

## **Foundation provides grant for Holland family**

Family Hope Foundation has given grants to 13 special needs children and their families, all of whom hail from West Michigan.

The Davidson family from Holland is one of the recipients of a \$1,000 grant for their son John's therapy.

John is a second grader who has a sensory processing disorder that impairs his ability to function at school and home.

"The sounds that we can normally block out he can't block those out," mother Tammy Davidson said. "So the person talking in the background or the bird chirping outside, he's constantly processing every single one of those sounds."

With the grant from the foundation John was able to receive intensive therapy over the summer for two weeks, two times a day.

Tammy said without the grant John wouldn't have made the progress that he did in therapy.

"It was huge for us," Tammy said. "This was a kid that before we started therapy, even watching cartoon movies he couldn't watch because he was too sensitive to the noises."

The Family Hope Foundation was formed by a group of parents who have children with special needs. The foundation collects money from local donors to provide grants and support for all types of therapy to any facility in West Michigan.

To learn more about the Family Hope Foundation visit [www.thefamilyhopefoundation.org](http://www.thefamilyhopefoundation.org) or call (616) 780-3839.

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