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Hello all,

Good news for all of you. I had a dentist appointment this past Saturday in Oakbrook - about 20 minutes from Annie's. I told her family I would come Saturday instead of Sunday so I didn't have to drive to the suburbs 2 days in a row. Ronnie said that Annie was having a good week and they would come and meet me for lunch. I made reservations at a restaurant Annie and I used to go to when she lived here. She was all dressed up and looked so cute - grinning from ear to ear - said to me as I sat down "Hey Linda, I got out of prison today"....and then smiled again. I asked her where her mother was and she said "Oh I left the warden at home". So we had a few laughs and before long she was calling her mother telling her she missed her. The server came over and asked us what we would like to drink and Annie piped up and said "They'll have Bloody Mary's and I'll have a Harvey Wallbanger". Ronnie and I couldn't stop laughing - where that came from we'll never know. So Jay, Ronnie's friend, said let's let her have one and we will dilute it. She had such a good time. No matter what we order for her she is happy with our decision. She kept going on and on about her big screen television with the big people in it. Said she watches movies all the time - just wishes she could remember what they were so she could tell me. Said to tell all of you that it was the best gift ever. She sees the dentist this week too. I am excited about that. We also got her mother enrolled in the Lifeline program - I think she feels better knowing that someone will come if something goes wrong. After about 2 1/2 hours at lunch Annie was beat.....wanted to go home and take a nap. So I walked them to the car and said our goodbyes for the week. She was a very happy camper.

Linda