Impact Report

Zuzanna's Trike







Zuzanna's dream:

Zuzanna loves music and lights, but her favourite thing is being outdoors.!

She is a full time wheelchair user, but can do a seated shuffle and is now learning to walk with a walker. She can push up from sitting to standing by herself now, but needs support as soon as she is upright.

Zuzanna's dream is to have her own adapted trike so she can explore and make the most of being outdoors.

Overview

Zuzanna is 8 years old, and lives with her foster family in Glasgow. This is an area that has a disproportionately high percentage of deprivation compared to other Scottish cities, as 43.2% of all people in Glasgow live in areas that are among the 20% most deprived in Scotland. Zuzanna has Prader-Willi syndrome, a rare genetic condition that causes a wide range of physical symptoms, learning difficulties and behavioural challenges.



About Zuzanna:

Her foster mum says Zuzanna is a joy to have around – she's the centre of the universe in the family home! When Zuzanna was born things were difficult for her, and for the first year of her life she struggled to do anything other than sleep. She was tube fed and on oxygen.

At just one year old, Zuzanna started having growth hormones and things started to change. Zuzanna requires adult physical support to meet her basic needs, postural management, personal care and eating and drinking. She is non-verbal but makes lots of sounds - especially when she's excited!



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Thanks to the generous funding from Kans and Kandy, Zuzanna now has her own trike, and the impact is already clear.



Zuzanna has always loved being outdoors—it's her favourite thing. At home, she enjoys sitting in the back garden, listening to the sounds around her and watching the movement of the trees. She loves visiting the park, where she can see people, dogs running up to her, and experience everything that's happening around her. With her new trike, she is able to enjoy these moments even more. The trike is enabling Zuzanna to get outside more easily, take part in activities, and experience the world with greater independence.

Having her own trike is enabling her to be more involved, be a part of everything. It has had a positive impact on Zuzanna's health and wellbeing and increased the opportunities for her and her family to access their local community and at school. This generous support from Kans and Kandy is truly having a positive and lasting impact on Zuzanna's well-being and everyday experiences.

Click on the image to see a video of Zuzanna on her new trike! (It also features her amazing new helmet!)

Thank you Kans and Kandy



As you can see from the pictures and the video, Zuzanna's new trike and helmet are a dream come true, and they are already having a significant impact on her daily life.

Zuzanna's foster mum said - "I can't believe how well she is doing. Amazes us every day. Once again please pass on our thanks to the funders."

This dream delivers a long lasting – life-enhancing and lifechanging - moments of magic.

Thank you so much for your support and joining us as #DreamMakers.



