



Variety's **My Bike**® Program, **My Stroller**® Program, & **My Voice**® Program:

All equipment is provided at **NO COST** to families that meet the program's eligibility requirements.



Variety's **My Bike**® Program currently provides eligible children with disabilities with a Rifton adaptive bicycle (with Rifton accessories) that is individually customized, so they may have the freedom of a bike and the joy of riding alongside friends and family.

"There are just a few things making him very happy in his world and riding bike is absolutely on top of the list! Today means happiness because although my son cannot walk anymore, he loves riding his bike... It's the thing that gives him the most happiness." -Ahmet and Stephanie, parents of Adem (left)

Variety's **My Stroller**® Program currently provides a Kid Kart® Mighty Lite adaptive stroller to eligible kids to use for "on-the-go" mobility or general safety/inclusion in the community. **NOT your typical toddler stroller**, but equipment to let families stroll together without worry. With an adaptive stroller, kids are no longer isolated, and it has an immediate impact on their lives. For others, a child might need an adaptive stroller to stay safe and secure while out in the community.



"Camryn loves to be on the go, but she wears out quickly even if it is only around a block. An adaptive stroller will keep her safe in crowds and places unknown to Camryn, and it will provide our family with great freedom to do things, see places, and create memories as a family." -Rosanne, mother of Camryn (right)



Variety's **My Voice**® Program provides a communication device (i.e., a restricted iPad with a prescribed communication app) to eligible children with a communication disorder to give them a voice at all times – and enable kids to express their thoughts, feelings, wants, and needs.

After Levi (above) got his new device, his grandmother Sharia told us, **"He was very excited to connect with something familiar and supportive from his physical school setting. 'Go get your words' and 'Use your voice' are becoming welcome phrases at home, and our family can't adequately express in words our gratitude."**

What is Variety – the Children’s Charity?

- Variety – the Children’s Charity provides children with disabilities unique programs, experiences, and equipment, so they may live life to the fullest and not be left out, left behind, or excluded.

When did it begin?

- Variety’s **My Bike®** Program kicked off in Western Pennsylvania on November 5, 2012, and the success **My Bike®** Program led to the creation of Variety’s **My Stroller®** Program and **My Voice®** Program on November 14, 2014. More than **4,000** adaptive bikes, adaptive strollers, and communication devices have been presented to eligible kids since November 5, 2012 (that’s **more than \$6 million** worth of equipment).

Who is eligible for Variety’s programs?

- **Quick Review:** Variety’s adaptive equipment programs serve children and youth who have a documented mental, physical, or sensory disability; reside in Variety’s 71-county service area; are 3 through 21 years of age; meet the income guidelines; as well as the other eligibility requirements outlined in the application.
- **Income Guidelines:** An applicant’s household income must meet the program’s income guidelines that include: **2** household members (below \$87,100); **3** household members (below \$109,800); **4** household members (below \$132,500); **5** household members (below \$155,200); **6** household members (below \$177,900); **7** household members (below \$200,600); **8** household members (below \$223,300); **9** household members (\$246,000).

As information, families who have a child with disabilities typically experience greater expenses due to medical costs, therapy appointments, adaptive equipment, medications, and a variety of other needs or circumstances.

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- **Service Area:** Variety serves **59 counties in Pennsylvania:** Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Bradford, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Carbon, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Crawford, Cumberland, Dauphin, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lawrence, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, McKean, Mercer, Mifflin, Monroe, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Somerset, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Venango, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Westmoreland, Wyoming, and York.; and **12 counties in West Virginia:** Barbour, Brooke, Doddridge, Hancock, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Preston, Taylor, and Wetzel.

How does someone apply to Variety programs?

- Complete an application online at www.varietypittsburgh.org/applynow (one can be printed here as well), or contact Variety to have one mailed to you (call 724-933-0460 or email info@varietypittsburgh.org). *Eligible families can apply for more than one piece of equipment if their child can benefit – **you do not need to choose just one.***

How much does it cost to sponsor equipment & how can someone donate?

- The cost to sponsor one adaptive bike is \$1,800, one adaptive stroller is \$1,500, and one communication device is \$1,200. Donations can be given online (www.varietypittsburgh.org/donate), or by mailing a check made payable to Variety and mailed to the address below (*note - your donation can be designated to a specific county or program*).
- *Our **My Voice®** Program is financed {in part} by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development as well as generously funded by community donations.*

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