

**Established in 1998, The Elifar Foundation raises funds to provide specialist equipment for severely disabled children and young adults, transforming the lives of the recipients, their families and carers.**

- Severe disability **turns life upside down**. Our mission is to ease this challenge for young people and their families.
- In 27 years we have funded grants of around £3.5 million, helping over 2,500 children and young adults, on average almost two people a week since the charity was formed.
- Elifar is run by a small team of volunteer trustees, with running costs kept to an absolute minimum. In recent years all of Elifar's costs have been covered by corporate sponsorship so that 100% of your donations and fundraising goes straight to where it is needed.

**Please support Elifar in any way that you can and make a difference to someone's life today.**

**Here are some of the amazing young people we have supported this year:**



Lily

12 year old **Lily** is severely visually impaired due to optic atrophy and cerebral visual impairment, with no vision in her left eye and poor vision in her right eye. Lily has cerebral palsy with limited use of her right arm and hand.

At school Lily is able to use a Unimanual Perkins Braille which allows one-handed brailleing. This clever piece of equipment costs £799.

Elifar were delighted to use funds made available by the Battersea Power Station Foundation to fully fund a uni-Braille for Lily to use at home. This is giving her the opportunity to practise using the machine and facilitating access to learning within the home environment and completion of her homework.

**Erin** is 3 years old, has Global Development Delay, is PEG fed and non-verbal. Erin has little independence as she cannot sit unaided, roll or crawl and is always in a postural supportive chair or standing frame.

Elifar were pleased to fully fund a Thera-togs full body suit costing £670.

Over time the suit will give Erin some independence as she begins to achieve small milestones such as sitting unaided. Her mum said it is amazing to see how happy Erin is when working with her physiotherapist and is beginning to do the things she can't normally do.

'Thanks so much for all your help getting the suit – it really is such a wonderful thing for Erin!'



Erin

Elifar are delighted to have contributed £1,000 towards the purchase of this custom-built Melrose Rhino Rugby Wheelchair costing £7,873.

**Toby** is 21 years old and was born with cerebral palsy which impacts his muscle tone and balance in his core, legs and hands. He is currently attending Bournemouth University.

Toby says: 'Thank you so much to everyone for helping me achieve my goal of getting my own custom fitted attacking rugby chair. It is so amazing and the custom fitting means I am now in the perfect position to get the most out of my chair. I was quite quick in my old chair but I think I'll be even quicker now. The new chair will allow me to become the best player I can be, and push on in my rugby journey with nothing holding me back, I love it.'

Toby would love to compete in the Paralympics and this chair might help to get him there!



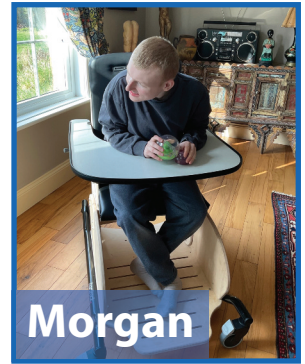
Toby

Elifar is delighted to have funded the purchase of a Hardrock Chair with mobile base and tray costing £2,972 for **Morgan**.

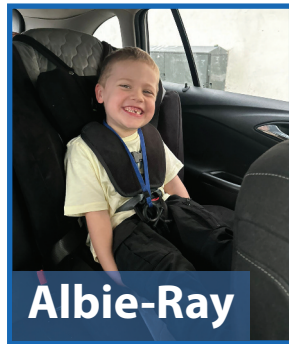
Morgan is 19 years old and has Angelman Syndrome, a rare genetic condition which affects the nervous system causing significant physical and learning difficulties.

Morgan is a very sociable and happy young man and the chair enables him to engage safely in activities at his day centre. He tends to bite and chew materials and the chair is made using bite-proof upholstery, minimising the risks of swallowing and choking.

Morgan's parents have expressed their sincere thanks to Elifar for facilitating the purchase of the chair which is giving Morgan some independence and giving his parents some much-needed respite.



**Morgan**



**Albie-Ray**

5 year old **Albie-Ray** has a diagnosis of Autism and Global Development Delay. He is non-verbal. Standard child car seats do not provide the support that Albie-Ray requires to travel safely in a car.

Elifar were pleased to fully-fund this Voyager specialist car seat costing £985.

His mum thanks everyone who made the purchase possible and says that Albie-Ray is very happy with his new seat because he is now higher up and can see out of the car window. Here he is all ready for a day at Gulliver's World.



**Toye**

**Chester** is 5 years old and loves being outdoors, but it was becoming increasingly difficult to go out for walks due to his autism. Chester was able to climb out of his old buggy and as he has no sense of danger, his mum was worried that he could run into a busy road.

Elifar were able to fund the purchase of a new specialised buggy costing £345 which allows his mum to take Chester on days out without the constant concern and anxiety that he might hurt himself.

Chester's mum thanked Elifar and said 'We're absolutely chuffed and it's so easy to use!'



**Chester**

Elifar provided funding of £1,512 to enable **Toye** to benefit from an amazing Tomcat Fizz trike. Toye is 13 years old and has autism and verbal dyspraxia. He struggles with social interaction and sensory processing as well as proprioception and bilateral coordination.

This amazing specialist trike allows for a high degree of stability and keeps Toye extra safe whilst allowing him to get maximum enjoyment from something he really enjoys. Additional stimulation comes from being able to access the outdoors and be part of the community.



**George**

**George** is 14 years old and has Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type 2. He is unable to walk or stand, has weak arms, shoulders and neck and recently had spinal fusion to support his scoliosis. He excels academically and enjoys swimming, reading and drama and he recently took part in a Youth Drama Festival.

Elifar is delighted to have contributed £5,000 towards a Permobile F5 power chair costing £25,795. The chair has a tilt option and hi-low functionality providing much of the support and flexibility that George needs on a daily basis. It also allows him to move around independently.

On the day the chair was delivered his mum told Elifar 'It's perfect. George hasn't stopped smiling all morning – thank you again for Elifar's generosity. It's truly appreciated.'

**Abby** is 23 years old and has Ehlers Danlos Syndrome, a lifelong condition causing function loss in legs and joint damage caused by recurrent dislocations. Abby struggles with chronic pain and persistent, disabling fatigue.

Elifar were delighted to have fully-funded a StreetJet powerpack costing £3,127 for Abby's manual wheelchair.

In Abby's words 'It's amazing and is making so much difference to my life ... I'm so happy! Thank you so much to Elifar.'



**Abby**

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when life is turned upside down



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