# SISU CHILDREN'S FUND

**NOVERMBER 2020** 

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### YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Meet June, who is four years old. Mom said she entered the world in challenging ways, but she has worked incredibly hard to achieve developmental milestones. She can now walk independently, has a rich sign language vocabulary and loves the alphabet and numbers. June is participating in a special neuro-movement therapy that has made a big difference in her improved ability. June has been able to go to physical therapy, both this special program in Seattle, and with a local physical therapist.

### HOW WE SPENT YOUR MONEY

The following are items we have purchased for children this year: special cushion and pump for a young lady confined to a wheelchair, special equipment called Scoot that allows a child to use their legs and learn to walk, a weighted-compression long sleeve top and bottoms for an 18 month old, FM system for hearing aids, see Emmie's story on page two, we also have purchased a special formula for a two-year-old who was on a feeding tube and now is learning how to swallow and eat real food. His therapy was delayed because of the Covid virus and now he is back with his therapist and improving. we have five children receiving scholarships at NW therapeutic Riding Center we continue to support June with her physical therapy, see page two for her story and our favorite young man who we have helped since he was 10 years old is now driving and we paid for his driving lessons so he could learn to use hand equipment. Two students this year received scholarships from Sisu for their college education. We have a young girl waiting for her service dog, hopefully this coming Spring.

#### WE HAVE MOVED

A smaller home with most of the living on one floor has helped in our old age, so we now live in Blaine in Birch Bay Village. As you know we have always run Sisu Children's Fund from our home thus Sisu's address is: **8217 Chehalis Road, Blaine, WA 98230.** 

Barbara and Frank Sanchez



#### MEET THE CHILDREN YOU HAVE HELPED



Meet Aspasia a lovely young lady with cerebral palsy. Mom's van totally broke down and she went on Go-Fund-Me and received some help, but not enough. That is when they contacted us for help. We do not purchase cars and vans, but this family had some extenuating circumstances and we liked their attitude of trying to help themselves. So we gave them a challenge to go back to Go-Fund-Me and see if they could raise more funds. In the meantime they located a van that was well cared for and now for sale at a reasonable price. They met our challenge, so Sisu Children's Fund made an exception and provided the final funds to purchase this wheelchair van for Aspasia.

This is Emmie who received her FM hearing system earlier this year with funding from Sisu. This picture was taken on her first week back at school. The mic hangs around the teachers neck and streams directly into 2 little transmitters fitted to each hearing aid. At this age it is when emerging reading skills are so important, this system enhances voices and conversation. This system will help her for many years both in school and at home. Mom can also wear this mic and talk directly to Emmie when she is playing outside or in public areas. This will serve her for many years.



#### A SPECIAL DONATION

We received a donation of 40 shares of stock in Work Force, donated by John and Loveann Addison who live in Georgia. We were able to transfer this fund into our Vanguard account. As this is year end, and the economy and our lifestyle is a little crazy, if you find it is advantageous to donate stock to a non-profit, consider Sisu Children's Fund. We would be happy to tell you how to do this.



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#### Important Dates to Remember

March 15, 2021, Scholarship application deadline

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 Board Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 11,2021 Board Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 Board Meeting and Any applications for funding needs to be sent

prior to the above dates for consideration.

2020 is the 20th Anniversary of Sisu

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