

Northwood Realty Services and Northwood Charitable Foundation Help a Child and His Family Envision a Brighter Future.

Garrett Cehrs is a two year old little boy that was born with cerebral palsy and cortical vision impairment. Garrett can see, but not like we do. With proper therapy and training, he has a chance to improve his vision to see light and dark, develop a better ability to adapt, and maybe have a chance of developing some vision as he grows older. The one place that has the capabilities to help Garrett with his vision is the Pennsylvania School for the Blind. The problem for the Cehrs family who lived in East Liverpool, OH is that you must be a Pennsylvanian resident to attend the school, and if Garrett was not enrolled by the time he turned 4 years old he would not be able to get in.



Bettina and Robert, Garrett's parents, decided to look for a house in Pennsylvania so that Garrett could attend the school for the blind. With the help of Tammy Blackenship of Columbiana Health, The Road Doggz Motorcycle Group of Salem, Ohio, PA Cyber, and countless other people and organizations, "Gifts for Garrett", was formed to help raise funds the family needed to purchase a new home.

The Cehrs searched online for houses when they came across one that they thought would work for them. The house was within their limited price range, within a reasonable distance for Robert to be able to commute for work, and would work with Garrett's needs. The Cehrs contacted Northwood Realty about the house, but the house was unfortunately already under contract. The Cehrs asked if Northwood would be able to help the family find a house. After hearing about Garrett, Northwood Realty and the Northwood Charitable Foundation decided to not only help the Cehrs find a house but to also to take it a step further. Northwood Realty Services would help the Cehrs find their much needed new home, and the Northwood Charitable Foundation would provide the initial funding for the family to purchase the home.

To find a home that would fit the Cehrs' budget, location, and the space needed for Garrett's medical equipment, they would need an experienced real estate agent that was willing to go the extra mile. Northwood Realty agent, Peggy Rose of the Beaver office, volunteered her time and services pro bono to help. After looking at a few houses, the Cehrs found their new home in the Beaver Falls area. Northwood Charitable Foundation provided the initial funding, J.L. Camp Inspections donated a free home and pest inspection on the property and Liberty Mutual is providing a year of free insurance coverage.

The Cehrs are currently paying \$1 rent a month on the property and "All for Garrett" is already working hard to raise funds to purchase the home outright for the Cehrs within the year. If you are interested in helping All for Garrett or attending one of their fundraisers, please visit "All for Garrett" or Road Doggz AMA on Facebook. Monetary donations may be made at Farmers National Bank branches care of the Road Doggz in the All for Garrett account.