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Dear Audie & the members of the Davey Derby Fishing Club:

Words are not enough to thank you for your most generous contribution to our fundraising drive to purchase a wheelchair van for Zachary & his family. Zachary was born at 24 weeks gestation and had a strong will to survive, unfortunately, he suffered severe brain damage as a result of post natal complications. Zachary is diagnosed with Extrapramidal Cerebral Palsy, a severe form of Cerebral Palsy that affects all four of his limbs. As well, he is visually impaired (legally blind), profoundly deaf and prone to seizures. He also battles with reflux/aspirating and asthma on a continual basis. At eight years of age, Zachary is unable to sit, roll, crawl, or hold his head up without assistance and is completely dependent on others to provide for his needs. Yet through all of Zachary's trials, he remains a loving, smiling little boy who loves to love! Zachary has a very specialized wheelchair that is too big to fit in a car! For this reason, and a decline in health of both Mom (Amy - recovering from major surgery) and Dad (Kirk – just diagnosed with a progressive neurological disorder) a wheelchair accessible van has become an urgent necessity! With incredible community support such as yours we have raised nearly \$15,000 towards this goal. We are humbled and thankful for such wonderful support – we have verbal confirmations from granting agencies as well now, and hope to be behind the wheel of the van very soon! Thank you again, for stepping up and supporting us in such a generous way.

Amy, Kirk, Zachary, Josh & Avalayne Schofield



