

AIKO - \$4,000 FOR A SPECIALIZED CONVAID STROLLER

"AIKO SPREADS JOY WITH HER SMILE"

We have been a FOCUS Family since Aiko was born. We really appreciate your help and support when I had no idea what was to come in the special needs world. Aiko enjoyed Extra Special Saturday respite when she was young and still loves FOCUS Camp Hollywood and seeing Santa every year at the Holiday Party. Aiko still love FOCUS even at age 17.

Aiko is diagnosed with mitochondrial disease and Rett's Syndrome. She is nonverbal and has never walked. She has a wheelchair but sometimes she needs a specialized Convoid stroller so she can enjoy outings in her friend's car.



Thank you for helping Aiko go out and meet more people to spread her joy of smile.

To donate (in any amount!), go to the [FOCUS website](#) OR send a check to FOCUS, 3825 Presidential Pkwy, #103, Atlanta, GA 30340 (we love checks, no fees!). Be sure to write "Fund A Need" in the Comments – and feel free to send a little joy to Aiko!

(We just have to share photos of Aiko growing up at FOCUS)



What is a "Convoid Stroller" or a "medical stroller?" Convoid is one brand of stroller made for children, teens, and adults with disabilities. We often use the word 'Convoid' much like Southerner's use the word 'Coke' to mean any kind of soda. These strollers – regardless of what you call them – give some support to the person with physical disabilities; the strollers are much lighter than wheelchairs AND they fold to fit in the trunk of a sedan. Many families cannot afford a van so a Convoid stroller is an affordable option. Some families have both a wheelchair AND a Convoid so the family has more than one option for mobility. A wheelchair with a flat tire means the person who needs it cannot move.....they are stuck in one place until the tire is repaired. The cost of a Convoid depends on the size and the customized pieces necessary (headrest, side supports, etc), usually between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

For questions about Fund A Need, please contact Lucy Cusick at lucy@focus-ga.org