



“My Voice” Program Overview:

What is Variety the Children’s Charity?

- Variety – the Children’s Charity provides children with disabilities unique programs, experiences, and equipment, so they may live life to the fullest.

What is Variety’s “My Voice” Program?

- Variety’s “My Voice” Program provides a communication device (currently an iPad with a prescribed communication app) to eligible children with a communication disorder to give them a voice at all times – enabling kids to express their thoughts, feelings, wants, and needs.

When did it begin?

- Variety’s “My Voice” Program was officially unveiled in Western Pennsylvania on November 14, 2014.

Who is eligible for a communication device?

- Variety’s “My Voice” Program serves children and youth who have a documented communication disorder; reside in Variety’s 22 county service area in Pennsylvania; are between 4 through 21 years of age; and can meet the eligibility guidelines outlined in the application.
- Variety serves the following [22 counties in Pennsylvania](#): Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Centre, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Fayette, Greene, Huntington, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington, and Westmoreland.
- Please note – a letter of medical justification must be written by a Speech Language Pathologist (see application for more details).

How does someone apply for Variety’s “My Voice” Program?

- An application can be obtained through Variety’s website <http://www.varietypittsburgh.org/ApplyforaDevice.asp>, or by calling the Variety Office at 724-933-0460.

What has a communication meant to Variety families so far?

- Before receiving his device, Jennifer, mother of Cooper shared how the communication device would impact their entire family,

"As his mother it breaks my heart that he may need something, and I just don't know what it is, or maybe he's not feeling well, but I can't see a tummy ache or headache. We feel that this communication device will help bridge that gap and enrich Cooper's, as well as our family life."

How can someone donate to Variety’s “My Voice” Program?

- Donations can be given online, or through U.S. Mail with a check being made out to “Variety – the Children’s Charity” and designated to “My Voice”. The cost to sponsor one communication device (i.e. an iPad with a prescribed communication app) is **\$1,200**.

VARIETY IS SEEKING TO IDENTIFY ELIGIBLE CHILDREN WITH A COMMUNICATION DISORDER FOR ITS “**MY VOICE**” PROGRAM.

PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD **TODAY**, SO THAT NO ELIGIBLE CHILD MISSES OUT ON A DEVICE.

“*Giving children a voice at all times.*”



Mason is pictured above with his parents receiving his new voice!

“My little guy doesn’t have a voice. This device will allow him to have a better life—allow him to learn, allow him to grow, and most importantly, allow him to communicate his wants and needs. Every parents wants to hear their child say ‘I love you’. I am so looking forward to that moment!”

- Kim, mother of Mason

