



Olivia can cross the monkey bars • Jeremy can use a communication device
 Eti can drive a power wheelchair • Emery can ask for help
 Brinley can button her pajamas • Abbie can stand independently
 Marco can say hello • Max can eat new foods • Aiden can ride a bike
 Jack can introduce himself to a new friend • Riley can walk

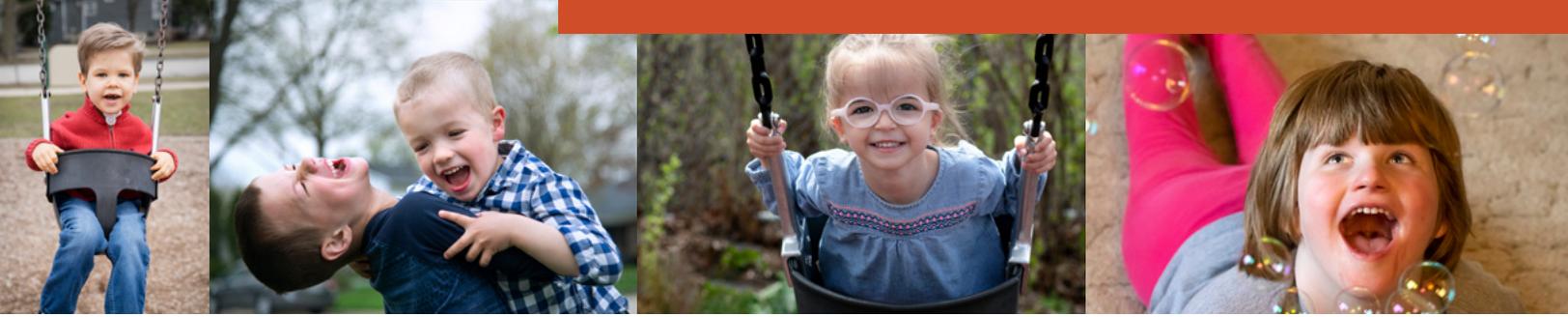


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Dear Friend,

Jackson recently completed a school assignment that challenged him to identify a hope for the future and how he was getting closer to his goal. His answer was, "I cannot walk, but I can dance." His wonderful response reminds us all to focus on what we *can* do this holiday season.

Jackson was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy at 15-months-old. His parents were told that he wouldn't stand, wouldn't walk, and wouldn't live past age two. The words "can't" and "won't" were part of every clinical conversation – until they found Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley.

Easterseals changed the conversation. Our therapists saw Jackson's potential and focused on his strengths. In the process, a life-saving medication was discovered that stopped the disease's progression and improved Jackson's prognosis. Every improvement he makes in therapy proves what he can do. He's working on building his core strength to sit comfortably in his wheelchair so he can do what he loves: play video games, watch football, solve math problems and dance. Recently Jackson stood and took steps using a walker.

Our pediatric rehabilitation therapies are critical to families like Jackson's. *"I can't even imagine the decline without his therapies, and not having these relationships with the therapists. I'd feel completely lost without them."*
 - Jackson's mom, Kelly

Please make "I can" moments possible for Jackson and hundreds of other children at Easterseals. Show a child you believe in their abilities by making a gift today.

I cannot... but I can...
 Walk dance

Your generous donations help fund more than 54,000 hours of therapy for children with developmental delays and disabilities each year. Without these gifts, uninsured families would be left without services, and hundreds of others would be impacted. This includes families with private insurance, as donations cover 25% of every hour of therapy. **Every child who comes through our doors depends on your support. Please make a year-end gift today.**

Children like Jackson, Olivia and Jeremy achieve breakthrough moments every day at Easterseals. Whether an achievement seems small or monumental, it is vitally important and is celebrated. **Please make a gift to ensure that children have the therapies they need to meet meaningful milestones.**

With gratitude,

Theresa

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515
 uninsured and under-insured
 children with disabilities.

SO WHAT **CAN** YOU DO?

→ MAKE A HOLIDAY GIFT TODAY


 Private insurance and public funding do not cover the full cost of therapies.

\$62.50

will support 30 minutes of therapy

\$125

will support 60 minutes of therapy

\$250

will support 2 weeks of therapy

\$500

will support 1 month of therapy