



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 a Rifton adaptive bike (with Rifton accessories) to eligible children with disabilities, so they can experience the joy, freedom, and belonging that comes from riding a bike alongside friends and family.

*"My daughter has had several bikes that we've given away because she doesn't have the leg and core strength to pedal and balance them. **An adaptive bike opens a whole new world for her**, where she can go out and enjoy biking on the trail or at the park. An adaptive bike will also allow her to get exercise on a level that fits her needs and benefits her health." -Stephanie, mom of Tamiya*

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.



"This adaptive stroller will help us navigate our community safely and comfortably with JoyAnna. She can walk, but she lacks safety awareness and will wander. Additionally, JoyAnna has low muscle tone and gets tired after prolonged walking. So, this stroller will help JoyAnna, and our family enjoy settings like amusement parks, community events, and unfamiliar places / activities of daily living!" -Valerie, mother of JoyAnna (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 and enable them to express their thoughts, feelings, wants, and needs 24/7.

*"The first time Quinn clicked on milk, and I got him some milk, his eyes lit up sooo much because he realized, I actually understood what he wanted!
It was a magical moment.
And, he always clicks the mom button with my picture, and **then runs and gives me a hug!**" – Alisa, mom of Quinn (pictured left)*

What is Variety the Children's Charity?

- With a mission to empower children with disabilities to live life to the fullest, Variety the Children's Charity ensures that our most vulnerable kids are no longer left out, behind, or excluded from others.
- Variety was founded in 1927 to help one child, and today, our focus is on the mobility and communication needs of kids with disabilities and give them the opportunity to discover their own possibilities with the right equipment.

Variety's **My Bike®** Program kicked off in Western Pennsylvania on November 5, 2012, and the success of **My Bike** led to the creation of Variety's **My Stroller®** and **My Voice®** Programs, which both kicked off on November 14, 2014.

- In total, more than **5,000** adaptive bikes, adaptive strollers, and communication devices have been presented to eligible kids since November 2012 (that's more than **\$7.75 million** worth of equipment).

Who is eligible for Variety's equipment 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 \$91,150); **3** household members (below \$115,150); **4** household members (below \$138,750); **5** household members (below \$162,350); **6** household members (below \$185,950); **7** household members (below \$209,550); **8** household members (below \$233,150); **9** household members (\$256,750).

We know and recognize that families who have a child with disabilities typically experience greater expenses due to medical costs, therapy appointments, equipment, medications, and a variety of other needs or circumstances

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- **Service Area includes:** **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 northern West Virginia:** Barbour, Brooke, Doddridge, Hancock, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Preston, Taylor, and Wetzel.

How does someone apply to Variety's equipment programs?

- Complete an application online at www.varietypittsburgh.org/applynow, or contact Variety to have one mailed to you (call 724-933-0460 or email info@varietypittsburgh.org).

*Eligible families can apply all-year-long for one, two, or even all three pieces of equipment if the 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 (*any donation can be designated to a specific county or program by donor*).

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