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MARYAM PARMAN FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT





OUR MISSION

MPFC exists to provide financial support and resources to children living with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities, ensuring families can access essential therapies, medical equipment, and services not fully covered by insurance.

HOW OUR GRANT PROCESS WORKS



Families apply for support through our website by completing a grant application for a child age 18 or younger living in the United States. This allows us to understand each child's needs and the financial challenges their family is facing.



Every application is carefully reviewed to determine eligibility based on household income, insurance coverage, out-of-pocket medical and therapy costs, and urgency of need. We focus on identifying true gaps where coverage or other funding sources fall short.



This review process ensures donor dollars are used responsibly, equitably, and with the greatest possible impact, supporting families who may otherwise have no access to critical care.

DID YOU KNOW?

WHY OUR WORK MATTERS

1 in 6 children in the United States has a developmental disability, yet many families struggle to access timely and affordable care.

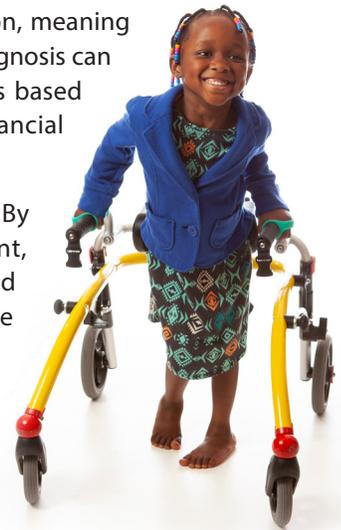
Out-of-pocket therapy costs can exceed \$10,000–\$20,000 per year, even for families with insurance, forcing parents to delay or forgo critical services.

Early intervention is proven to significantly improve long-term outcomes, but long waitlists and insurance limitations often prevent children from receiving therapy when it matters most.

Families caring for children with disabilities are more likely to experience financial strain, lost income, and emotional stress due to caregiving demands.

Access varies widely by location, meaning two children with the same diagnosis can have vastly different outcomes based solely on geography and financial resources.

MPFC exists to close this gap. By funding therapies, equipment, and services not fully covered by insurance, we help ensure children receive support when it can make the greatest difference, and families are not left to navigate these challenges alone.



IMPACT AT A GLANCE

GRANT CATEGORIES

- ▶ Intensive Therapy – 60%
- ▶ Specialized medical and mobility equipment – 15%
- ▶ Adaptive technology – 10%
- ▶ Specialized therapy (swim therapy, hippotherapy) – 15%

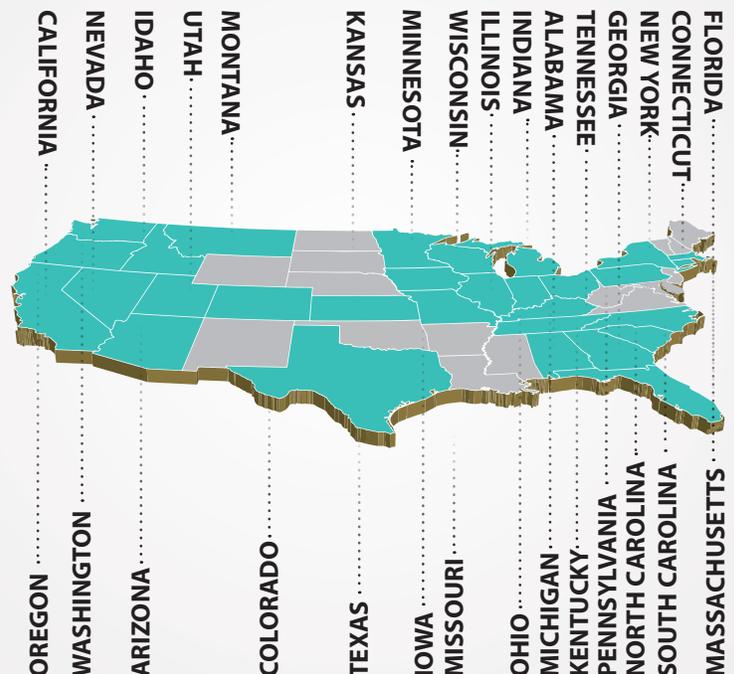
GRANT IMPACT

- ▶ 924,000 awarded in grants
- ▶ \$2,500 average grant amount
- ▶ 204 grants awarded
- ▶ 2-years-old – average age of grant recipient
- ▶ 36 of returning recipients

DIAGNOSIS BREAKDOWN

- ▶ Cerebral palsy – 44%
- ▶ Autism – 16%
- ▶ Epilepsy – 19%
- ▶ Rare-genetic disorder – 21%

State breakdown of grants awarded to



Every number represents a real child, a real family, and real progress. We prioritize funding that creates immediate, meaningful impact on a child's quality of life.

STORIES OF HOPE



Emilia's Story

Grant: adaptive medical equipment

Diagnosis: QARS1 and Epilepsy

“Every time I place Emilia in this chair, my heart fills with gratitude. Thanks to you and your incredible foundation, our daughter doesn't just have a specialized seat — she has a space where she feels safe, supported, and calm. This chair is so much more than a piece of equipment. It's a daily reminder that someone cared — truly cared — about a little girl they had never met.

The chair has become a central part of Emilia's daily life: we read together, play, and feed her in it. And each time, I silently thank you for your kindness, your generosity, and your willingness to see and respond to our daughter's needs with such compassion.”



Jackson's Story

Grant: Music Therapy

Diagnosis: Dup15q and Epilepsy

“I do not quite have the words to express just how much this means to us. It's through teary eyes I write this incredibly earnest and heartfelt, thank you. Thank you all so much for helping to give my baby a shot at the life he deserves. We are so excited for this grant for Jackson's music therapy and we cannot wait to see the progress he will make with his speech.”



Levi's Story

Grant: Hippotherapy

Diagnosis: Cerebral Palsy

“Hippotherapy has done wonders for his walking, balance and core strength and stability. He responds so well to the pony and his PT. With Hippotherapy, Levi's central nervous system, core and trunk, as well as gross motor development have developed beautifully. It's the only type of therapy where he gets a sensory release throughout his entire body. His therapist constantly comments on how engaged Levi is; petting the horse and attempting to babble and say words. His goals with hippotherapy per his physical therapist are to continue strengthening his core and balance, and gait. Levi just started walking a couple of months ago. He still walks with his arms in high guard, and with a wide gait. He is learning how to fall safely. His long term goal is to be able to walk among different surfaces, and small steps. Levi can't go up and down stairs and has a difficult time using one leg independently. It's a safety concern for us because we want Levi to be able to access surroundings at home, school and in our community.”



STORIES OF HOPE



Koen's Story:

Grant: Intensive Therapy

Diagnosis: Rare Genetic Disease CTNNB1

"It's like we went to NAPA with a 1-yr old and came back with a toddler! Koen is now moving to different spots around the house to explore and getting into things he did not before. Amazingly, his speech and language has also improved; engaging us with phrases/responses that are within context. We think that the intensive sessions has woken up his brain's neuroplasticity! We are still seeing improvements that make our heads turn!"



Eiley's Story

Grant: Intensive Therapy

Diagnosis: SMA type 1

"She grew in so much strength and confidence, so much so that she took her first independent steps! She took 5 independent crawls! Her transitions are looking stronger. We haven't mastered them yet but we are so close! She is now able to maneuver her nimbo walker without the wheels locked! She stood for 72sec independently!"



Addison's Story

Grant: Portable Oxygen Tank (medical device equipment)

Diagnosis: HIE and Cerebral Palsy

"I wanted to thank you and the entire team at The Maryam Parman Foundation for the generous grant Addison received for a portable oxygen concentrator. Having this piece of equipment has allowed us to keep Addison safe while making plans for appointments, day trips, or a long vacation with peace of mind, knowing that Addison always has the support she needs. In the past we used to have to reserve a portable concentrator with our DME months in advance, and they weren't always available or they needed to be sent for repairs. Our other alternative was to travel with tanks, which required a lot of planning and calculating, plus a ton of room in the car. If we were out of state it was also very nerve wracking to think of running out of oxygen. Where would we get it? Would we have to go to the hospital?"



We often travel to Georgia and Florida from New York for Addison's specialists. The drive is long, the car is packed, and the equipment is cumbersome. Now that Addison has a portable concentrator, we always have what she needs no matter where we go or for how long we stay. The concentrator is small and holds a battery charge, so we now have room in the car for her other equipment and we are not sitting on top of tanks or a huge, loud concentrator. Addison's medical diagnosis and vent dependency is complex, and often overwhelming. Having a portable concentrator is convenient and has made our lives a little bit easier. We are so appreciative of your organization and the amazing work they are doing to support families like mine!"

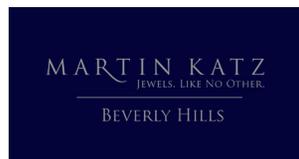
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A Letter from **OUR FOUNDER**

Dear Supporters,

As we reflect on this past year, we are reminded that progress for children with disabilities rarely happens in a straight line, but it does happen when families are supported, communities show up, and generosity leads the way.



Because of your support, families facing overwhelming financial and emotional challenges were able to access critical therapies, equipment, and services their children urgently needed. Your generosity transformed uncertainty into progress and helped children gain strength, independence, and opportunity, while reminding families they are not alone.

This year, MPFC strengthened its focus on responsive, thoughtful grantmaking and deepened our community partnerships to ensure donor dollars create meaningful, immediate impact. Through events and grassroots fundraising, we also saw firsthand the power of people coming together to create change.

As the need continues to grow, our commitment remains unwavering. Guided by the voices of the families we serve, we look ahead with purpose and determination.

On behalf of our Board, staff, and volunteers, thank you for trusting us with your generosity. This report reflects your impact, and we hope it clearly shows how much your support truly matters.

Maryam Parman

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Founder and Board President

LOOKING AHEAD



IN THE COMING YEAR, MPFC AIMS TO:

Support more families through increased grant funding

Expand community partnerships

Reduce wait times for families in crisis

The need continues to grow, and so does our commitment.

THANK YOU

Because of you, children are taking steps, speaking words, gaining independence, and experiencing joy.

Your support makes progress possible.

Together, we are building brighter futures, one child at a time.



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