Triet is 10 years old and was born with hydrocephalus. Hydrocephalus can cause long-term developmental, physical, and cognitive delays. Triet has had numerous major surgeries and requires meticulous attention throughout the day, including feeding through a G-tube.

Triet’s mom stopped working so she could care for Triet…..and his dad is often out of town with work, trying to support his family. As Triet has grown bigger and older, his mom has trouble transferring him into the car and then lifting the wheelchair into the car.

Triet’s mom wants him to “be able to get out of the house faster and easier and live a happier life. We are forever grateful for this $5,000 grant from FOCUS + Fragile Kids and look forward to everyday life being a little easier.”

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About Wheelchair Accessible Vans. Adding a lift or ramp to a van for a wheelchair is expensive! The van must be ‘converted’ to add the mechanics and weight support needed so the wheelchair can roll onto the lift / ramp and into the van; the floor of the van must be lowered – or the top of the van must be raised so that the person in the wheelchair has head-clearance. This usually means that the van must be ‘cut’ and modified extensively. Once the conversion is done, however, the person can stay in his/her wheelchair for the ride! No lifting person OR wheelchair! The average cost of a conversion is $15,000. This does NOT include the original cost of the van!

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