# **The Story of WillPower**

William Michael Burke is the living inspiration behind WillPower Foundation. Will is a vibrant, bright young man with a rare brain malformation which significantly impacts his motor development and speech. Knowing the increased expenses and financial challenges that come with caring for a loved one with different abilities, Will's parents, Maria and Craig, created WillPower Foundation to help local families meet their loved ones' needs and enhance their quality of life.

Driven by Will's great spirit and tenacity, WillPower strives to empower Western Massachusetts families and individuals with different abilities to reach their full capability. Let us help you or your loved one live a full, empowered life!



Photo courtesy of BusinessWest, who named WillPower Foundation a 2018 "Difference Maker!"











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WILLPOWER FOUNDATION HELPING PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT ABILITIES

Providing financial support that emPOWERs Western Massachusetts families and individuals with different abilities to meet their unique needs.



## How We emPOWER

The WillPower Foundation provides grants to families and individuals with different abilities living in Western Massachusetts, awarding up to \$500 per family per calendar year. We specialize in funding products and services that are not typically covered by insurance or other resources, including but not limited to:

- mobility and sensory equipment
- therapeutic recreation programs
- educational advocacy
- private tutoring
- camp expenses
- other unique needs

Since 2008, the WillPower Foundation has given more than \$200,000 to emPOWER individuals with different abilities!

### **APPLY FOR A GRANT**

Hampshire, Hampden, Franklin and Berkshire County families and individuals may apply online at:

### Helping Individuals With Different Abilities Reach Their Full Capability



"My son asks to use his new [sensory] swing several times per day to help him stay calm or to calm himself down at the end of the day before bed. His recent diagnosis is very challenging for him and for us as a family. I think the net swing wraps around him and gives him the sensory 'hug' he needs."

"We have been super grateful to have been given a grant to allow us to continue to work with our Speech Language Pathologist on our son's social skills over the course of the last couple of months. The progress we have seen has been phenomenal."





"Thank you so much for helping us to provide for our daughter's special needs. Her therapeutic horseback riding program has not only helped her, but our family as well." WillPower Foundation relies on donations from generous individuals and businesses in our community to raise funds for families and individuals with different abilities. The WillPower Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

#### I WANT TO HELP EMPOWER OTHERS!

Name	•	•	•	•					
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### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_

Check enclosed.

(Made Payable to "WillPower Foundation, Inc.")								
Please bill my credit card:								
Circle Type: VISA	A AMEX	DS	MC					
CC Number								
Exp. Date		_ Code _						
Signature								

#### JOIN THE POWER PARTNER CLUB! Give WillPower a Birthday Gift - \$10/month in honor of our 10 years!



I want to join the POWER Partner Club and make a monthly recurring donation of:

\_\_\_\$10, \_\_\_\$25, \_\_\_\$50, \_\_\_\$75, \_\_\_\$100,

on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the month.

**Payment Method** 

Please invoice me.

Charge my Credit Card listed above.