

## “My Stroller” Program Overview:

### What is Variety – the Children’s Charity?

- Variety – the Children’s Charity provides children with disabilities unique programs, experiences, and equipment, so they may live life to the fullest and not be left out, left behind, or excluded.

### What is Variety’s “My Stroller” Program?

- Variety’s “**My Stroller**” Program currently provides a *Kid Kart® Mighty Lite* adaptive stroller to eligible kids with disabilities. Typically, a family must choose between having a wheelchair or adaptive stroller. So, as a wheelchair is more necessary, an adaptive stroller allows for easier “on-the-go” transportation and participation in daily activities and throughout the community. **With an adaptive stroller, kids are no longer isolated and it has an immediate impact on their lives.**

### When did it begin?

- Variety’s “**My Stroller**” Program was officially unveiled in Pennsylvania on November 14, 2014.

### Who is eligible for an adaptive stroller?

- Variety’s “**My Stroller**” Program serves children and youth who have a documented disability; reside in Variety’s 54 county service area in Pennsylvania and West Virginia; are 4 through 21 years of age; and can meet the eligibility guidelines outlined in the application.
- **Income Guidelines:** An applicant’s household income must meet the program’s income guidelines that include: 2 household members (below \$81,200); 3 household members (below \$102,100); 4 household members (below \$123,000); 5 household members (below \$143,900); 6 household members (below \$164,800); 7 household members (below \$185,700); 8 household members (below \$206,600). *As information, families who have a child with disabilities typically experience greater expenses due to medical costs, therapy appointments, adaptive equipment, medications, and a variety of other needs or circumstances.*
- Variety serves the following **42 counties in Pennsylvania:** Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Cumberland, Dauphin, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Mifflin, Northumberland, Perry, Potter, Snyder, Somerset, Union, Venango, Warren, Washington, and Westmoreland, and York; and **12 West Virginia counties:** Barbour, Brooke, Doddridge, Hancock, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Preston, Taylor, and Wetzel.

### How does someone apply for Variety’s “My Stroller” Program?

- An application can be obtained through Variety’s website [www.varietypittsburgh.org/my-stroller/overview](http://www.varietypittsburgh.org/my-stroller/overview), or by calling the Variety Office at 724-933-0460.

### What has an adaptive stroller meant to Variety families so far?

- Amanda, mother of Kayleigh shared how her daughter’s adaptive stroller will impact their family, “We love taking walks as a family. Kayleigh enjoys walking along with us, but she gets tired so easily and is just too heavy to carry. **This stroller is going to make it so much easier to get out in the community as a family.**”
- Vinnie’s mom Rachelle told highlighted the stroller’s impact, “**We can do things now that other families do like walk on the trail by putting Vinnie in the stroller, or ride bikes as a family in the park with Vinnie on his adaptive bike** (that he also received from Variety). Variety has given us the ability to do normal things, together. Also, Vinnie wants to be in school, but he has seizures. The stroller will enable him to stay at school safely after he bounces back from a seizure, too.”

### How can someone donate to Variety’s “My Stroller” Program?

- Donations can be given online, or through U.S. Mail with a check being made out to “Variety – the Children’s Charity” and designated to “**My Stroller**”. The cost to sponsor one adaptive stroller is **\$1,500**.

# VARIETY IS SEEKING TO IDENTIFY ELIGIBLE CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES FOR ITS “**MY STROLLER**” PROGRAM.

PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD **TODAY**,  
SO THAT NO ELIGIBLE CHILD MISSES OUT  
ON AN ADAPTIVE STROLLER.

**“Giving children with disabilities opportunities to no longer be left out and to have easy access to on-the-go mobility.”**



**“Without an adaptive stroller, Noah and I are completely cut off from leaving our home. His old stroller that we purchased second hand (more than 10 years ago) is missing a leg rest, doesn't have harnesses, and is just unsafe due to him outgrowing it.**

**I'm a single mom, and taking him to all of his doctor appointments is extremely difficult without a stroller. Noah will now be able to go for walks in our neighborhood again with a safe mode of transportation!**

**We have literally opted out of attending family cookouts and events because we need a new stroller. Thank you and all those that support your organization from the bottom of our hearts!” -Mara, mother of Noah**

*Noah is pictured left all smiles (and comfortable) in his new adaptive stroller!*

