

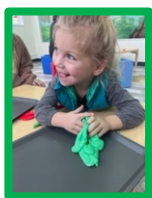


Happy Anniversary!

Sisu is celebrating entering its 25th year of helping children and young people with medical problems or physical disabilities.

Thanks to the generous support of our community through the years, Sisu has made a difference in the lives of children and young people. Sisu helps with physical, occupational, speech and vision therapy. There are also other items that insurance will never pay for and they help build muscles or improve lives.

We purchased some of the following things during our years of operation:



- Special formula for a baby being feed through a feeding tube. He later learned to swallow and eat.
- Feeding Supplies
- Ramps for home and car, plus a tie-down system for a van



- Driving lesson for learning hand equipment operation of a vehicle
- Half circle rocker that can be turned upside down into a climber with a slide
- Several special needs trampolines
- Numerous iPads for nonverbal children along with special programs that help them to communicate
- Tricycles that address a multitude of physical problems. These are great for children diagnosed with cerebral palsy.



- Scooter to strengthen legs and help the child learn to walk
- Firefly Go Seat
- FM Hearing Systems to hear the teacher better
- Two young ladies needed service dogs. Sisu paid half of the \$10,000 cost for each one.
- School fees learning how to train and work with a service dog



- Children's Pod Swing
- Table, chairs, floor mat, Gonge Riverstones and a kid's pod for home treatment



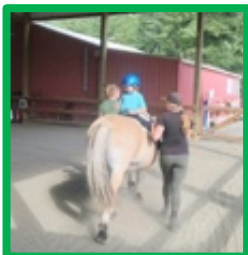
Celebrating 25th Sisu Anniversary Continued. Some of the Items Purchased:



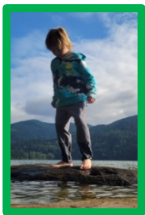
- Special high chairs to help with feeding problems
- Air purifier for highly allergic child
- Gymnastic equipment to use at home for tight muscles
- Massage therapy for tight muscles because of cerebral palsy
- Climbing equipment to strengthen muscles
- Help parent attend a medical conference about CHARGE (each letter represents a medical diagnosis)
- Sacarin Listening Program
- Help with co-pays and living expenses for a child to travel to Florida for a leg lengthening surgery and intense physical therapy
- Cochlear implant for a child born without an ear and later paid the copay for a new ear



- Two students received a new computer to help with high school.
- A recliner chair for a high school student with great pain after a day at school



- Home wheelchair ramp (Sisu paid for the material and the labor was volunteered)
- 5 children with eyes that were out of alignment or amblyopia
- 79 Scholarships of \$1,000 each: 13 scholarships to BTC for \$2,500 each for a total of \$101,500
- Therapeutic Horseback Riding Scholarships



Sisu is a Finnish verb meaning to show courage, strength and determination in the face of adversity. We want to help all children find Sisu.



AMS Printing Services prints and mails our newsletter. We wish to thank AMS for their reduced cost for printing our brochures which are distributed to local libraries and businesses. Their comment: "You do nice things for children, so we want to do a nice thing for you."

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Note: All Operating Expenses, the Newsletter and the reduced cost of brochures for Sisu are paid by Frank and Barbara Sanchez. Your donations are used to help children.



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Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025	Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 21, 2025	Board Meeting
Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2025	Board Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025	Board Meeting

**Any applications for funding need to be sent prior to the
above dates for consideration**