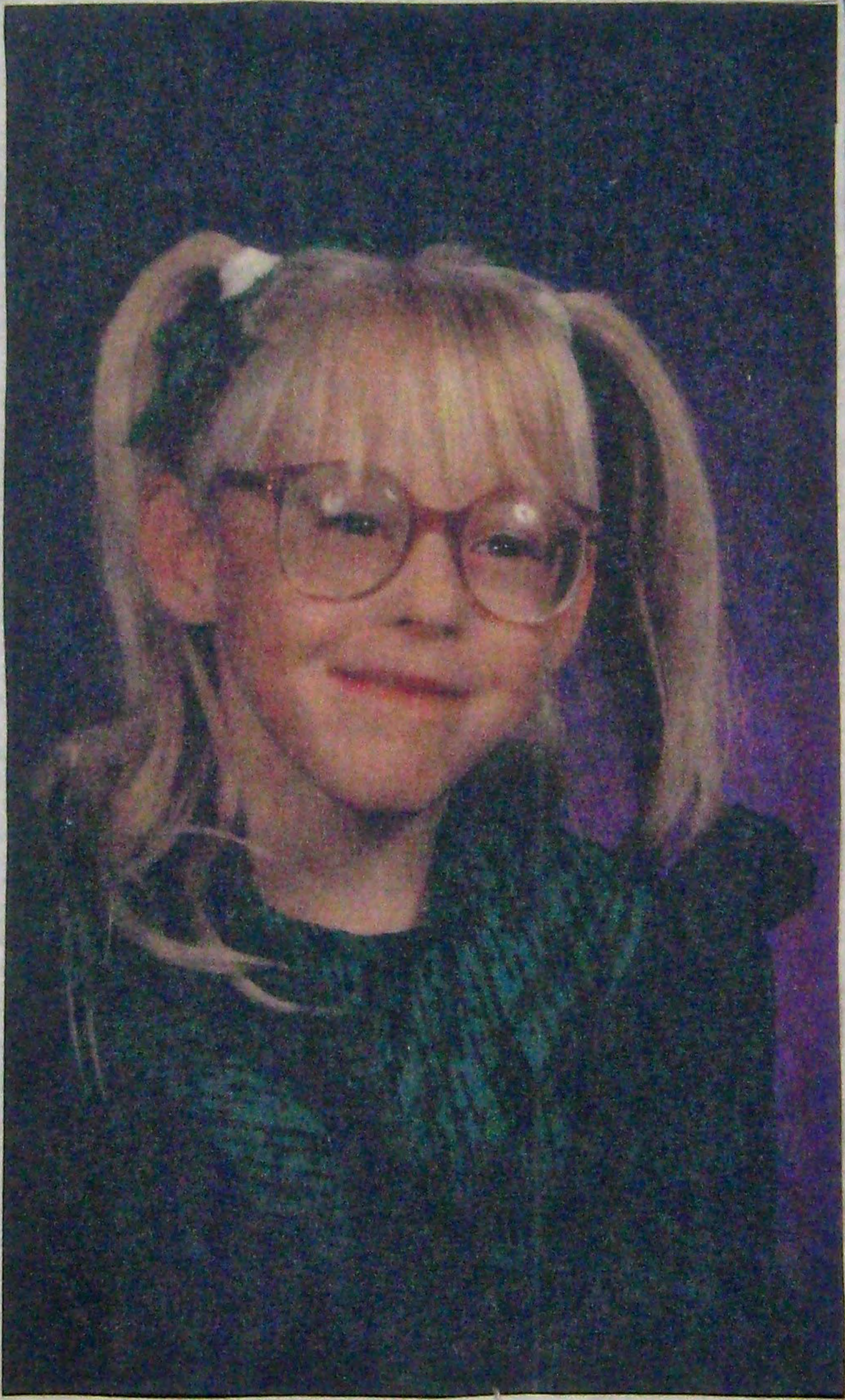
I wrote this book with my own thoughts and feelings, concerning the eye disease known as Retinopathy of Prematurity. I believe that God allowed me to see, so that I could share my story with the world, and let people know that there is hope in stopping ROP.

Thank you God.... Amen!

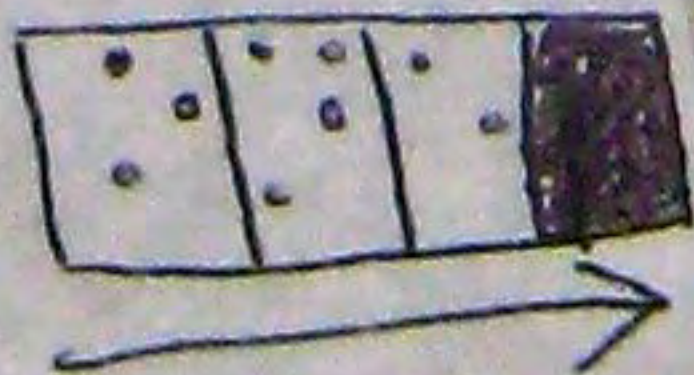
HELP DOCTORS
MEET THE AUTHOR!

(SAVE SIGHT)

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27 weeks gestation.

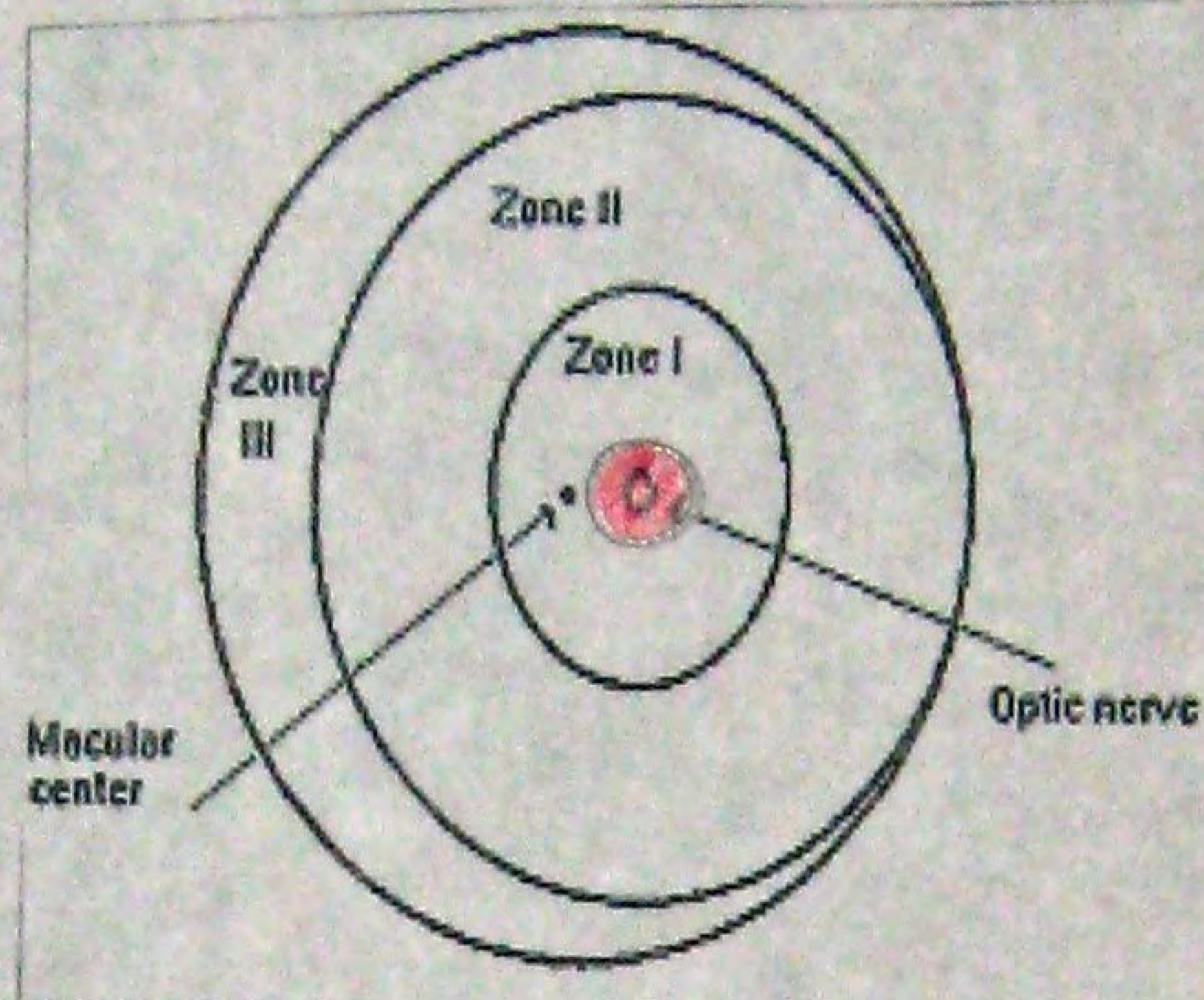


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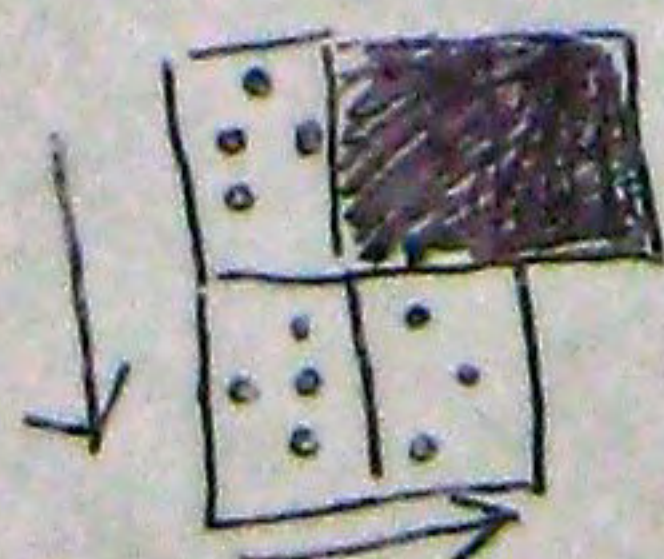
age: 7 years old

I had a blinding eye disease known as retinopathy of prematurity.



(The) zones of ROP

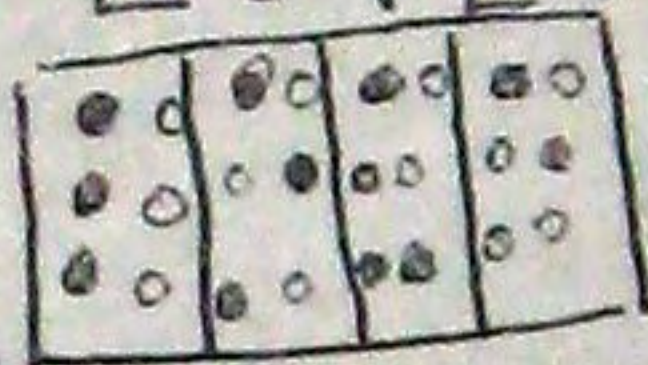
Zones of ROP indicate at what stage, zone or plus disease the eye has progressed too. Plus disease means that the stage of ROP is more advanced. In addition, plus disease can happen at any stage of ROP.



I was the 1st baby in Alaska to
have laser surgery done on my eyes
to prevent blindness.



LOVE!

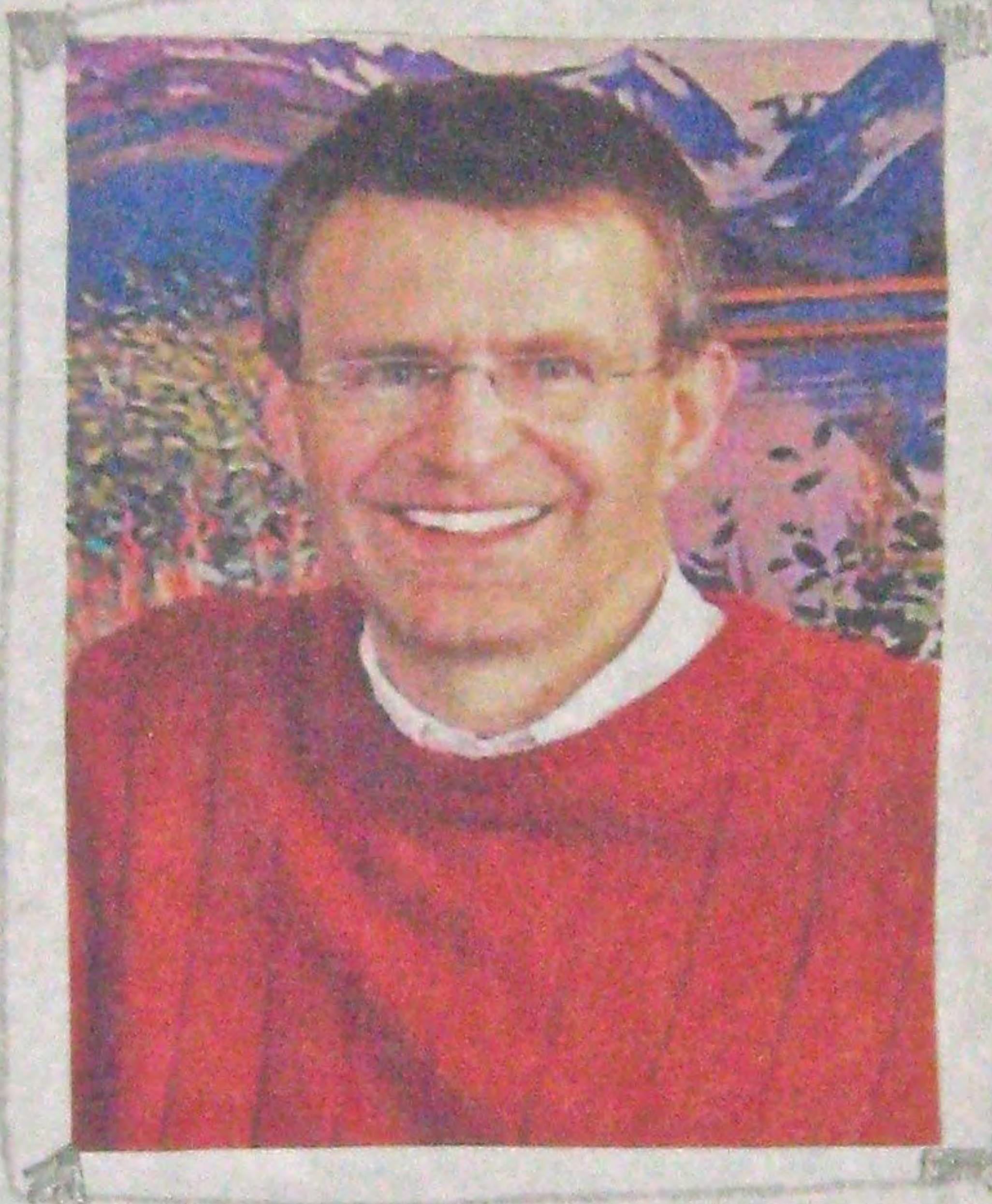


Babies, especially
preemies' senses of
touch allows them
to bond with (Moms)
better because of
leaving the Mother's
womb at such an
early point in the
babies developmental
period.

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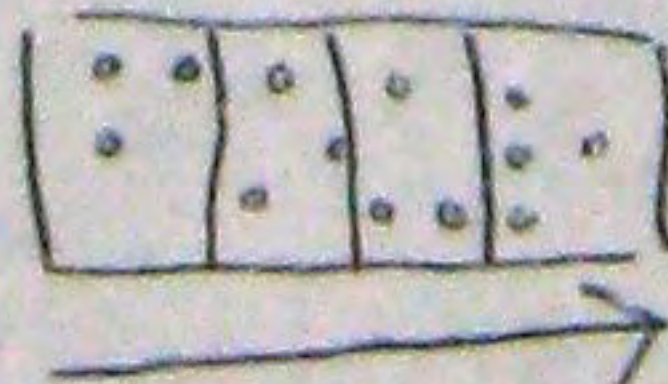


Dr. Robert William. Arnold of the
Alaska Blind Child Discovery Program
is the person who saved my sight.



Dr. Arnold

Dr. Arnold's Ophthalmic
Associates photo, taken
at the Anchorage, Alaska
eye office building!



The Alaska Blind Child Discovery
Project helps children with other
eye problems, as well as ROP in
preemies.

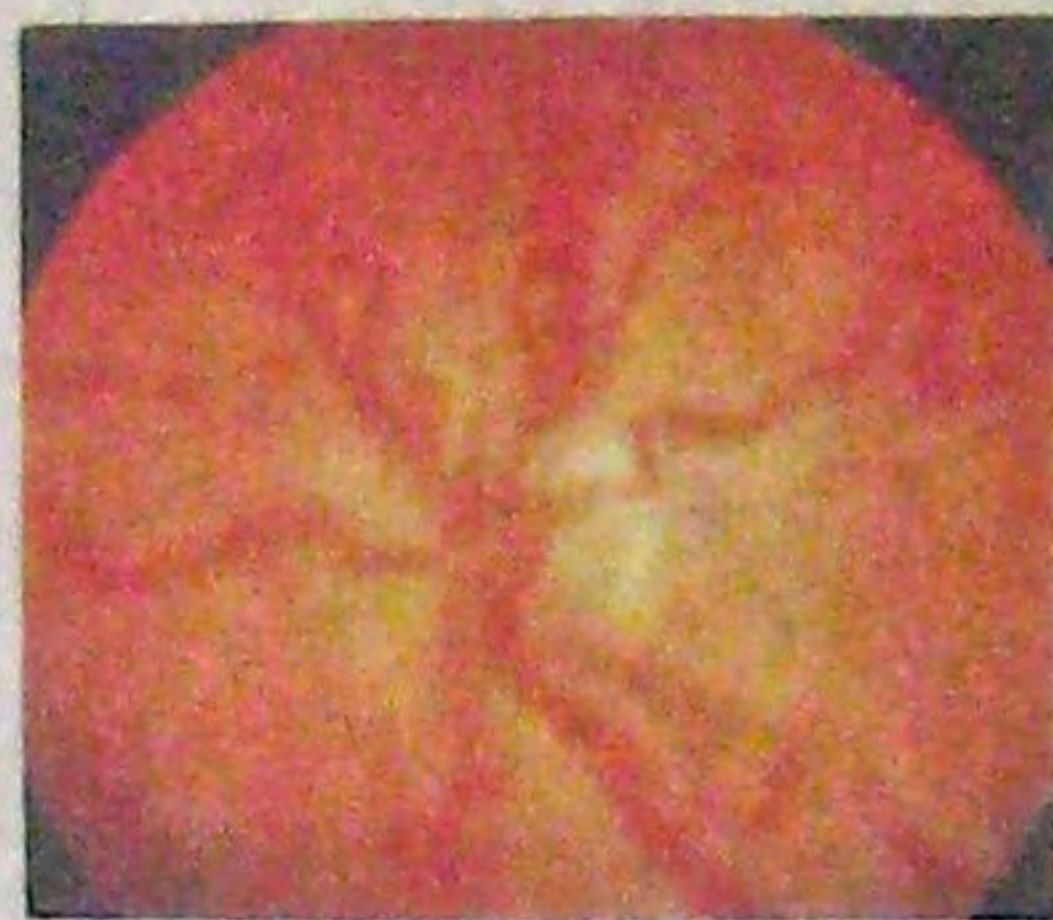


Alaska Blind Child Discovery

The Alaska Blind Child
Discovery Project is a
program designed to
help prevent amblyopia
in young children

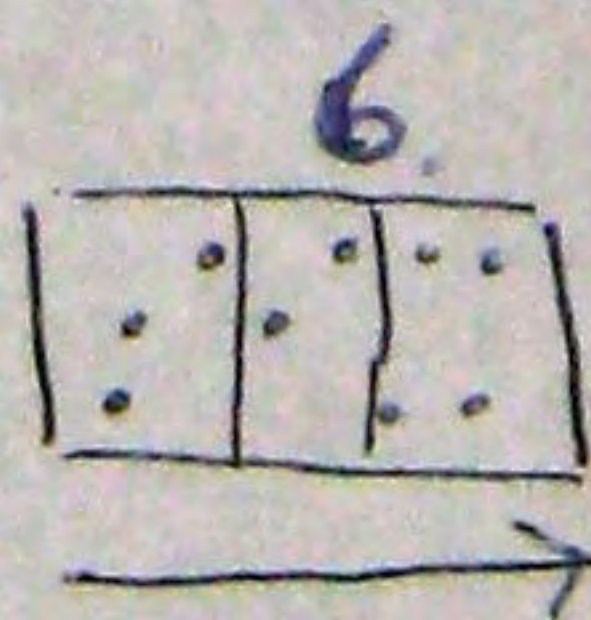


But today, the laser treatments are not working and more babies are going blind.



Twisted Vessels

The twisted vessels are actually abnormal blood vessels of the retina that start to grow out-of-control as ROP progresses into more advanced stages. There are 5 stages of ROP: from very mild to advanced.

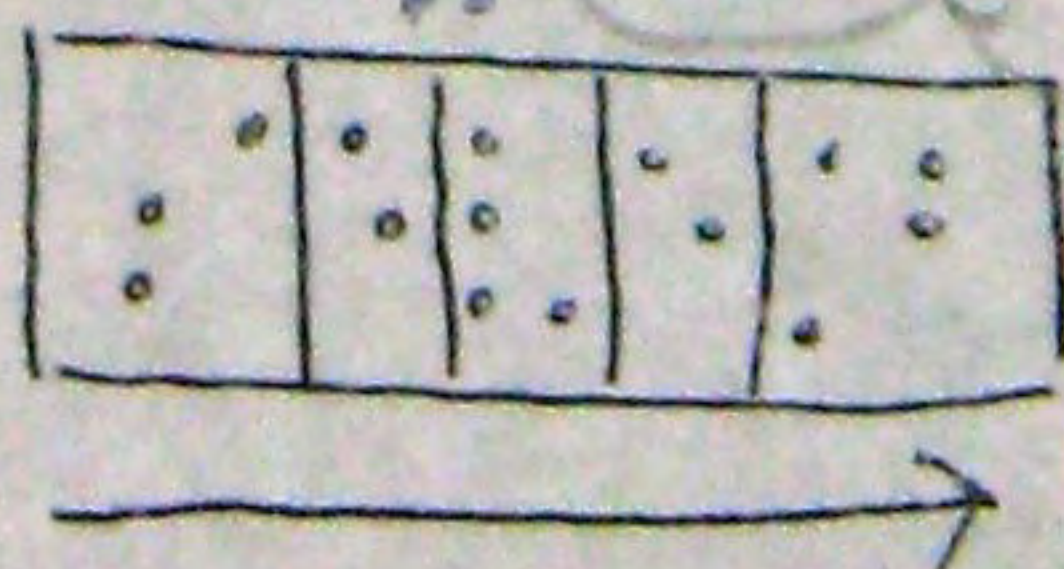


I believe that God let Dr. Arnold save my sight, so that I could tell people that I am living proof, that the laser surgery can save premature babies' sight.



The cloth over the eyes, protects them from bright lights at the NICU:

that are thought to be another factor for the development of ROP, as well as the high levels of oxygen to help preemies' lungs grow stronger.



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The Alaska Blind Child Discovery Project

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Shayla

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EMMA ~ DUNN (toddler girl who is blind from ROP)

I would like to ask you something.

It would make me very happy if we could do a real live commercial to raise awareness in Preventing Retinopathy of prematurity!

I praise God everyday, that he allowed me to see this beautiful world, in which I live!

I pray that the laser surgeries will continue to work to save:

those little eyes of living

miracles!

Stages of ROP



ROP Stage 1.



ROP Stage 2.



ROP Stage 3 Plus Disease.
(Treatment is **critical** At This Point!)



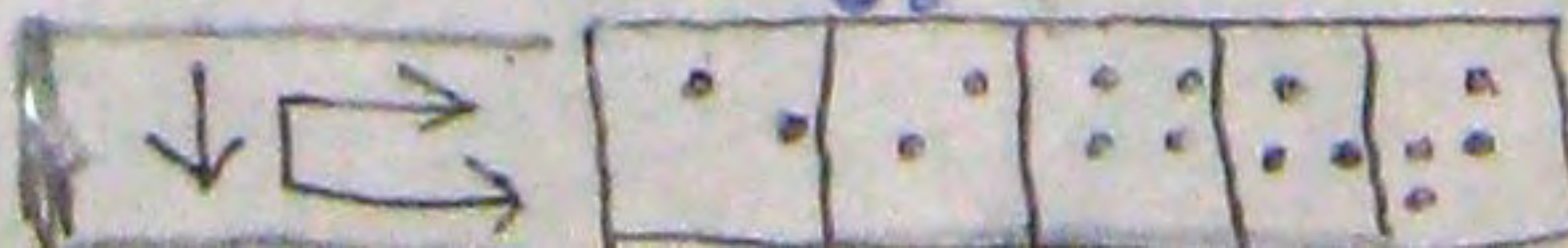
ROP Stage 4A



A blind child smells a lilac bush because she can't see it.

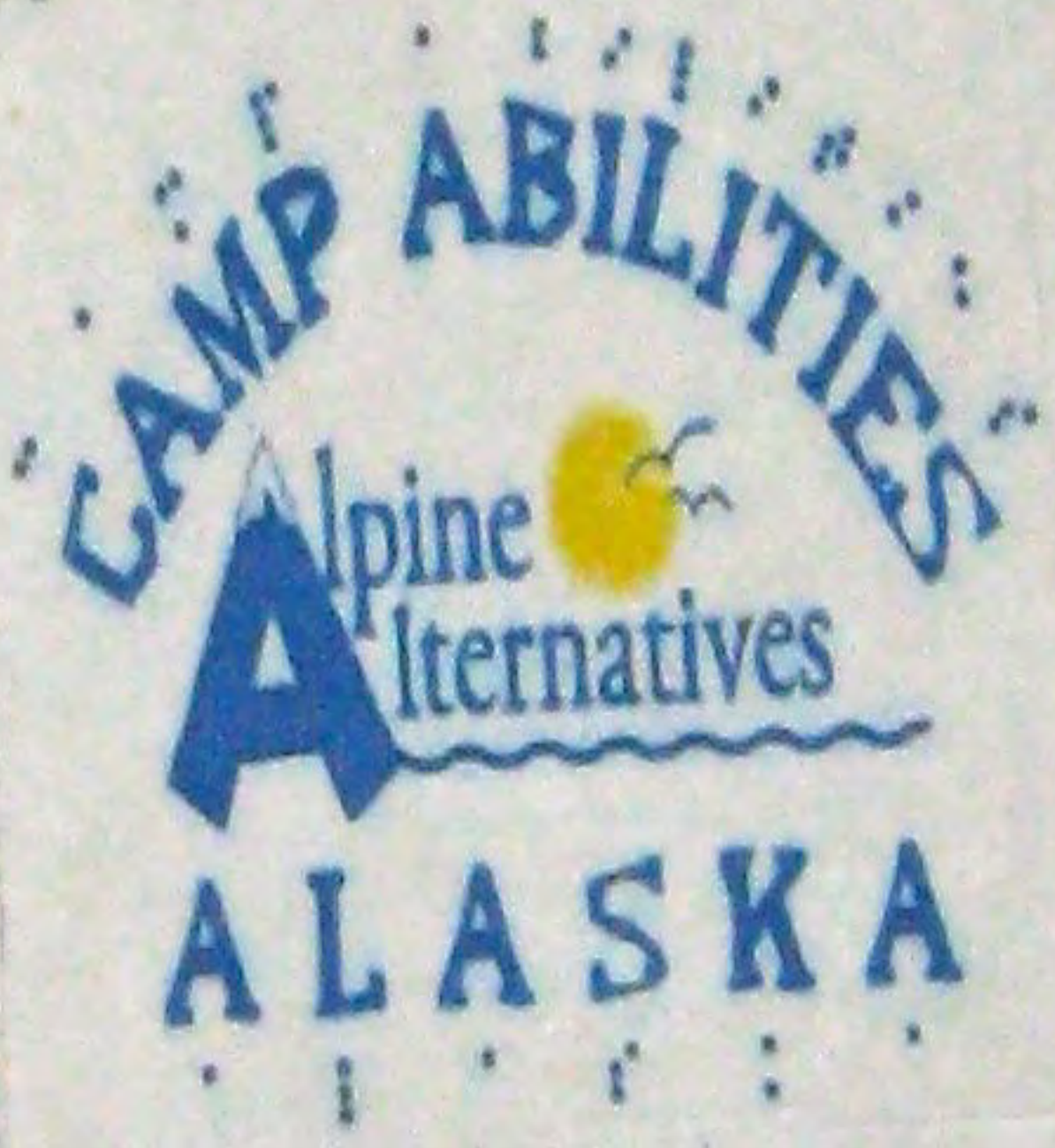
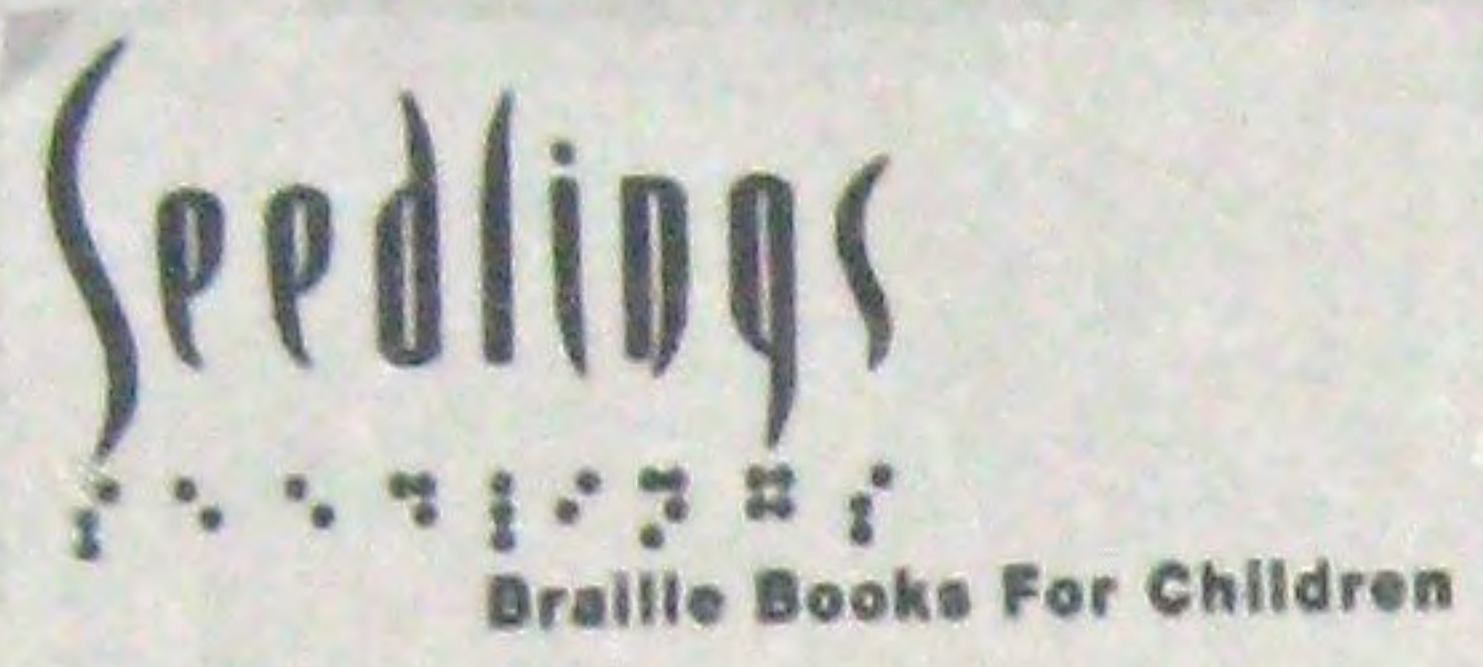
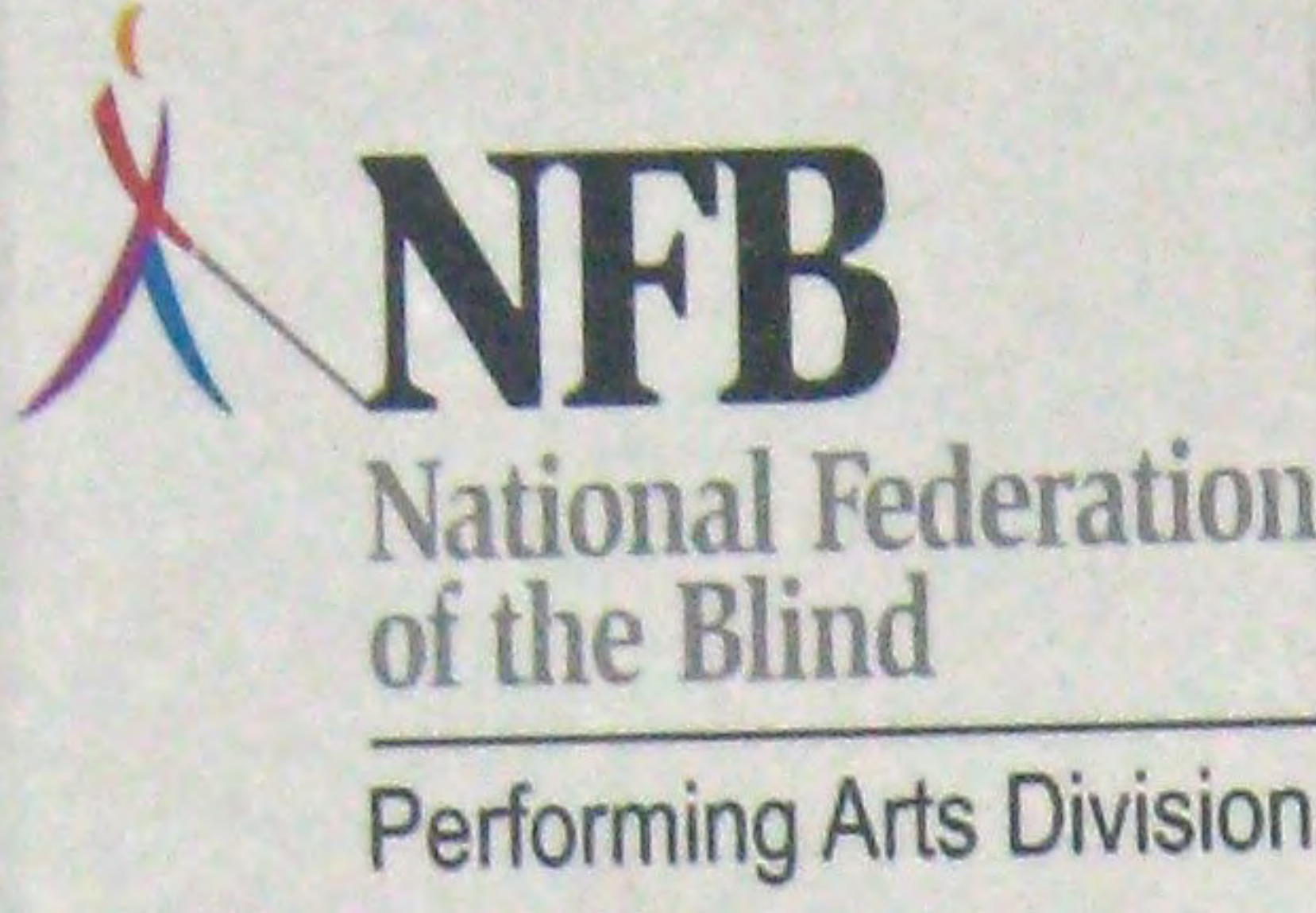
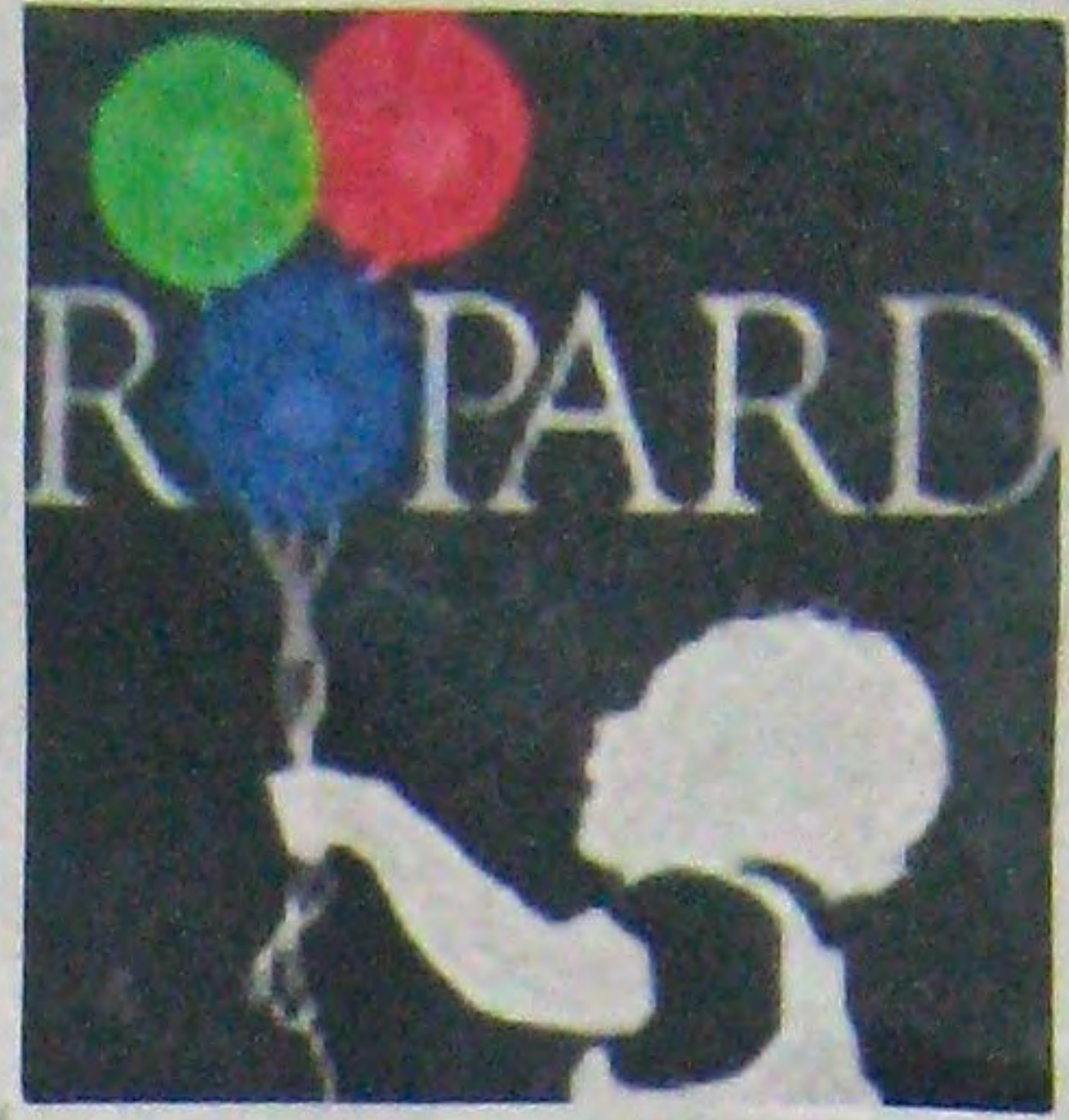


ROP Stage 5, Complete Retinal Detachment.



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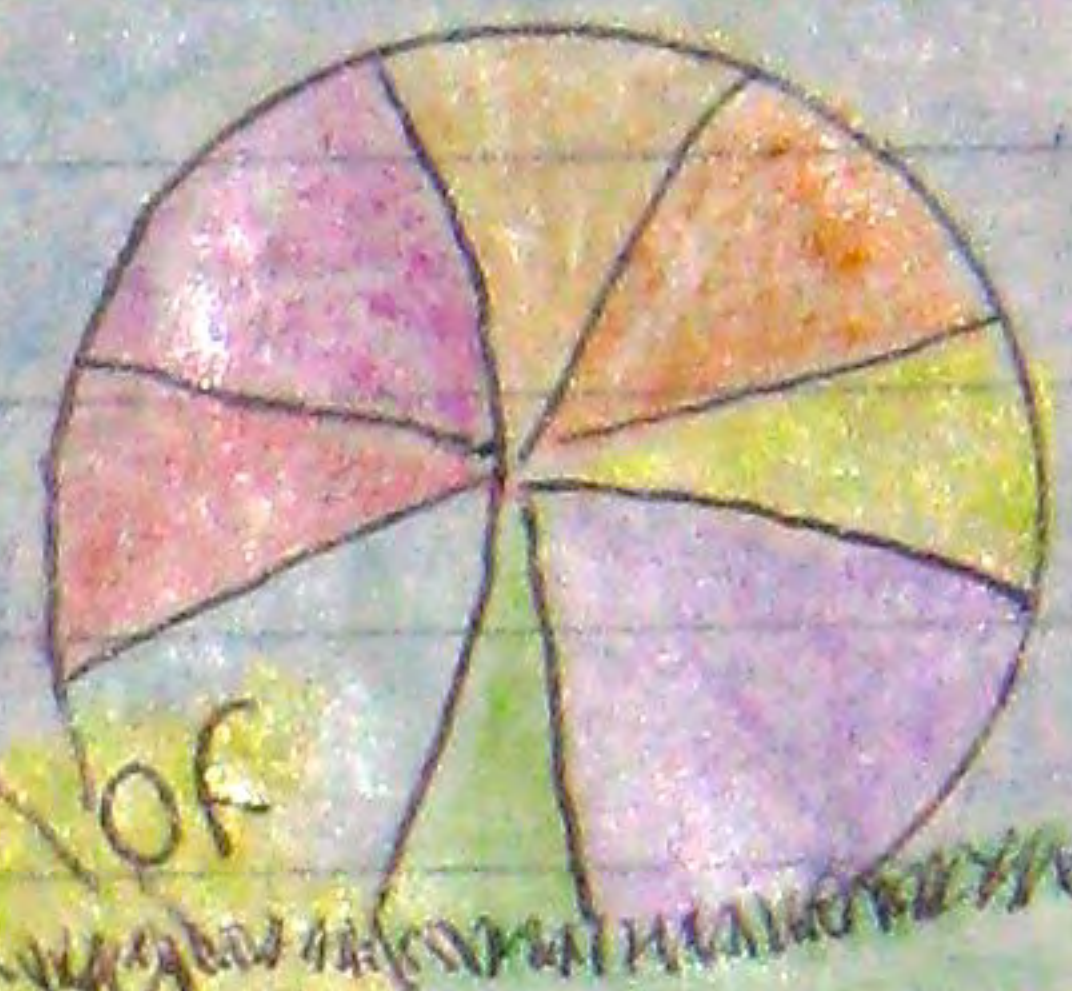
"Helping R.O.P. And Other Eye Diseases"

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Shayla

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Thank you for
helping me keep
the best gift I was
given by The Lord, GOD
THE FATHER!

Amen!

September 17th 2012

Faith! Hope! Love!

Dr. Arnold,

I've had this book for a long time. I wanted you to have it to help some of your little patients understand ROP eye disease. If you think the information is incorrect, feel free to change it to make it more educational. I am interested in knowing what you think. If you like it you may make copies for your offices.

You Are My Hero!
My Sight Is My life!

You are so devoted to helping others here and abrode. The world would be a much better place, if we had more Doctors like you!

God Bless you and HE DOES!
for all your good deeds.

←(Cover) Sincerely,
Shayla

I can be reached @
(907) 495-2935
My Address is:
Shayla
McCartney
P.O. Box 377 Willow
Alaska 99689

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon. I was going to give this to you myself, but I didn't want to take up your office time because the little kids need you.

God Bless You!

Sincerely,

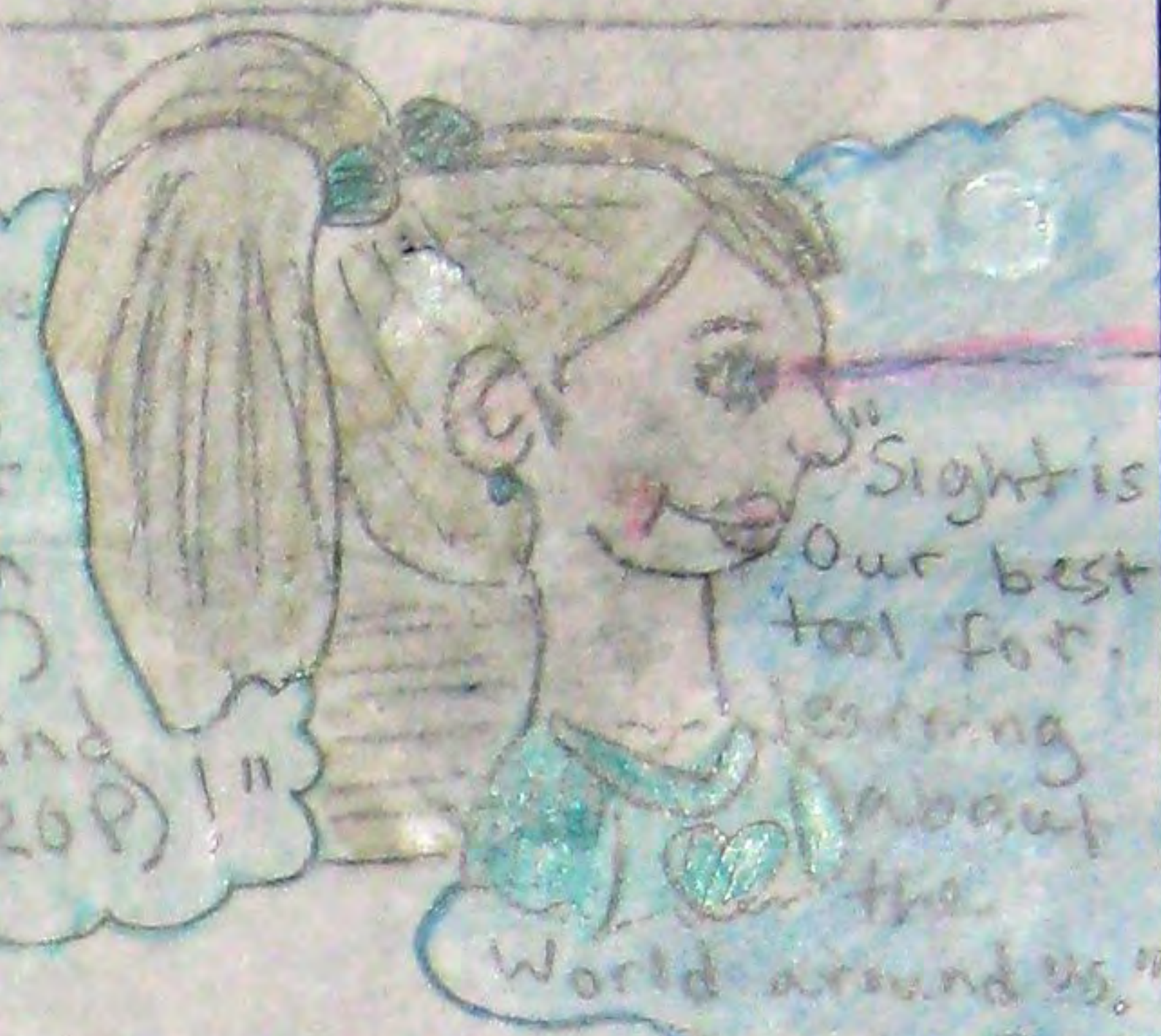
Bhavya



The Eyes Are Windows for
Our Soul? If The Eyes Are Blind,
We Can't See. A Rainbow
After The Rain. "Heaven Is For Real!"

"Hi, my name is ZOE Dunni! I am deafblind. Deaf from ear poison in the (NICU) and blind from (ROP)!"

"Sight is our best tool for learning about the world around us."



SIGHT

PREEMES

LOVE!



Be Happy / your / alive!



Hi, my name is Shayla McCartney. I am visually impaired. Vision impairment of 20/75 (Low Vision) from (ROP)!"



"Zoe's sisters, mother and father!"



STOP ROP!

Premature Birth Page 2

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This is Emma Dunn: One of the deafblind triplets. Blinded by Rop and deafend from bugs in the intensive care unit.

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(monatil) to understand more about the girls, go to deafblind triplets on (google search)

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"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

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"Love Is Blind"



(just a picture!)

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September 28th 2012

Dear

Dr. Arnold,
Thank you for the wonderful heart-
felt card you sent to me. It really
made my day! Yes, that's a wonderful
idea to put my ROP book on your
website..... to help little kids and adults
to understand the importance of
the disease, itself! (and awareness)

Thanks for asking ♥

Hope!

Faith!

May the Lord God
always keep you safe
in his wings and ~~not~~
far from this sight:

Shayla M.

and:

Love!