



SUCCESS STORY

KEATON FAMILY

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A family reunion is a time to come together, recreate and enjoy the outdoors with one another. For Keaton Wrenn and his family, it was a time for Keaton to experience the freedom of biking the trails at Sun River, Oregon.

Keaton is four years old and was diagnosed with having a Medulla Balstoma brain tumor when he was just one year old. The tumor was found on his cerebellum, which affects a person's ability to control gross motor movements. Keaton now lacks control over muscle coordination; a condition which is termed Ataxia. He is cognitively aware, outgoing and care free. His smile lit up the Outdoors for All office when he walked in for the first time!

Keaton was a first time participant with Outdoors for All earlier this summer. His mother, Lisa Owen, found out about us through his Physical Therapist at Seattle Children's Hospital. Keaton's first experience cycling was at Children's. His mother, Lisa, saw Keaton experiencing the freedom that the bike provided and looked to purchase one. She was informed about our cycling rental program at Magnuson Park and looked further into it. Lisa saw the upcoming family reunion as a perfect opportunity to test the bikes we had to offer.



Keaton came into the office excited to get his hands on a cycle. After visiting with him, our staff was able to fit him to the Triade Tricycle. Keaton tested the tricycle out in the parking lot in order to guarantee the proper fitting for him. Because of his Ataxia condition, Keaton needed a bike to help with controlling his torso. By fitting him to the Triade, we were able to strap him up in the trunk and feet at the pedals. He was then able to pedal and control the cycle independently. We were able to provide the tools for him to experience the optimum amount of independence. His mother was glad to see the tricycle provided enough of a challenge for Keaton to overcome by applying his abilities. By conquering the challenge, Lisa watched her son feel empowered. Geared up with his shades and great big smile, Keaton was off to ride the trails with his family!

Riding the trails of Sun River was the most empowered Lisa has seen Keaton feel since first learning to use his walker. Outdoors for All provided the opportunity for Keaton to ride with his family for the first time. Keaton's mom Lisa said, "He was able to pick up the on the technique very quickly. With the adaptive lap belt and straps, he was able to hold his trunk up enough to ride the bike. It was as much of a fun activity to watch him enjoy it as it was to ride with him."

"I want to go for a bicycle ride!" was a line the family heard Keaton say more frequently as the weekend reunion progressed. Keaton touches the hearts of all who get the opportunity to meet this inspiring little guy. We are happy to have provided another opportunity for a child to feel empowered by supplying the equipment needed to compliment their skills.

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