



Benedict is an amazing 10 year old with a smile that can easily melt anyone's heart. He loves dinosaurs, video games and cartoons. He is also a little boy who suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and Pervasive Developmental Disorder. This past year has been extremely difficult for Benedict. He lost his ability to walk on Labor Day 2008 and is confined to his wheelchair. It has been a very hard adjustment for all of us, especially Benedict. He has been very sad, angry and scared. He feels he is unable to do many things because he's confined to a wheelchair. We continue to try to encourage him and show him that he can still have a good life if he does not give up. It has been heartbreaking to watch him go through this nightmare, knowing he will not get better. His arms and shoulders are also continuing to lose muscle strength, making things even harder for Benedict. He tires very easily and school has been very difficult for him. The biggest challenge since Benedict has lost his ability to walk has been getting him to and from his therapy and doctors appointments. He weighs 90 lbs. and is very difficult to lift and transfer him into our car. We have been desperately looking for any help towards obtaining an accessible minivan.