



John is a lovable and energetic nine-year-old boy who attends Orange Avenue Elementary School.

He loves going to train shows, learning about tractors, riding horses and playing with his personal guard-poodle, Cloe.

In spite of a diagnosis of autism with ADHD, John is a very happy boy who loves to be around other children. He does his best and is very sincere. Due to his disability, short attention and atypical body movements, he is unable to participate in activities with his typical peers. Some days his body gets the best of him, leaving John frustrated and heartbroken...

Recently, he began Therapeutic Horseback Riding with positive results. The horses themselves have been rescued and seem to 'know' how to work with each child. John is able to work on his balance, coordination and control over his body. The highly structured nature of the program, combined with John's love of animals, have made this a wonderful experience. Special need social/recreational programs that could aid John learning how to socialize with his peers and gain confidence would make a world of difference. Unfortunately, these programs are also prohibitively expensive, due in part to the very costly therapies, medications and home modifications, which have already seriously strained the family budget.

We want to thank all the donors to Jam-4-Jimi's Friends for the priceless assistance they have given to children with special needs and their families. Their donations make a HUGE impact, which can be truly life changing for a child in need.