

Help Aiden



Aiden is 10 years old, from Northampton and has a wicked smile! He was born at the extremes of survival, 4 MONTHS early and was not expected to live for even 10 minutes let alone 10 years. At 4 days old he had a massive brain haemorrhage that the consultants thought would kill him but he fought so hard and, against all the odds, he made it.

Sadly most children with both the extreme prematurity and the brain haemorrhage that Aiden suffered do not survive and so Aiden is a very unique little man! He has been left with Severe Dystonic, Athetoid Cerebral Palsy; a very unique mix of problems that mean his personality, intelligence and sense of humour are completely intact but he has virtually no control of any of his limbs as well as constant painful muscle spasms. This means he can't walk, has great difficulty talking and can't even hold a toy to play with, but inside he's just like any other 10 year old boy.



Aiden needs a lot of specialised equipment and intensive therapy just to get him through each day. As Aiden is so unique none of this is available on the NHS and has to be privately funded by his family and friends. We need to raise £35,500 to help change Aiden's life, keep him smiling, reduce his pain and allow him to be the child he is inside.

It's difficult to imagine how hard each day is for Aiden but despite all of this he's an incredibly happy, loving and funny boy. He LOVES food and cooking and likes Jamie Oliver recipes read to him as night time stories! He's a member of Northants County Cricket club and tries never to miss a game, he also plays table cricket with a disabled cricket team. He goes horse riding and swimming every week and tries to spot every Eddie Stobart lorry on the M1. He's a mad Harry Potter fan and loves J.K Rowling. His power-chair is made by a company called Dragon Mobility, so he's proud to be a Dragon Rider too, just like Harry.

Aiden is a very kind and patient brother to his younger sister Freya and plays fairies and ballet dancing with her but somehow they always end up in a big lorry together? He has lots of friends who love him to bits and we all find ways to include him in everything, even taking him out of his chair and all rolling him down a hill together in the summer, he loved that. He even goes ice skating, and loves all the children hanging onto the back of his chair while he pulls them round. He was so excited and proud when he said "mum, I'm the only one who didn't fall over!"



Our recent fundraising has already made a huge difference to Aiden's life. He's had 6 sessions of Therapy to help reduced the pain of his spasms and a projector for his ceiling so he can lay in bed to watch DVDs when he gets pressure sores from his chair.

We still have a very long way to go so please help by visiting www.aidencox.com. You can follow Aiden at www.facebook.com/HelpAiden and Twitter [@AidenCox](https://twitter.com/AidenCox) To contact us for further information please e-mail info@aidencox.com

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