

Hello,

We are the Sneed Family! We are a military family living in Colorado Springs with our two special needs kids. Our daughter, Elizabeth, was recently diagnosed with several rare genetic disorders including Ehlers-Danlos Type 3, Dysautonomia - POTS, and a Mast Cell Disorder. After three years of searching for an overall diagnosis for Elizabeth and finding it, we realized that a service dog would be life-changing and potentially life-saving for her. On average, it costs \$34,000 to train a service dog, and we need to raise \$17,000 to help 4 Paws for Ability with the cost.

Elizabeth is a very sweet and loving three-year-old who loves to sing, play with her older brother, and dress up as her favorite Disney princesses! She has been through a lot in her short three years. She has had over 10 hospitalizations, multiple surgeries, numerous procedures, and has seen doctors all over the country.

On top of her three very rare disorders, Elizabeth also has many other sub-diagnoses some of which include Autism, Sensory Processing Disorder, Periodic Limb Movement Disorder, requires braces around her ankles for stability, is dependent on a Gastrostomy and Jejunal feeding tube, and requires oxygen while sleeping for Central Apnea and Periodic Breathing Disorder.

A Multipurpose Assistance Dog would help Elizabeth in three areas:

- Behavior Disruption (Lap, Nuzzle, Deep Pressure, and Kisses) for anxiety during hospital stays, doctor's appointments, and other times, and to calm during times of meltdowns and sensory overload.
- Bark Alert to alert to potential needs and/or medical problems.
- Balance and Stability to help with her hypermobile joints by providing counter resistance for her unsteadiness and to prevent falls.

Will you help us invest in Elizabeth's future? Having a service dog today will completely change her quality of life tomorrow! If you can help us, please visit www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/ElizabethSneed or www.4pawsforability.org/donate-now. Include Elizabeth's name in the "Instructions to Merchant" if paying through PayPal. You can also mail a check with Elizabeth's name on the memo line as well. The address is as following:

4 Paws for Ability
In honor of Elizabeth Sneed
253 Dayton Ave.
Xenia, Ohio 45385

Thank you so much for your time in reading this and your consideration of Elizabeth's needs. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Elizabeth's mother, Kathryn Sneed at (603) 305-9219.

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