COULD YOU BE A FAMILY TO A MONTANA CHILD IN NEED?



We'd like to tell you a story. It's a hard one to tell... perhaps even harder to hear. But in the telling and hearing you'll meet a very special child. And, you can make a difference.

When Orion was an infant, he was severely abused. At the hands of a parent, he suffered a traumatic brain injury that left him with lifelong physical and developmental disabilities.

Now, a beautiful 12-year-old boy, he will forever function at the level of an infant. Through no fault of his own, he has been dealt a blow in life that no one should experience.

In some cultures, children like Orion are considered worthless, they have no hope or future. But we know better, and know that there is great value and beauty

in his life. What's more, we believe that his disabilities will not keep him from being cared for and loved by a family of his own... the family who is meant to be his. Orion needs a forever family.

Due to his head trauma, Orion has spastic quadriplegia and spends most of his time in a wheelchair. He is not toilet trained, and relies on others to keep him clean. Orion has multiple contractures and severely restricted range of motion in his joints as well as muscular atrophy. He is nonverbal, but does some vocalization. Orion eats regular foods and is not a picky eater, but requires a caregiver to feed him due to his physical restrictions. He is visually impaired and receives services through Montana School for Deaf and Blind.

In spite of these disabilities, there is joy in Orion! He likes being with people and having them talk to him. He's

delighted at these interactions and responds with a wide range of sounds and smiles. And, oh how he loves music! He especially loves musical toys (6-9 month old age range with buttons that play tunes and sounds). He has special bracelets that have been made for him to jingle when he moves his hands. Orion enjoys being in a swimming pool and is happy being in the company of animals.

Sometimes the most tragic and messy stories can have the most beautiful outcomes. It will not be easy. But, Orion is worth it. And one thing we see time and time again from all the families we work with is that where God leads, He provides.

If you might be family to Orion, please contact Child Bridge, 406-837-2247 or info@childbridgemontana.org

And, please keep him in your prayers.



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