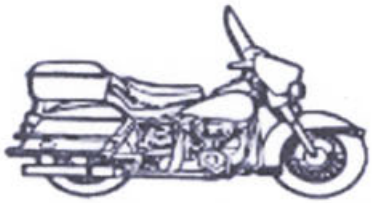
MICHIGAN DRESSERS M/C 35th Annual Toy Run for Kids Motorcycle Run
OCTOBER 2nd, 2022 – Richmond, Michigan – 10:30 to 4:00

Sponsored by:

Michigan Dressers M/C – Ironhorse Stables – Richmond Moose Lodge

Music, Hot Food, Cash Bar, Raffles, 50/50 Drawing, Lottery Ticket Board, Motorized Bike and More....

Cost:
1 New Unwrapped Toy
or
$10.00 Cash Donation
for Reed



RICHMOND MOOSE LODGE
68230 Grand Trunk Ave.
RICHMOND, MI.

Enjoy the Camaraderie of Fellow Bikers While Making a Child's Day & Christmas Something Special

Starts at the Richmond Moose Lodge,
68230 Grand Trunk Ave.
Richmond MI. 48062

All motorcycles and cars welcome.
There is a large parking area for cars and trucks and an area reserved for motorcycles.
Parade departs at 12:00 noon (motorcycles only).
All toys will be distributed to local children in need, and all Cash Donations and profits will be given to our sponsored child (Reed)

50/50, Lotto Boards, Barrel of Cheer

Raffles

Hot Food, Pop and Beer

2022 Michigan Dressers M/C Sponsored Child is Reed

So many adjectives come to mind when describing Reed- spirited, adventurous, determined, cheerful, fearless, but most of all loving!

He was born into this world happy and healthy on August 12, 2015 at 7lbs 1oz. Around 18 months, while he was meeting most of his milestones, we noticed some delays with his speech. We started seeing many specialists to check on his development including ENTs, audiologists, speech pathologists, and neurologists. We began having speech and occupational therapists come to our home for sessions and eventually were directed to have Reed tested for autism.

In June of 2018, Reed was diagnosed with level 2 autism spectrum disorder. He is nonverbal, has decreased gross and fine motor skills, and requires substantial support in many aspects of his daily life.

He started ABA (applied behavior analysis) therapy along with center-based speech and occupational therapy shortly after his diagnosis. He has remained in the programs since then and will be transitioning to school in the fall with the support of his therapists. He attends sessions 5 days a week which we transport him to (over an hour roundtrip). We purchased him an AAC (augmentative and alternative communication) device which he uses to help communicate. While Reed has the AAC device, communication is still an extreme struggle for him. He has erratic behaviors including self-injurious ones due to his inability to always communicate his wants and needs. He has issues with elopement which has made it necessary to make modifications to our home and daily life in order to keep Reed safe. Reed's sensory processing issues also have him seeking lots of sensory stimulation, we purchase adaptive activity equipment for him to use to help self-regulate and help avoid any sensory related meltdowns, he might have.

Autism is known as a spectrum disorder because it so vastly affects the individuals diagnosed with it throughout their life. While we don't know what the future will look like for Reed and our family taking care of him, we will continue to be optimistic and persistent in giving him all the support we can- physically, emotionally, and educationally. There is no truer phrase than "It takes a village..." to help support a child on the autism spectrum.

Reed loves swimming and splash pads, playing outside, swinging on his sensory swing, his pets, and Disney World! He is the most charismatic little boy and is loved and adored by his family and pretty much anyone he meets.