

A Sneak Peek into William's World

William is 4.5 years old and now his disability shines brighter to the world as people see him compared to his typical peers.

- He jumped for the 1st time (with help) at intensive physical therapy this March! Typical folks might take this skill for granted; for him, he must work hard on his strength, balance, coordination, body awareness and motor planning to make it happen.
- “No” might mean “yes!” It is hard for him to shake / nod “yes” because that actually takes quite a bit of core strength. One of many communication challenges. Being non-verbal, he grunts, cries, points, flap his arms, or uses other gestures (along with using his iPad). A lot more challenging than just speaking words to express feelings or get your needs met.
- He needs help still to hold a pencil, draw shapes, and participate in activities that most kiddos can do independently.

That said, he moves through the world with a smile on his face. He problem solves, if he falls, he gets right back up, he has a great attitude, and fights like hell every day! It's a good time to reflect on our own lives, looking at the obstacles we must overcome and how we react. **If William CAN, so can WE!!** And remember... *“Sometimes angels are disguised as kids with special needs to teach us how to be better people.”*



February 2022

Thank you to those who showed support for International Angelman Syndrome Day (IAD) on February 15th! It was fun to see blue around the town!

We celebrate on the 15th in February in recognition of the 15th chromosome being affected in Angelman syndrome, and February as it is International Rare Disease month.



Thanks to the new and repeat donors who have gotten us to 33% of our goal. We have 5 months left! There is still time to give large or small today to support a cure for Angelman syndrome. *See if your company matches donations or donates for volunteering ([LINK](#))

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March 2022

Meghan & William traveled to Northern California to visit UC Davis' Angelman Syndrome labs and attend our “Wine with William” fundraiser. A great weekend connecting with scientists who support AS, other AS parents, and our donors!

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