Meet Elizabeth!  Elizabeth is 5 years old and has metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD), a rare genetic, degenerative, neurometabolic disease. When she was 11 months old, she had a bone marrow transplant (BMT) which slowed the progression of her disease. Elizabeth is so special. No matter how much pain she endures she still smiles and lights up a room.

Elizabeth has never walked on her own. She is now in school and is getting a power wheelchair. I will not be able to transport the power wheelchair so I am asking for a Power Wheelchair Trailer. **This is the best option for my family and we are so happy that FOCUS + Fragile Kids approved our $2,000 request.**

Elizabeth wants to be like every other kid and she tries her hardest at everything. She doesn't give up. We hope you can help Elizabeth!!

**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 “Elizabeth” in the Comments – and maybe a message to Elizabeth and her family!

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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!**

For families who might not be able to afford the van – or might have more children in the family and cannot accommodate a wheelchair inside the van – a trailer might be a good choice. Affordable and can move to another vehicle, as necessary!

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