

Katie



Katie, 7, has muscular dystrophy. At preschool, she often fell. She had trouble climbing stairs, getting up from the floor and running. By first grade, her muscles had deteriorated further, causing her to need a wheelchair. Nancy, her single mom, was understandably frantic. With a fulltime job, another young child, and having to make all of the decisions about Katie's care – it was overwhelming.

Angel View Outreach helped her find valuable resources reimbursed her trips from Cathedral City to Loma Linda so travel costs wouldn't be such a huge financial burden.

Sharise

Sharise, 12, has several health problems associated with Down syndrome – an intellectual disability, hypothyroidism and cataracts. But the Palm Springs special ed student has a dedicated mom, support from the Inland Regional Center and friends at Angel View.

When she needed more therapy than was allowed by her insurance, Angel View Outreach assisted. The mini-grant we provided enabled her to continue with her treatment. We also provided resources to help the family enroll in a program to help lower their utility bills.



Audra



Audra, 15, was born a healthy child. But a car accident when she was 14 changed her life forever. A drunk driver crossed the center line and hit her car head on. She suffered a traumatic brain injury. The Palm Desert teen now needs a wheelchair for ambulation and advanced therapies to help her minimize contractures and maintain her range of motion.

Her parents are caring for her at their home but needed assistance with resources and referrals. We were able to help them learn the ropes and find the help she needs.

Dion

Imagine not knowing if your child is hungry or in pain. Dion 5, has Autism, and was increasingly frustrated by his inability to communicate. He was having difficulty saying words and couldn't get his family to understand his needs. A therapist in Indio referred his parents to Angel View Outreach.

We helped them access several beneficial resources and awarded them a mini grant for a therapeutic communication device. Now Dion is able to convey what he needs. It really reduced the stress on the whole family!



Ben

Jay adopted a toddler, Ben, with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. By the time Ben was 8, it was clear from his small body size and weight he was slow to develop and hadn't caught up. He suffers from an intellectual disability, learning disabilities and a short attention span. But with individual therapy, he started to improve.

Thanks to a mini-grant from Angel View Outreach, Ben was able to benefit from extra sessions that weren't covered by insurance. We also sponsored his participation a series of summer outings organized by his teachers with his classmates from school.



Dawn



Cerebral palsy affects muscle tone, gross and fine motor functions, balance, coordination, reflexes and posture. But most distressing to parents, many signs and symptoms are not apparent until age 3-5 when children's brains and bodies would normally develop. Dawn, 13, from Desert Hot Springs, was diagnosed at 4. Once her family recovered from the shock, they began carefully monitoring her symptoms.

Recently, she started losing some bladder control. Angel View Outreach assisted by providing diapers and catheter supplies not covered by her insurance. She's much more comfortable now and less afraid to play outdoors with her sister.

Alice

As many as 50% of the children with Down syndrome are also born with heart defects. Some defects are major and require surgery; others are minor and can be managed with medication. Alice, 9, from Palm Springs, is one of the lucky ones. Her condition is manageable, but she needs to be monitored regularly by her specialist in Loma Linda.

Her mom called Angel View Outreach, looking for assistance with mileage reimbursement since the cost of the trips was beyond her budget. Now there's no threat of Alice missing an important appointment.



Ethan

Autism and autism spectrum disorder are general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. The disorders are characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors.

Many children like Ethan, 5, have limited opportunities for social interaction. His mom contacted us for a list of programs that would accept kids with disabilities. We sponsored his participation in the Cathedral City AYSO VIP soccer program, for children with disabilities. He and his teammates were especially proud of their official jerseys; they loved being on the field.



Sandra and Sarah



Twins often share everything, including their diagnoses. That can mean double stress for parents whose girls have intellectual disabilities and vision problems. But Sandra and Sarah, 11, also share identical beautiful smiles.

When their family moved to the desert from the Pacific Northwest, they needed help learning the California system. Angel View Outreach assisted with their enrollment with the Inland Regional Center, and helped their parents find local resources, like We Care Dental, which also assisted with dental services.

Cheryl

No one knows for sure why Down syndrome happens and there's no way to prevent the chromosomal error that causes it. But scientists know that women age 35 and older have a significantly higher risk of having a child with the condition.

Alison was 39 when her last baby was born. Cheryl, 7, receives services from Inland Regional Center and attends local special ed classes. When her parents needed a special adaptive car seat, Angel View Outreach assisted. More recently, we sponsored her participation in the Cathedral City VIP soccer program.



Martin

Martin, 13, from Yucca Valley, has an orthopedic disability that requires frequent visits to specialists in Loma Linda. But his family can't afford the gas to take him to his appointments. Maria, his single mom, does the best she can. Working two jobs keeps her away from home many hours a day, so a lot of the responsibility falls on Gabriel, Martin's younger brother.

Angel View Outreach helped Maria access safety net programs she hadn't known about, and covered the cost of her "medical miles" through mileage reimbursement.



Carrina



For a child with a disability, mobility equals freedom. So when Carrina's wheelchair was stolen, her family was understandably distraught. Without her chair, the 11-year old was unable to move about on her own.

Her dad called Angel View because he had heard about our wheelchair lending program. Created to help kids in emergency situations, the program enables children like Carrina to use a mobility device of ours until their insurance approves a replacement. Though officially it's a lending program, we often give chairs to children in need, only asking for a return if the child outgrows it or no longer needs it.

Jaime



A frantic Palm Desert mother of two lost her vital records in a fire. Her son Jaime, 6, has a severe form of spina bifida, a type of birth defect. He needed prescriptions refilled, but without her Medi-Cal cards and information, the pharmacy couldn't fill them.

Angel View Outreach helped her navigate the system to reinstate her benefits. We also helped her access resources, enrolled Jaime in our mileage reimbursement program, and used a mini grant to cover the gap cost of medication he needed right away.

Josué

Josué, 4, from Mecca, has late infantile metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD), a painful and deadly inherited disorder. It affects the cells in his central nervous system that produce myelin, the substance that should insulate and protect his nerves.

Since 2014, Angel View has worked with partners to help the family move from an unpermitted trailer park into a new home, coordinated donations, and provided mileage reimbursement for his trips to Loma Linda. Our Outreach specialists also meet regularly with Reyna, his mom. Thanks to a team effort, Josué will soon turn 5!

