



On February 15th for International Angelman Day (IAD), the Twin Cities & our crew rocked it along with the global community! Such an emotional day to see everyone’s support and all the awareness coverage through blue infrastructures, TV interviews, and newspaper articles. (See the MN coverage [here](#))

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!



William is 5 ½ years old and heading to kindergarten this fall! He is making great strides as we create a world to keep him happy and safe!

This is him in his bedroom. His PJs zip in the back to avoid him taking them off along with a soiled diaper in the middle of the night. He is still working on toileting and is at the cusp of outgrowing traditional diaper sizes... his room is bare to keep him safe. His sleep is constantly inconsistent with middle of the night or very early wakings, so we take turns each night being with him.

He needs to be on 24/7 watch, otherwise he can get into trouble (ask Grandpa Jim about the ranch dressing incident!) or could be in danger. At big events we have a “William” hair scrunchie so whoever has it on their wrist, they are on “William duty” to ensure he doesn’t get lost.

The inability to speak is a constant reading of the minds. We all do our best and are getting pretty good at understanding each other. When there is a disconnect, it’s one of the few things that turn his smile upside down – not

being understood... and someone saying “no” to him (which, let’s be honest, doesn’t happen often)! He requires a lot and in return, he makes this world brighter with his happy demeanor that can light up a room, making those around him feel like they are the funniest person in the world, and spreading joy one laugh and head hug at a time. #Winning

UPCOMING EVENTS



ASF WALK
May 20th | Lakeville, MN
Register by Apr 16 to get a t-shirt! Click [HERE](#)



1st Annual If Will CAN, We CAN
... Eat, Drink, & Get Surly!
Aug 15th | Surly Brewing Co, Minneapolis, MN
Sponsorships available – Click [HERE](#)
Tickets go on sale June 1st!

AS NEWS



FAST & AS were profiled in the Wall Street Journal
Read article: [Click here](#)



There are **4 active human clinical trials** for Angelman syndrome!