

# Lorigram

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## Vivian's Van

March marked the 9<sup>th</sup> Accessible Van Giveaway for Lori's Voice. Vivian Gray of West Bloomfield was so excited to accept this gift with her family. Facing diagnosis of cerebral palsy and brain cancer as a newborn, Vivian is a fighter and a survivor. With an accessible vehicle, she and her family are able to travel safely to doctor's appointments and therapies as well as take road trips to make lasting memories.



## Spring has Sprung!

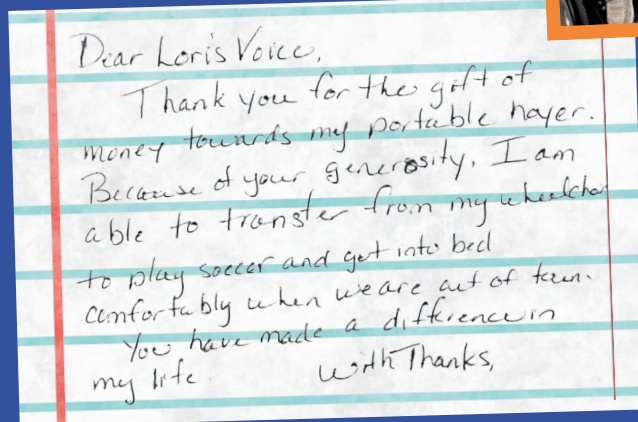
It's been a long winter and spring is finally in the air! Max is out tearing up the turf with his brand new adaptive bike. These bikes are one of a kind and make having fun a whole lot easier and safer for kids with special needs.

Do you know of anyone who would love a new bike? Lori's Voice is here to help! Check out our website's resource page to find a variety of adaptive bikes and get ready for your next adventure!



## Parents Corner

We love receiving updates from families we have supported, knowing we are making a difference in children's lives.



## New Digs! Check out our New Website!



We are excited to announce our redesigned website has launched!

The updated site features:

- A fresh new look & branding
- Improved navigation
- Mobile friendly design



Whether you're here to learn more about our mission, donate, volunteer or access resources we support, we hope our new site make your experience easier and user friendly. Visit us at [lorisvoice.org](http://lorisvoice.org)

## Lori's Voice Christmas in July!

### Register To Win A Koolway Accessible Coat by July 31st!

If you haven't heard of Koolway Coats, you should check this out!

Koolway Sports designs wheelchair winter coats for individuals with disabilities. These customized coats take 8-10 weeks to produce and are designed with comfort, warmth and outdoor activities in mind. From custom colors and sizing, feeding tube portals, etc...these coats are adjustable and created to last 4 to 5 years. Check out the Koolway website below to learn more!

Lori's Voice wants to help children bundle up for Michigan Winters We want to spread warmth by giving away FIVE KOOLWAY COATS to deserving children this summer so they are ready to go for fall sporting events, playground activities and adaptive winter sports!

Register on our website before July 31st to win! FIVE lucky kiddos will be selected on August 1st and have their custom coat delivered by October.



[koolwaysports.com](http://koolwaysports.com)

Merry Christmas!



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## Gone but Not Forgotten



### Duane Kluting

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our beloved friend and Board of Directors Member, Duane Kluting, who became a part of Lori's Voice ten years ago. He was not only the guardian of our finances but also instrumental in our charity's success. Duane was the creative force behind our newsletter, which he aptly named The Lorigram. His inspiring leadership and commitment to the children allowed us to accomplish remarkable feats. Duane's legacy will forever be cherished in the hearts of those we serve.



## Welcome!

### Mandi Weersma

Lori's Voice  
Board of Directors Member



We are excited to announce our newest Member of the Lori's Voice Board of Directors!

Mandi has been an Occupational Therapy practitioner for 18 years with the majority of her career serving children and families throughout Grand Rapids. She has felt privileged to serve in a variety of roles across settings including Grand Rapids Public Schools, Mary Free Bed, and in student clinics at WMU while pursuing her Masters degree in Occupational Therapy. She is currently employed with The Mitten Pediatric Therapies

As an experienced therapist, Mandi is ready to extend her reach beyond the clinic and utilize her skills to further the availability of resources to children in need of medical equipment and services.

Mandi joined our Board of Directors in February and jumped right in, sharing her clinical knowledge and perspective, educating families on the benefits of medical equipment and therapies such as OT, Speech, PT, Social Work, Music, Art and much more.

Please give Mandi a WARM WELCOME TO LORI'S VOICE! We are thrilled to have you on board!



## In The Community

Recently, our Executive Director, Rebecca Visser and Board Member, Rachael Ruiz, had a wonderful afternoon visiting some children at Mary Free Bed Hospital. Their arms filled with special tactile gifts to make the visit even more exciting for the kids! They were also given a tour of the Adaptive Sports & Recreational Department where Lori's Voice recently donated two Power Soccer Wheelchairs to the Mary Free Bed Soccer Wheelchair Team!

Lori's Voice will be back to visit the pediatric patients in June for the Mary Free Bed Carnival. Educating families on the resources Lori's Voice can assist with and enriching the patient's experience while in recovery.



## Upcoming Events



Come join us for another fun day on the course on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for the Lori's Voice Golf Outing! The event will be held at Western Greens in Marne. It will kick off in the morning with games, prizes and a meaningful way to raise funding to support the medical equipment and services we gift children with every year.



OUR WALK HAS MOVED! We have changed things up a bit this year and have moved our walk to a new location. "Lori's Voice, Pathways to Possibilities 5K Run/Walk" will be hosted at Veterans Memorial Park in Kentwood this September. This is an accessible park with paved pathways to run, walk and stroll! Early Bird Registration is available on our website! Come check it out for a fun fall day with the entire family!

## Lori's Voice Board of Directors

Joanie Host, Chris Weatherford, Mandi Weersma,  
Rachael Ruiz, Jena Krueger, Janice Allen, Michelle Vlug



LORI'S VOICE WEBSITE



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