

## Lexi's Equipment Closet

Lexi's Equipment Closet provides a variety of therapy equipment for children with special needs. When families seek equipment for their child with special needs, they are confused by options, brands, styles of apparatus and equipment available. Our closet gives families a chance to try out what is needed before an expensive, non-refundable purchase is made. Lexi's Equipment Closet will loan therapy equipment to families on an as-needed basis.

Lexi's Equipment Closet also serves as a place where families can donate used equipment that is either been outgrown by their child or no longer needed by the family. The Foundation is a 501(C)3 organization and all donations may be considered tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the law. Families and therapists can view our inventory of equipment online. When equipment is in the inventory, the family can have and use equipment as their needs require. It is a simple case of people helping people.



## Playgrounds for Special Kids

Thanks to *Helping From Heaven*, providing funds to purchase special-needs playground equipment at parks and schools has become a reality. Giving a child an opportunity to play at a park that otherwise couldn't access playground equipment is one of our happiest moments. Enjoying a safe and comfortable day at the park with friends and siblings makes a difference for special families. *Helping From Heaven* has supported park programs in multiple states.



Thank you, Helping From Heaven.



## Networking & Outreach.

Family fun events are planned throughout the year to gather together children with special needs and their families in a way to enjoy time together in a low stress and cheerful environment. Lexi's Birthday Bash in September and Lexi's Valentine's Day party in February are just two of our regular family networking events planned each year. A fund raising Gala is held annually in October to raise support for ongoing services. All gatherings provide a chance for friends and families to connect and participate in *Helping From Heaven's* mission.



*Love cures people-*  
BOTH THE ONES WHO GIVE IT  
AND THE ONES WHO RECEIVE IT.

Karl A. Menninger



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## Who We Are

Helping From Heaven is a 501(C)3 nonprofit foundation dedicated to improving the comfort and quality of life for children with special needs. This is accomplished by providing education, therapy and playground equipment, therapy toys, resources and scholarships for families and therapists in need of financial assistance and/or community support.

## Our Vision

- Create a network for families that will provide resources and create friendships for children and parents.
- Facilitate an equipment closet that will allow families quick and free access to therapy tools and equipment.
- Help build playgrounds with specialized playground equipment to create a safe and comfortable play atmosphere for children with special needs.
- Provide financial support to families who have children with special needs and struggle to provide them with certain comfort measures.
- Provide scholarships to pediatric therapists to further train them in the specialized care that children with special needs require.

## Lexi's Story

From her birth in August of 2002, Lexi and her family learned how to cherish life through the struggles and challenges they were given. During delivery, Lexi suffered a lack of oxygen to the brain. While emergency measures were taken to help Lexi breathe, she inevitably suffered severe brain damage.

Due to Lexi's condition, doctors gave her a 50% chance of survival within the first year of life. Despite her brain damage and diagnosis of cerebral palsy, Lexi's family was determined to provide her with the love and support to live life like a typical child. Throughout Lexi's short time on earth, she was able to impact the lives of those she loved.

Lexi suffered a myriad of medical problems throughout her short life; she endured seizures, pneumonia, a life-threatening bacterial infection, feeding, digestive and respiratory problems.

Lexi was treated by a variety of specialists and early intervention therapists to support her developmental delays and feeding challenges. The strain of frequent hospitalizations and multiple complications that occurred during her short life led Lexi's parents to palliative care. This allowed medical treatment to be provided in the comfort of their home with the love and security of Lexi's family constantly surrounding her.

Lexi had gone through more in her short two years of life than most people go through in a lifetime. On November 24, 2004, in the arms of her mother and father, Lexi took her last breath. She earned her angel wings and is now watching over all who helped contribute to the comfort and quality of her amazing life on earth.



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