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When opportunity knocks at her door, Emily Kingsley answers it. In 2004, Emily found opportunity at a Special Olympics fundraiser when she won the raffle prize, a BMW convertible, which she vanitized with this message: **RAFLPRIZ**.

Thirty years earlier, Jason, Emily's only child, was born with Down syndrome, a genetic accident that affects one in 800 births. Emily and her husband, Charles, rejected medical "advice" that they institutionalize Jason. Instead, they found opportunity in adversity, took Jason home, and raised him. Today, Jason lives in a group home and holds a job.

"We learned about 'Early Intervention,' which involves intense activity to stimulate kids physically and mentally, and realized that we could raise Jason," Emily, an Emmy

