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Hearn talks with Randy Radlund, 12, who has cerebral palsy, at the Utah Schools in Ogden on Wednesday. The Sunshine Foundation is sponsoring Randy and his

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## Foundation fulfills wish for Sunset boy with cerebral palsy

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**S**UNSET — Randy Radlund's family is experiencing something exciting — an all-expenses-paid trip to Disneyland, courtesy of the Sunshine Foundation.

The trip is a way to bring some happiness to a family that has sacrificed so much, Dave T. Bailey, the foundation's development director, said in a news release.

Randy, 12, was born with cerebral palsy, a birth defect that hinders the brain's ability to control body movement. Normally, the bulk of Randy's life is filled with doctors and hospitals, Bailey said.

The family leaves today and is set to return Monday.

Randy's father, John, said the main idea of the trip is to make family memories and have fun.

Family members said this opportunity would not have

been possible without the Sunshine Foundation. The foundation has helped 30,000 families since 1976.

Randy's parents, John and Desirae, said each of their other children has cared for Randy and recognizes his special needs. His brothers are Ryan, 24, Kyle, 17, Garrett, 16, and Taylor, 3.

Randy has to be fed through a tube in his stomach. His 45-pound frame is carried in a wheelchair, and he is blind.

He attends the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in Ogden.

His mother said she has always admired how Randy's brothers have helped take care of him since he was born, despite his health concerns.

Kyle said having Randy in the family has made them all think twice before they judge anyone who is different.

"Randy has taught me more than anyone," he said. "We know how to deal with special people who are different."