



V-LINC is so very happy to announce that 5 WINNERS have been selected to have a Wish for Their Child granted!

And the Winners are:



- Vaughn's Basketball Stander
- Nesenal's Indoor Scooter
- Desmond's Trike
- Mikey's Trike
- D'era Shoe Assist



Vaughn's Basketball Stander: Four-year-old **Vaughn** is the son of a basketball coach and loves the sport! However, he is unable to play unattended due to a progressive disorder that causes low muscle tone and instability. His parent's wish is for Vaughn to bounce, retrieve, and shoot basketballs so he can participate in the sport independently (and on the sidelines) while dad is coaching. Students at UMBC are taking on this project.

Nesenal's Scooter: Three-year-old **Nesenal** is the youngest of four. He has cerebral palsy. He is very smart but has difficulty walking without assistance although his arms and legs are strong. His parents wish for a custom scooter that supports his upper body and would allow him to propel himself around the house and in smaller areas without feeling frustrated.



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Desmond's Bike: Sixteen-year-old **Desmond** perked up when he was placed on a bike at the Maryland School for the Blind during V-LINC's visit with him. It inspired both his school PT & family so much so that in the fall, bike riding will be made part of his IEP. Desmond suffered a brain injury when he was 11 years old; it caused several challenges including the loss of his sight. His family wished for a customized trike that can serve as a bike for school and home.



Mikey's Bike: Mikey's family dreamed of riding together on trails and now the dream will come true. He is nine years old and has cerebral palsy and quadriplegia. His Kennedy Krieger PT recommended a custom trike for him to loosen his hamstrings and strengthen his legs for walking.

D'era's Shoe Assist: D'era recently graduated from high school. As she moves onto college, she wants to be more independent especially putting on her own shoes, AFO's, and soft pringles. This project will be assigned to a Hopkins student team with the assistance of her occupational therapist.



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