

Variety - The Children's Charity

has helped hundreds of children throughout Northern California to lead more fulfilling and productive lives.

With the aid of their mobility equipment and assistive technology, Sunshine Coaches and Home Improvements, Variety's very special kids now can more easily, safely and independently participate in community programs and recreational activities enjoyed by other children that were unavailable to them without the enabling equipment Variety provided.

Variety — The Children's Charity is working to bring new, improved and expanded services to the children we help.

It is our vision that the **Kids on the Go!** Program will help many more of Northern California children to lead the lives they deserve.



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Kids on the Go! *Mobility Program*



Mobility -- the ability to move freely from place to place -- affords freedom and independence that most of us take for granted. For children struggling with mental and physical disabilities, mobility is often challenging, if not impossible, without the aid of special equipment.

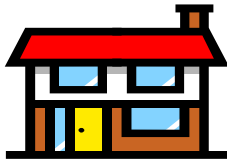
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Mission Statement:

Variety-The Children's Charity's Mobility Program provides mobility equipment and assistive technology devices for children with mental and physical disabilities and other health challenges, enabling them to increase their participation in their community.

Project Description

Variety's **Kids on the Go!** Program helps children with disabilities, 12 years of age & younger, by providing them with enabling equipment, assistive technology and communication devices when this equipment cannot be obtained from any other source. Enabling equipment includes wheelchairs, van lifts, house ramps, adaptive car seats & strollers, specially-equipped bicycles & tricycles, stair lifts and other items. Home modifications (i.e. ramps, stair glides) will be done in cases where the house is owner-occupied or through written and notarized permission from a landlord.



Home Improvement Project (HIP)

Purpose:

Our program exists in order to help purchase enabling equipment (wheelchairs, van lifts, house ramps, adaptive car seats & strollers, specially-equipped bicycles & tricycles, stair lifts and other items) and assistive technology and communication devices necessary to increase a child's access to and participation in the community. This program serves as a resource for families who are unable to obtain such equipment through providers such as insurance carriers, government agencies, school districts, etc.

Home Improvement Project (HIP)

HIPs will re-modify homes for low-income homeowners and renters who have children with disabilities. Many families that Variety serves are living in structures that are not equipped to accommodate children with disabilities. Many of the homes are either ill-equipped or deteriorating to the point where they are hazardous and could potentially contribute to injuries. HIPs will make an impact by providing necessary repairs for existing homeowners and renters. Our goal is to enable children and their families to live safely, independently and with dignity.

Equipment and Assistive Technology Project (EATP)

EATP provides wheelchairs, van lifts, walkers, adaptive strollers and car seats, specially-equipped bicycles and tricycles, assistive technology and communication devices, as well as skilled companion dogs, to children with disabilities whom cannot obtain this enabling equipment from other sources.

Sunshine Coach

Variety's Sunshine Coach Program is a global initiative that provides specially equipped passenger vans to transport children with physical limitations to medical facilities, special events and enrichment programs. Sunshine Coaches are distributed through an application process whereby requests from non-profit children's organizations are evaluated in regards to organizations size and scope, vehicle's intended use, etc.

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