



**C.A.T.S.**  
 We're Here to Help Kids Move,  
 Play, and Communicate

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 Who is our audience?

Service Coordinator	Developmental Service Provider	Physical Therapist
Occupational Therapist	Speech-Language Pathologist	Leaders

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## OUR MISSION



C.A.T.S. helps children with physical and developmental disabilities that affect movement, behavior, or communication have better health outcomes; participate more fully in school; engage socially; and achieve greater independence. We do this by **refurbishing and redistributing donated assistive technology**; educating pediatric clinicians, teachers, and caregivers; and advocating for responsive and responsible public health policy.

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 How familiar are you with C.A.T.S.?

- A. Very familiar with the organization
- B. I've heard of it but don't know much about it
- C. I've never heard of it?

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What are some examples of assistive technology that you are aware of or have used with children to support:



Movement



Activities of Daily Living



Communication

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What are some of the benefits of young children having access to assistive technology/adaptive equipment like you see onscreen?

How can adaptive equipment affect a child's life?

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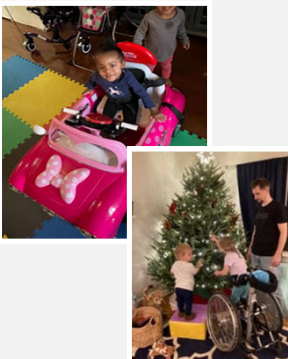
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Children with adaptive equipment can:

- play with their friends and siblings
- participate in meals and bath times
- explore their world, moving and learning
- be more independent

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**Guiding Principle**

Children with disabilities are, first and foremost, children – children with the same needs, rights, and dreams as all children.

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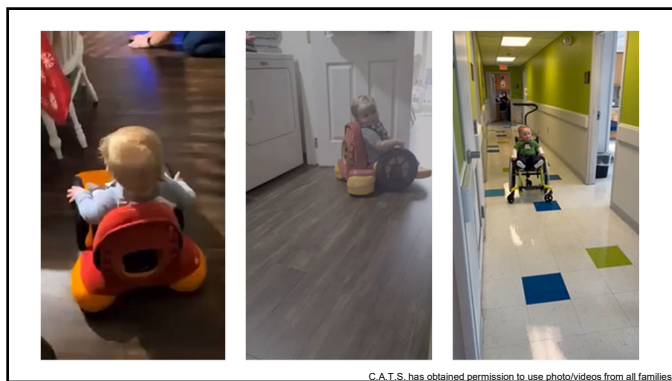
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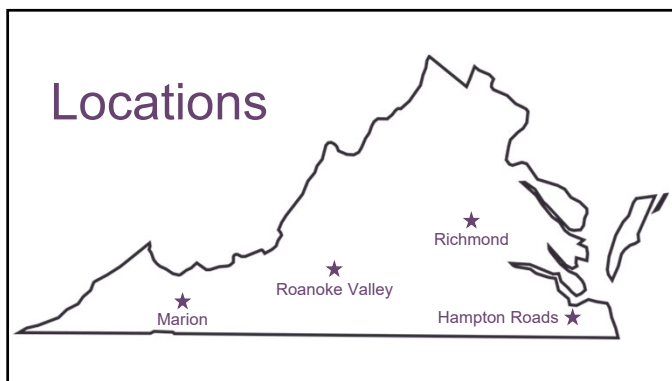
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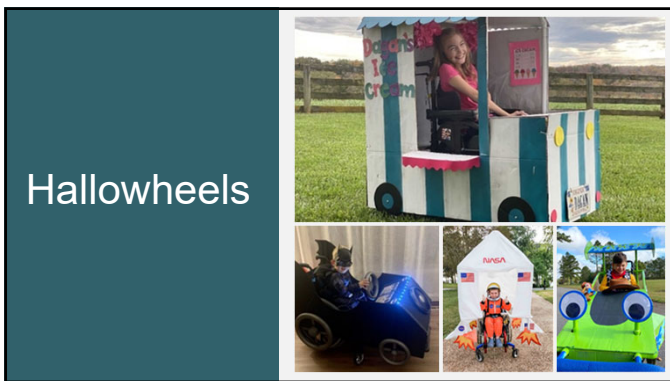
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# Hallowheels

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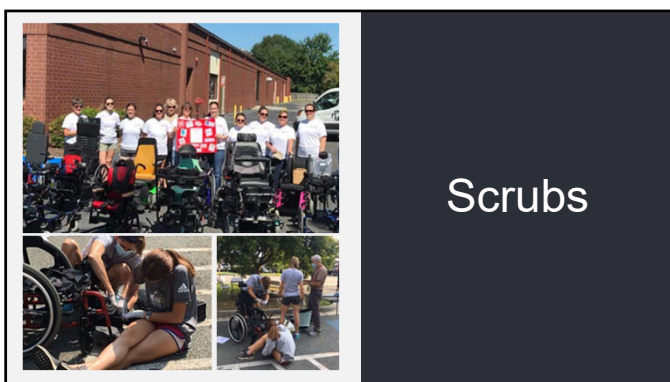
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# Scrubs

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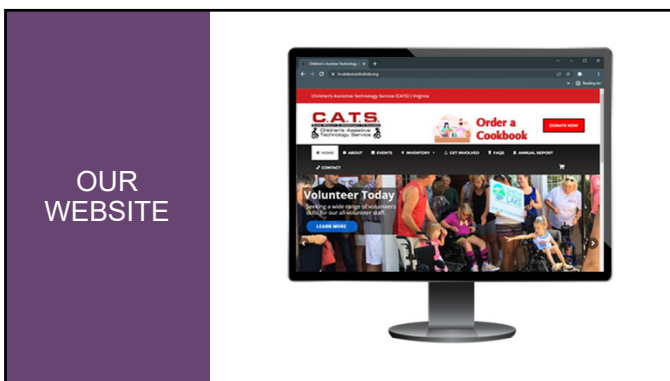
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# OUR WEBSITE

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**Items CATS does not have:**

- Adaptive beds
- Stair lifts
- Full size ramps
- Adaptive car sets
- Respiratory items
- Nutritional support items
- Diapers



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What questions do YOU have?



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**Discussion Questions**

How do I make a request for equipment?  
Can anyone request or does the request have to come from a therapist?

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**Discussion Questions**

How are children fitted for equipment, such as when a child needs a gait trainer?

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**Discussion Questions**

How is the equipment delivered to the family?

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**Discussion Questions**

How long can a family borrow a piece of equipment?

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**Discussion Questions**

If a family wants to donate a piece of equipment that they purchased and their child has outgrown, how does that work?

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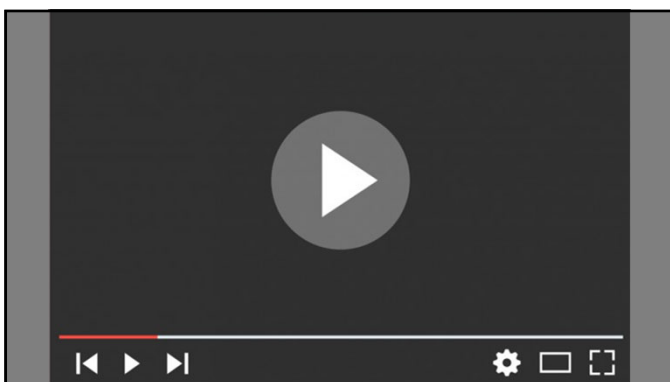
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