

Mariah's Miracle 2022 Annual Summary

Mariah's Miracle was created in 2020 by AZOPT / Kids Place to honor the legacy of Mariah DeVries and support Arizona pediatric therapy patients. In 2022, Mariah's Miracle kicked off 2 different fundraising events, and started to award equipment and therapy to Arizona children in need!



Mariah had a true heart of a servant. She loved caring for children in need, friends, and family. She would be so grateful to the people supporting this foundation, as well as excited to see the support given to children in need!

Mariah had a long history of generosity. She was on a mission to better the lives of children. Mariah's faith has always been very important to her, and she has lived her life serving other people, especially children.

Even as a child, she requested "Toys for Tots" themes for her birthday parties so that she could donate to the West Valley Child Crisis Center, and she frequently donated any money she had to charities - including buying a goat for a family through World Vision!

She volunteered at Royal Family Kid's Camp, CCV Child Ministries, GCU Canyon Kids, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and went on mission trips to Kenya and Honduras.

She laughed about wanting 10 kids, with most coming from the Foster Care system!

Most recently, she worked as a pediatric Physical Therapist in Goodyear, AZ.



Mariah in Kenya



Mission / Vision

We believe every child deserves the opportunity to live a full life! Some children need specialized equipment and/or therapy to ensure this happens. Unfortunately, needed services and resources are costly, and too often insurance denies coverage. Therefore, Mariah's Miracle was founded!

Our mission is to provide grants that cover the cost of pediatric patients' needed therapy and equipment when insurance will not. Our vision is that every Arizona child receives the services and resources critical to living a full life!

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Accomplishments

5K and 1 Mile Fun Run 2022

The 1st annual 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run was held on January 29th, 2022 and was a huge success!



Mariah's Miracle FIRST ANNUAL | 1.29.22 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run

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First Grant: Baby Gio's

Meet Baby Gio, Mariah's Miracle First Grant Recipient!

Gio entered our world three weeks early after a high-risk pregnancy led to a traumatic birth that almost resulted in the loss of mother or son. Gio was born with plagiocephaly, brachycephaly, and torticollis, which needed a DOC Band and physical therapy. After insurance denied their need, Gio's family applied to Mariah's Miracle, for what they believed a long shot.

In March 2022, Mariah's Miracle had the necessary funds to grant Baby Gio the DOC Band he required. We are blessed to be able to do this for their family.



Facebook Post by Baby Gio's Mom

 is attending **Mariah's Miracle Cornhole Tournament and Fundraiser.**
4 hours ago · 🌐

If this news couldn't have made my day the best day yet 🥰
Baby Gio is the **FIRST** person/baby to be approved for this grant through this foundation!!! (Mariah's Miracle)
As some of you know, I had a very traumatic/stressful/high risk pregnancy and delivery with baby Gio and it caused him a few complications that is requiring him to go to physical therapy and needing a helmet..
Cranial technologies called me out of the blue one day and actually referred us to Mariah's Miracle Foundation to just "see" if we would even be able to try for a grant to help the costs of everything and honestly, I didn't think I'd get a response.
Literally DAYS later (today) I got an email stating he IS THE FIRST ONE through the foundation to be OFFERED a grant. I couldn't be more appreciative.
He gets his helmet the 25th of this month .. now onto our doc band journey 🥰❤️

For more information on DOC Bands, visit www.cranialtech.com.



Cornhole Tournament 2022

The 1st annual Cornhole Tournament was held on May 8th, 2022.



Additional Grants

As of Dec 9th, 2022, Mariah's Miracle has awarded grants to 17 Arizona children totaling over \$76,500. These grants include wheelchair modifications to 4 vans, additional DOC Bands, Physical and Occupational Therapy, a Speech Therapy software application, a feeding chair, and safety harnesses. The therapists serving on the Mariah's Miracle Board of Directors have used their expertise to validate the grant requests and support applicants to investigate other options.

Ronaldo's Story

Ronaldo has been diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, which is a progressive disorder that leads to muscle degeneration and weakness. He recently outgrew his manual wheelchair and obtained a power wheelchair. Mariah's Miracle was able to pay for the wheelchair modification to a van to help address the issues described in the email below. The smile on his face says it all!



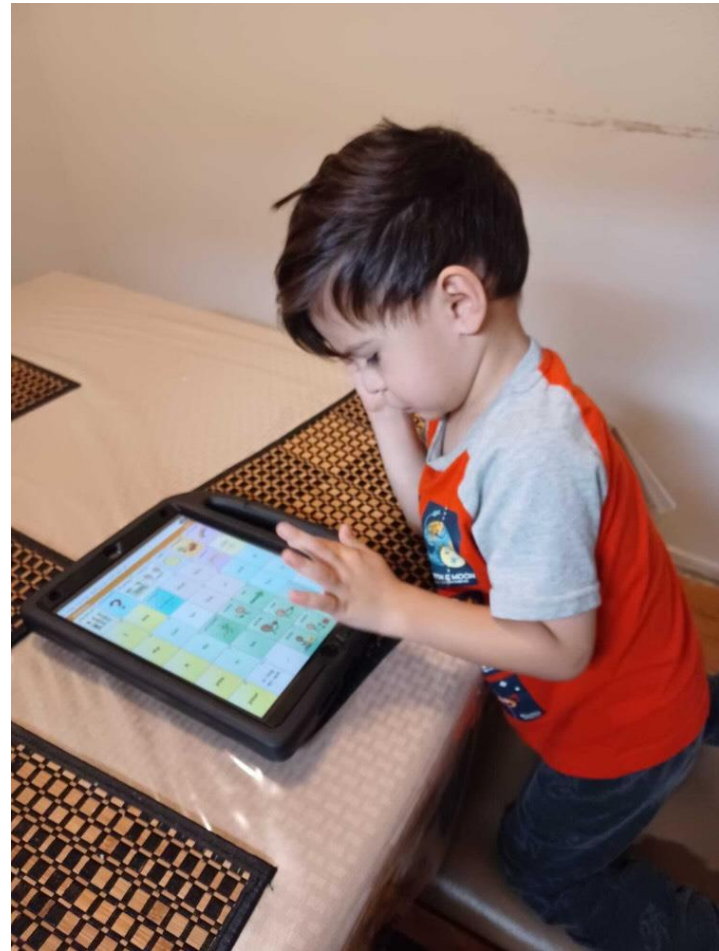
Subject: Re: Mariah's Miracle Grant

Hello as of now Ronaldo gets to and from school on the school bus this has been difficult for him due to the fact that the bus picks him up at 5:30 am he has to wake up at least at 4:50 am in order to get ready and eat breakfast. It's caused him to have trouble sleeping and constant headaches from the lack of sleep. I'm the beginning it was especially difficult because the school bus drivers did not know how to get his wheelchair onto the ramp and they would have to park again a lot in order to find a way for him to be able to get up onto the ramp and that made him feel bad that others were struggling just to do something as simple as get him to school. My parents also have to get up early with him even though my mother works late night to early morning so she does not get enough sleep either. In the case that he is sick or needs to be picked up early from school we usually can't go get him unless we pick him up with us walking and him in his wheelchair. His appointment can only be after school or he can't go to school the day of his appointment instead of picking him up early or dropping him off after his appointment. In the case of us going to the store he either has to walk even though he gets tired very easily or we have to take his manual wheelchair that is now too small for him.

This would impact his and my family's life greatly this past year we experienced some financial and emotional difficulties and could not afford to even put a down payment for his accesible van. He doesn't like to show his emotions much but when he does we know that is he gets upset about this circumstances we wish we could provide him with something as simple a way to get to his doctors appointment and to school at a regular time. This school year was the first time he used his electric wheelchair so it has been a learning process for all of us. As of now he can still walk a bit and doesn't depend on his electric wheelchair completely but he will end up having to depend completely on his wheelchair and when that does happen we want to make the manage it the best way that we can by having his transportation available for him for whatever situation may arise. That is the least we can do for him to have a semi normal life. We want to take him to see New York and other places he wishes to visit as well before he completely loses mobility but we can not depend on his Mobile wheelchair in those travels since it is a tight squeeze for him and he must have one of us pushing it. We want him to feel a sense of independence even if it is just with his method of transportation. We would greatly appreciate any sort of help you may be able to give thank you for your consideration if you need any more information don't hesitate to reach out

Angel's Story

Angel is a speech therapy patient who has benefitted from AAC which was not covered by insurance. Augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) assessment is provided to determine and recommend methods, devices, aids, techniques, symbols, and/or strategies to represent and/or augment spoken and/or written language in ways that optimize communication. Mariah's Miracle was able to purchase a TouchChat program for Angel to use as a supplemental form of communication in environments other than just at Speech Therapy sessions. Look at what a hard worker he is!



Little Ruthie's Story

Little Ruthie was granted an adaptive handcycle which allows riders without function in their legs to experience the enjoyment of riding a trike. This trike will grow with her for many years and enable her to maintain & increase her cardio muscular endurance. In addition, she will be able to participate with her family!



*Mariah's
Miracle*

*Helping Little Ruthie
Find Her Freedom!*

Challenges

Mariah's Miracle needs to improve our out-reach to communities that support children in need to increase the number of grant applications.

Pancake Breakfast 2022



Pancake Breakfast

(Oct. 29, 2022)

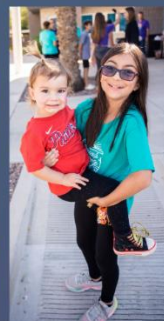


Congressional Recognition

Raffle Drawing



Face Painting



Trunk or Treat



Highlights (2022)

YTD Total Revenue



YTD Grants Awarded



5K & 1 Mile Fun Run



Cornhole Tournament



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