



# family hope foundation

*Investing in children  
and families*





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# *Children* *in* **NEED**

“ Providing services for children with special needs is fundamental. Consistent, weekly intervention is often the best model to see change and carryover of skills. This is a huge commitment of time for parents and can also be **financially straining**, as therapy costs are often not covered by insurance companies. This leaves numerous **families without hope** as they face wondering how to give their children the interventions they critically need. ”

*– speech pathologist*

“ My son desperately needs private therapy to help develop independence and make gains in basic developmental areas. Unfortunately, private therapy is **not always covered by health insurance**. In our case, we pay for therapy out of pocket, which has brought **financial hardship** to our one income family. ”

*– parent of child with special needs*



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# *Giving families*



Family Hope Foundation is a unique organization serving West Michigan. We **reach out to all children** with special needs.

We believe that every child deserves a chance to reach their **highest potential**.

# *a reason to* **HOPE**

All children should be given the tools they need to be **successful**.

Family Hope Foundation invests in children and families to create opportunities for them to grow together as **happy functioning units**.



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*invests in children with special needs through:*



- ✿ family support
- ✿ engaging community experts
- ✿ advocacy through collaboration
- ✿ financial assistance to provide access to therapies



“ We have a four-year old son with Down Syndrome. At a very early age we started working with speech and occupational therapists. **Our son is thriving and so is our family.** Therapy has had a positive impact on his development and our household. We have a home that nurtures his abilities, creates an atmosphere for success and does not feel consumed by disability. **We have hope.**”

– parent of child with special needs



“ Some days were literally tantrum after tantrum. Since we’ve begun therapy, our daughter has learned how to remain calm, uses sign language, and is beginning to speak as well. **Our days are SO much better now.** . . . we even venture out to the grocery store and can eat in restaurants. We’re not through with treatment, but the progress we’ve made thus far has given our family the freedom we had lost. ”

– parent of child with special needs



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