



Jackson's Story

I wish to give sensory items to my school

Jackson, 6
nervous system disorder



Six-year-old Jackson, diagnosed with a nervous system disorder and epilepsy, was born ten weeks early and weighed only a single pound. At the time of his birth, a medical team prepared Jackson's parents for a grim future as they anticipated that Jackson would not live past the first few hours.

Today, Jackson has exceeded all doctors' expectations of him – he uses a wheelchair to get around and feeds from a tube – still, he enjoys tasting food! Jackson is happiest spending time with his family and loves going four-wheeling, camping, and baking cookies.

Jackson is a compassionate kid and loves to share, so much so that he plans on sharing his wish – a wish for sensory items - with his beloved school (Vincent Massey Elementary School). Upon asking Jackson's mother, Hannah, why he chose a wish to give back, she responded, "Jackson loves school so much, and he's very well loved here at school and feels that," she continued with emotion, "so he wanted to give back to the school that takes such good care of him."

Winter of 2022, Jackson was overjoyed to have his wish come true. Carefully curated sensory items, selected by Hannah and the school, were installed in two designated rooms and on the floors and walls throughout the school. The sensory toys will have multiple benefits for Jackson and kids like him. The rooms and toys provide playing, learning and exercise opportunities - it can also be a safe place to relax. "If you're in a loud classroom and need to get away for a few minutes, the room and sensory toys help do that," Hannah explains.

Jackson's wish will not only bring joy to all his schoolmates for years to come, but it will also help him to forget the day-to-day challenges of living with a critical illness.

Hope is essential for children with critical illnesses, and its life-changing power is unlocked when wishes like Jackson's are granted. It is thanks to the generosity of our donor community that we can continue to transform lives, one wish at a time.



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