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## VARIETY'S KIDS IN NORTH TEXAS

**NAME:** Samantha  
**AGE:** 5  
**CONDITION:** Down Syndrome  
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A child's first day of school is a milestone that many parents look forward to. This is no different for Samantha's family. Samantha is a wonderfully bright little girl – inquisitive, loveable, caring and one of the biggest social butterflies you will meet.

But, there is one thing that is different about Samantha from other children who share these traits. She was born with Down Syndrome. Her mother stated to Variety, "When she was born, there were so many unknowns. We worried each day about what the future would hold for a child with her condition."



With caring parents, and a driving desire, Samantha is going to start mainstream kindergarten along with other children her age. Samantha's mother feels that her progress to date is a direct result of the people and programs that Samantha has come into contact with in her short life. Variety believes that much of it is due to her parents, as well.

Samantha's parents continue to do all they can for her to ensure that her disABILITY does not limit her opportunities in the future. As one of her medical practitioners states, "It is the combined application of technology and therapy that has made children with Down Syndrome active participants, not burdens, in our society. Sammie's phenomenal progress, exceeding expectations, reaffirms that we are on the right track."

With all of this in mind, Variety decided to assist Samantha's family in her educational process. As the first recipient of funding under Variety's *Kids in the Know!* component of its *Heart of Variety Fund*, her family has been supplied with an IntelliTools System (adaptive keyboard and software package) and an EDMARK Reading Program. These two items will be used by Samantha in her classroom, and now, with Variety's assistance, at home to ensure that the barriers she faces with her condition are limited only by her own desire.

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