

Lori's Voice

Inspiring minds and encouraging hearts - one child at a time

10-year
Anniversary

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It is with great joy that we celebrate our ten-year anniversary for Lori's Voice. It started with a dream that has developed into a successful nonprofit. To date we have gifted over \$1,000,000 dollars to special needs children and their families. I cannot adequately express my gratitude to the businesses and private donors that have supported us.

My heart is so full as I reflect on the beginning of this adventure. Dave and I did not know the first thing about starting a nonprofit let alone running one. We have been very blessed with a professional compassionate (past and present) volunteer board, and ART (application review team.) They have sculpted and crafted this project with immense and competent talents. Each member has given so much time and energy to accomplish our goals that I am forever grateful to them.

As we look to the future, it is bright with possibility for our organization. We will continue to work hard to serve our children and their families so they may experience a life filled with opportunities and dreams.

Lastly, thank you to the wonderful children we serve, you shine with an amazing grace for all the world to see.

*Blessing to all,
Lori*

Walk 2021 Cancelation

Due to Covid 19 restrictions and the well-being of our families Walk for the Challenge has been canceled again this year. We have t-shirts available for sponsors and families that had previously signed up for the walk. T-shirts are also available with donation to Lori's Voice. Please contact Joanie at hostjo309@gmail.com for all inquiries. Thank you so much for your support and patience during these unprecedented times. See you in 2022!



LV Highlights

Over the past few months Lori's Voice has been remarkably busy assisting families. Below are a couple of our recent highlights.



Ericka at Grand Haven beach enjoying the new TRAX chair donated in memory of Liam Hirkaway.



Ashlynn loves the new van with an adaptive ramp. Now she can zoom in and out easily.

Planning for the Future

As we look to the future our vision is centered around continual growth. We have scratched the surface but there are still more children to help. Listed below are areas of focus for 2021.

- *Expand our area of support to more counties within Michigan.*
- *Increase out of state monetary limit.*
- *Partner with businesses to provide more accessibility to beaches and outdoor nature trails.*
- *Updating our webpage, logo, newsletter and brochures to maximize our mission and visibility.*
- *Create disability awareness and educate others on disability etiquette.*

Creating Awareness

One of our goals at Lori's Voice is to help educate others on disability etiquette. Often, we may be timid or unsure how best to approach someone with a physical disability. Listed below are a few tips that may help enrich your experience.

Tip 1. Speak to the person directly, not the person that may be accompanying them.

Tip 2. Try not to assume that the person cannot understand or respond to your greeting.

Tip 3. Always try and approach people with disabilities with a big smile and a warm heart.



