



*making life better*  
for children with special needs

**reagansjourney.org**

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# WHAT WE DO

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**1 Equipment & Supply Closet:** Our goal is to make sure our kids have access to the right equipment to reach their full potential. Often times, insurance will only cover ONE piece of equipment every FIVE years. This is a hardship for families when children experience growth spurts and developmental changes.



**2 Online Community:** We're boasting over 3,000 members in our Reagan's Journey Closet and Navigating the Journey Facebook groups. They serve as a safe place to share information and find valuable resources regarding the special needs community.



**3 Special Events:** Our events create an environment where each child's uniqueness is not only welcomed, but celebrated! Typically we have annual Bowling, Pool, and Christmas parties as well as some individual events for moms, dads, and well-siblings.

# WHY WE STARTED

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- ➔ **Reagan's Journey** began as a means to raise money to cover the cost of alternative therapy for our daughter, Reagan (pictured on front cover), who has special needs. Her specialized therapy was not covered by insurance. This led our church and community to raise funds necessary for her to reach her full potential. She continues to face challenges every day with mobility and speech, but has continued to thrive while maintaining a positive spirit.
- ➔ **The families** we met facing similar challenges helped to shape the foundation of our newly formed non-profit. We learned that what WE needed on the road of disability, was true of OTHER families too.
- ➔ **We began** to realize the importance of relationships among the special needs community as well as the crucial need for a closet for durable medical equipment and supplies. Through conversations with families at our events, the Closet idea was born.
- ➔ **Equipment and medical supplies** that were once loaned out of a shed at our home are now being given out from one centralized location in Freeport, PA. Previously, closet operations took place out of a shared spaces in Kittanning, Penn Hills, and Oakmont. We are really excited to now have our own space to call home!

# HOW WE ARE GROWING

In 2020 & 2021, we were able to serve **MORE** families, send out **MORE** equipment and supplies, and partner with **MORE** like-minded organizations than ever before.



Each week 10-15 families and/or therapists visit the closet for critical medical supplies & equipment. These items can save families HUNDREDS of dollars, allowing them to provide for their child(ren) with special needs in other ways.



The closet doors opened in 2017. That year we sent out \$15,610 worth of equipment & supplies. Each year since we've seen incredible growth & need. In 2020, over \$500,000 worth of equipment & supplies were sent out! This continues to be our goal each year.



Partnering with other like-minded organizations means that more families have the opportunity to build relationships & obtain the helps & services that they might not otherwise have access to.

## NEW IN 2022... REAGAN'S JOURNEY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM!

12 kiddos & their families have committed to help us raise funds while spreading awareness regarding disability & the mission of Reagan's Journey. We're so excited to share our RJ Ambassadors with you!

Be sure to check out the **Ambassador Program** on our website at [reagansjourney.org](https://reagansjourney.org)

# WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING

"As our son starts to outgrow his equipment we will donate it back to Reagan's Journey so more families will be able to get their little ones moving or sitting comfortably to aid in their continued development." - Ashley K.

"For us the closet has helped us bridge the gap between fitting and insurance approval. We have had almost 3 months with our borrowed walker to be able to work on independent walking with our son. Without the closet we would have lost all that time and independence for him."

- Nathan's mom



# DID YOU KNOW?

Our programs and services are FREE for our families.

Our goal is to keep offering these critical and life-sustaining services while continuing to grow to meet the needs of even more families.

We don't receive ANY state or government funding. In fact, we rely solely on donations from individuals, businesses, fundraisers, and grants.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP...

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- MONTHLY GIFT
- ONE-TIME GIFT
- MEMORIAL GIFT
- HONORARY GIFT
- FACEBOOK FUNDRAISER
- CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP
- OFFICE FUNDRAISER
- EVENT SPONSORSHIP
- EVENT SPACE
- YEAR-END GIFT

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