



I wish to have a safe place to play in my backyard

Parker, 11
rare disease



Eleven-year-old Parker lives with a rare disease which makes him extremely sensitive to the sun. It also causes mobility issues, requiring him to use a walker and a wheelchair. Although Parker is non-verbal, he and his family have learned how to communicate through sign language.

Parker has a smile that has been described as a being as big as a rainbow and can light up any room he is in. Like any other 11-year-old, he loves being outside, playing with his family and friends. Unfortunately, due to the uneven ground and lack of shade his own backyard, playing outside proves to be a risk for Parker.

Upon finding out that Parker was going to be granted a wish, he and his family knew right away that a wish for a safe place to play in his backyard was just what he needed. Thanks to the support of local community partners, Parker's covered gazebo, smooth cement pad, pathway and beautiful landscaping came to life; just for him! With everything installed, Parker and his family enjoy even more time outdoors doing all of his favourite things all while keeping safe.

When asked what his wish means to him, Parker's parents said, "Thank you for everything! We are truly blown away with everything and saying thank you doesn't seem like enough. We hope you all know how much we appreciate this wish for Parker!"

Hope is essential for children with critical illnesses, and it is thanks to you, its life-changing power is unlocked when wishes like Parker's are granted!



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