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**To:**  
**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**FAYETTE COUNTY CHAPTER**

**RE: FAYETTE COUNTY FAMILY IN NEED OF ADAPTIVE CHAIR FOR SPECIAL NEEDS SON**

**DEAR SIRs,**

**MY NAME IS DONNA EVANS AND I AM A PEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST. I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH MANY CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN WV. AS YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE, THERE ARE MANY CHALLENGES FOR THESE SPECIAL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. ONE OF THE MOST PRESSING ISSUES IS WITH OBTAINING EQUIPMENT TO ENHANCE THE CHILD'S QUALITY OF LIFE, COMFORT, AND SAFETY. THAT IS WHY I AM REACHING OUT TO YOU TODAY, I HAVE A FAMILY IN FAYETTE COUNTY THAT NEEDS HELP.**

**BRAYDEN IS A BEAUTIFUL 6-YEAR-OLD THAT IS DIAGNOSED WITH CEREBRAL PALSY, SEIZURE DISORDER, VISION IMPAIRMENT, AND HEARING IMPAIRMENT. HE ALSO RECEIVES HIS NUTRITION THROUGH A FEEDING TUBE. EVEN WITH ALL OF HIS MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS, BRAYDEN HAS A WONDERFUL PERSONALITY AND A BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT. HIS SMILE WILL LIGHT UP A ROOM AND HIS LAUGH IS CONTAGIOUS.**

**HIS PARENTS WORK DILIGENTLY TO PROVIDE BRAYDEN WITH THE BEST THERAPIES AND MEDICAL CARE AS POSSIBLE. THIS INCLUDES DRIVING HIM TO PUTNAM AND CABELL COUNTIES WEEKLY FOR PHYSICAL AND FEEDING THERAPIES, AND TO CINCINNATI, OH FOR MULTIPLE DOCTOR'S VISITS AND SURGERIES. THEY**

ALSO HAVE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, SPEECH THERAPY, PHYSICAL THERAPY, VISION THERAPY AND HEARING SERVICES IN THEIR HOME ON A WEEKLY BASIS. THEY ARE INVOLVED IN ALL THERAPY SESSIONS AND ARE EAGER TO LEARN ANYTHING TO FURTHER BRAYDEN'S FUNCTION AND QUALITY OF LIFE. THEY MAKE BRAYDEN A PRIORITY WHILE STILL CARING FOR HIS SIBLING AND MAINTAINING JOBS.

BRAYDEN IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF A CHAIR THAT WILL ALLOW HIM TO SIT COMFORTABLY WHILE ENGAGING IN FAMILY ACTIVITIES. HE HAS A CUSTOM WHEELCHAIR THAT PROVIDES HIM A PLACE TO SIT UTILIZING BELTS AND SUPPORTS AT THE HEAD, CHEST, HIPS AND FEET TO MAINTAIN PROPER POSITIONING. WHILE THIS IS WONDERFUL AND GREATLY NEEDED TO SUPPORT HIM SAFELY, IT DOES NOT ALLOW HIM TO RELAX. BECAUSE BRAYDEN IS UNABLE TO HOLD HIS HEAD UP AND REQUIRES IT TO BE SUPPORTED, THE ONLY OTHER PLACE HE HAS IS TO LAY ON THE COUCH.

I AM ASKING FOR SUPPORT FROM THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS TO PURCHASE BRAYDEN A P POD CHAIR. IT IS A MOLDED POSITIONING POD MADE INTO A BEAN BAG CHAIR BASE. THIS WOULD ALLOW BRAYDEN TO HAVE PROPER POSTURAL ALIGNMENT IN A SAFE AND COMFORTABLE CHAIR. IT IS THE PERFECT SIZE TO ALLOW HIM TO INTERACT WITH HIS BROTHER AND FAMILY ON A MORE PERSONAL LEVEL. THE HEIGHT OF THE P POD IS OPTIMAL BECAUSE THE CHILD IS ABLE TO BE AT THE LEVEL OF THE COUCH WHERE OTHER CHILDREN, PARENTS OR SIBLINGS IN THE HOUSE MAY BE SITTING TO WATCH TV OR JUST ENGAGE WITH EACH OTHER. THIS ENABLE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CHILD IN A SAFE AND COMFORTABLE WAY.

WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO TRY A P POD CHAIR WITH BRAYDEN AND HE LOVED IT!! I HAVE INCLUDED PICTURES AND AN INVOICE WITH THE PRICE OF THE CHAIR AND A FOOT BOLSTER. THE FOOT BOLSTER WILL ALLOW BRAYDEN'S FEET TO BE SUPPORTED AND MAINTAINED PROPERLY.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS. I HOPE THAT THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY, WE CAN ASSIST A TRULY WONDERFUL AND DESERVING FAYETTE COUNTY FAMILY WITH HELP FOR THEIR SON.

SINCERELY  
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