Dear Astro Food Service,

These are just a FEW of the children that received adaptive bikes this past year because of your extraordinary generosity. And so many more will be helped again this year because of you!!!



From all of us at Variety – the Children's Charity of Southern California, Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Isaiah is an 8 year old boy with Duchenne's muscular dystrophy. In the past year, he has lost the ability to walk. He has never been able to ride a bike but has always dreamed about it. He tried an adaptive bike at therapy, and in his words thought it was "an epic experience". May 4<sup>th</sup> was an epic experience – it was the day Isaiah's dream came true!



Alexis is a beautiful 6 year old girl. She is nonverbal, non-ambulatory and diagnosed with cerebral palsy, movement disorder, and epilepsy. She enjoys Mickey Mouse, bubbles, and all things involving food.



Alexis' Mom writes: We are honored to have received this adaptive bike from the Variety Organization and it means the world to us. Not only will this adaptive bike help Alexis build up her muscle strength and help with her walking, it will get her up and out seeing the world like her older brother and sister do on their bikes. We can't thank you enough for gifting us this bike! Alexis received her bike on Freedom Day June 4<sup>th</sup> 2019



Adrian has limited movement and cannot walk or talk or feed himself. Since finishing his cancer treatment he has lost all mobility and when he would go to physical therapy he would ride on a bike and loved it! We tried purchasing one for him but it's out of our budget.



Ramon was very active and loved to ride bikes and play ball before the accident that left him with traumatic brain injury. Ramon would benefit from this special bike because he will be able to ride a bike again and be safe. This bike will also help him strengthen his legs and arms and get him out of the house more.



Naomi has global developmental delays and mobility challenges. This adaptive bike will benefit her for social interaction, scanning her environment and practicing leg movement for increased strength.



Zachary's mobility is non-existent at this time. His legs get minimal stimulation so this bike will be a huge way to get the legs moving. He will be able to see things in a new way and work towards being mobile and walking!

click here to watch Zach ride his bike for the first time!!



## **Adriel**

"This bike will help my son in many ways in his health helping him exercise and helping his liver condition. Also helping him use his gross motor skills. He will be SOOOO happy!!"



Roy is a 6 year old boy who is diagnosed with Larson Syndrome - a disorder that affects the development of bones throughout the body. He was SO proud of himself when he was able to ride a bicycle for the first time in therapy. This not only will help with his mobility but also with his self-esteem!



Ryder is a JOYOUS 7 year old boy. He has been practicing on his school tryke and he's learning how to love it. This adaptive bike will benefit our family SO much – giving him some freedom on bike rides ©

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