ELIZABETH- \$2,000 TOWARDS A WHEELCHAIR TRAILER

"WHEN ELIZABETH SMILES, THE ROOM LIGHTS UP!"

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 <u>FOCUS website</u> 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!

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

