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Subject: [PIPA] Halloween

It was harvest time last night (so to speak). I always knew my daughter, Leaty, benefited from my Partners training. But last night I really got to see it in action.

We went into town to do some trick or treating. She had been ready since last week. Getting her pumpkin and dragging us to the door --Witch costume in hand-- wanting to go.

At our first house, the mom said we could park our car in their yard. The little girls said Leaty could walk with them!

Then we walked and walked and walked. Every where we went kids Leaty's age up to 12 or so were yelling "Hi Leaty", "there's Leaty", "are you having fun" " come with us". Then a hay ride pulled over and the man asked if we wanted to ride. I knew some of the people from around town and the girls we were walking with wanted to go so we said sure.

Leaty was the most popular one on the hayride and the topics were NOT about her disability. It was about who was getting what candy and the costumes and the itchy hay.

So there we were...my little witch giggling in the middle of a bunch of other giggling Goblins!

Inclusion works.

Thanks for letting me share. I know this wouldn't seem like a lot to most but I know my Partners understand fully what happened last night.

Thanks
Jenny