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Innovative Eye Blink Switch Changes Boy's Life

Hastings-On-Hudson, NY – August 3, 2005 – Jerziah, who is eight, was left paralyzed by a motor vehicle accident and can only blink his eyes and smile. One of his teachers contacted Enabling Devices to determine if the company could customize a capability switch for Jerziah that would allow him to control devices in his environment. Enabling Devices was able to develop an **Eye Blink Switch** that is already making a huge impact on Jerziah's life. While still a work in progress, his teachers and therapists are using the switch to help Jerziah communicate and even read stories. "Since using the switch his mood has improved significantly during our educational interventions. The switch has empowered him. It's difficult to express in words, but can clearly be seen by the sparkle in his eyes and in his smile," says Melanie Moore, Jerziah's teacher at the Hospital School Program at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Virginia.

The Eye Blink Switch allows the user to control communication devices, toys, or computers just by aiming the sensor at the eye. Special internal circuitry can be set to activate with each eye blink or with every double eye blink to ignore normal eye blinking. Special controls give momentary, timed, or latched output. An adjustable holder easily mounts to most eyeglass frames or head bands.

Dr. Steven Kanor, President of Enabling Devices states, “The unique needs of our customers constantly inspire us to develop new and innovative products to help them live a more independent life.” Vincent Livoti, a Technical Support Engineer for Enabling Devices adds, “The Eye Blink Switch makes this possible for even the most physically challenged. It gives a level of independence back to them; it’s a truly empowering product.”

Enabling Devices is a company dedicated to developing affordable learning and assistive devices to help people of all ages with disabling conditions. The company specializes in creating custom devices for individuals with severe disabilities. Founded by Steven E. Kanor, Ph.D. and originally known as Toys for Special Children, the company has been creating innovative communicators, toys and switches for the physically challenged for more than 25 years.

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