



# WHAT IF YOU COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

## The Path to a Bigger World

Footsteps of WNY, Inc. is a 501c3 not for profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of individuals in Western New York living with Cerebral Palsy. The mission is to provide charitable assistance to individuals with Cerebral Palsy and their families by directly purchasing medically prescribed orthopedic and therapeutic devices, supports and therapies not covered by insurance.

### Fast Facts

- 1 in 4 babies born two or more months premature may be diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy.
- Over the course of a lifetime it costs an individual with Cerebral Palsy over \$1 million for the equipment, therapy, medical care and lifestyle changes necessary to manage his or her disability
- Cerebral Palsy is the most common motor disability in children
- Footsteps of WNY focuses special attention on those individuals throughout the community that demonstrate a financial need.
- As a volunteer only organization, nearly 100% of what is donated goes to assist the families and individuals we aim to serve.

### The Power of Giving

Year	Donations Received	Grant Awards
2013-2018	\$132,445	\$130,117
2019-2021	\$76,524	\$72,646
2022-2023	\$47,845	\$39,357
2024	\$24,313	\$27,720
2025 (YTD)	\$9,839	\$4,184

- Since 2013 Footsteps of WNY has been able to fund over **1500 weeks of physical, occupational, and horse riding therapies** to individuals in our community living with Cerebral Palsy.
- We have also been able to provide over **\$200,000 in assisting devices and technology** These items include, wheelchairs, adaptive bikes, and purposeful exercise equipment
- We may not be able to change the world, but maybe we can help change their world...and THAT might make all the difference they need.

## Adapt-Able Sports Scholarships

Footsteps of WNY Adapt-ABLE sports and recreation scholarships provide financial support to individuals with Cerebral Palsy who want to try a new sport or build skills by attending camps, clinics, or other adaptive sports programs.

## Capes for Kids Program

The Footsteps of WNY "Capes for Kids" program sends personalized handmade superhero capes to children with Cerebral Palsy who have had surgery or are doing physical or occupational therapy.

Every cape is crafted and hand-stitched by volunteers using donated supplies.





# ON THE PATH TO A BIGGER WORLD

## Ryan

"I wanted to let you know how much we appreciate the funding you have provided to our son Ryan. I cannot say how touched our family was by your willingness to fund this opportunity for Ryan. Not only for the therapeutic benefit that was offered to Ryan, but also for the gesture that it represented. For the last several years it has seemed like everything related to Ryan's care has been a continual fight. Fighting to prove that your child deserves a chance is exhausting; failing to win those fights feels like excruciating defeat. Your desire to support Ryan in this journey so clearly showed your belief that he deserves a chance to reach his full potential. We are deeply grateful and humbled by your generosity.

Ryan has made several trips over the last few months to Step by Step. His progress has been absolutely amazing. He went from being able to stand independently for just a few seconds to standing for 3+ minutes, from being unable to tall kneel to maintaining a tall kneel position for 5+ minutes, his balance, gait pattern and core strength have greatly improved and while still very slow he has gone from taking just a few independent steps with crutches to being able to maneuver independently on crutches for over a 100 steps at a time. Thank you so much for providing Ryan with this amazing opportunity."

## Emelia

"We are beyond thankful. We are so blessed that Emelia now has the opportunity to complete two weeks of an intensive therapy program that would not have been possible without the financial assistance of this organization.

We have been traveling to Rochester for a few months now to slowly begin this wonderful program. It is HARD work for Emelia but she is strong and knows thus will help in her quest for independence."

## Easton

"We can't help but reflect on the tremendous progress that our son, Easton, has made! We would like to extend a sincere thank you for your role in helping to support him! He would not be where he is today without your assistance. Thank you. And thank you for being such a wonderful resource to the families of WNY!"

## Brandon

"It is with complete gratitude that I thank you for your dedication to our region, specifically those with Cerebral Palsy.

Footsteps has provided funds for Brandon to receive hippotherapy several times. This has been a huge benefit for him. Without you, your agency and board members it is unlikely my son would be able to reap the rewards of hippotherapy.

I sing your praises always. You are a hero.

Thank you a million times!"



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"The path to a bigger world, begins with a single step."