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VARIETY'S KIDS IN NORTH TEXAS

NAME: Claire
AGE: 5
CONDITION(s): Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Cortical Blindness and Others
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An injury at birth, compounded with a congenital defect in her frontal lobe, has caused Claire to lead a life in which she is unable to sit, talk and requires her to have a feeding tube. These conditions leave her parents as the sole source of assisting Claire in her daily life.



Claire's mother, Kari, stated to Variety in her application for assistance, "We have been so frustrated over the past couple of years trying to get the equipment Claire needs due to insurance covering so little." Due to various reasons, the McCoy family does not qualify for many of the assistance programs open to families raising special needs children. However, with a second child and the multitude of medical bills, the family is unable to provide needed equipment on their own.

Through Variety's *Kids on the Go!* program, the McCoy family received an adaptive stroller designed around Claire and her condition. This stroller will allow the family to take Claire from doctor's appointments, other outings and even around the house without the need of her wheelchair in which she is confined to during waking hours.

In addition to the stroller, Variety was able to install an EZ Lock mechanism and wheelchair ramp in the family's van. These two devices will ensure that Claire is secured during transport, and make it easier on the family taking Claire outside of the home.



When asked what she thought about the assistance she received from Variety, Kari said, "This program is just too good to be true."

Kari also wanted Variety's donors and supporters to know, "I cannot tell you how encouraging it is that people like Variety's supporters are there for children and families like mine. Too often, we feel like we are stuck in the tracks of the system due to our income levels and the fact that we have insurance. But, it is simply not enough. Thank you!"

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