



Variety Cares Community: Spring Update

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Candace, her husband and her three boys:
Jaydon 11, Jaxon 8, and Jordan 6.

Thanks to you, Candace and her family found new hope.

“Now that they have been given their diagnosis, they will get the help they need in school by getting education assistants,” says Candace. “Other services will also be available to them, ones we could not afford without the autism funding. They have been given the best chance of a bright future because of Variety.”

With you, strong moms feel even stronger.

Caring for a child with complex needs takes extraordinary strength. It demands sacrifice, perseverance, and relentless optimism to overcome the challenges at every turn. It can regularly feel overwhelming.

Variety Moms are symbols of this strength.

They are providers, caretakers, and problem-solvers. However, they can't do it all. This is where your support makes a difference.

Up until recently, life with her three boys - Jaydon, Jaxon and Jordan - was incredibly challenging for mother Candace.

Both Jaydon and Jordan struggled to communicate verbally - Candace couldn't understand her own boys and making friends was almost impossible. School was particularly stressful as teachers felt challenged by how to address them. Candace and her husband were left overwhelmed and feeling stuck.

With your support, Variety BC was there to fund private autism assessments and two of three boys was diagnosed with autism.

These diagnoses unlocked a new world of support for Candace and her family. This included funding for education assistants and specialized therapies, which have proven life-changing.

**Show of Hearts update:
together we'll help more
than 900 BC kids!**



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We hoped you tuned in! Our Show of Hearts was a huge success with over \$2.5 million raised for BC children with complex health needs. **These funds will allow us to help more than 900 families!**

We're so grateful for all of you who made an additional donation and we also welcomed 49 new members to our Variety Cares Community!

To see the show visit: youtube.com/@VarietyBC.



Together, we're helping BC kids like Grace!

Born with Down syndrome and a congenital heart defect that required open heart surgery, Grace requires continual care and assistance with her physical and cognitive development.

When her physiotherapist recommended regular, long-term physiotherapy to help Grace reach crucial milestones, Variety was there. Because with donors like you we know barriers are challenges we can overcome. **Today Grace is thriving, equipped with the support she needs to focus on being a kid.**

Families like Grace's require regular supports from Variety so your ongoing commitment provides the reliable funds we need to answer the call whenever we're needed.



We're partnering with SFU to build infrastructure

Enabling access to life-changing support is at the foundation of what Variety donors like you make possible for families in need.

Variety recently partnered with Simon Fraser University in a pilot program to fund autism assessment training for graduate students. This training is usually only available outside of their programming and is critical to help build the capacity of the public system.

This innovative collaboration will help reduce wait times on public-funded autism assessments to BC families, while also exploring how **Variety donors can drive transformative change.**



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Please contact me directly for any questions about your monthly donations or if you would like to hear more about the impact you can make.