



## our mission

to improve the quality of life for children with disabilities by providing the equipment and experiences needed to reach their highest potential & not covered by insurance; in doing so we are able to help ALL children be active, be social, belong!

## our story

our legacy began in 1927 when a baby girl was left on the steps of a theatre with a note from her mother to please take care of her having always heard of the kindness of people in show business. By 1943 the eleven "godfathers of variety" who looked after her had spread their mission of helping children across the country and our illinois chapter was chartered. Now with a national focus on children with disabilities, variety helps children all across the globe through 42 chapters. Learn more about us variety at [www.usvariety.org](http://www.usvariety.org) and variety international at [www.variety.org](http://www.variety.org)

## our recipients

variety of illinois serves residents from birth through age 21 with any disability resulting from injury or congenital conditions.

## our programs

"**adapt my world**" provides communication & assistant devices not covered by insurance that help children be more independent such as prosthetics, hearing aids, i-pads, adaptive hygiene equipment and more.

"**kids on the go**" provides adaptive mobility equipment not covered by insurance that helps children be active in their communities such as adaptive bicycles, sports wheelchairs, adaptive strollers and more.

"**live to achieve**" is a groundbreaking program started in 2012 by variety of il past president & gold/silver medal winning paralympian linda mastandrea. thanks to the generosity of the jacob j fink foundation, this program provides grants up to \$1000 for children and young adults age 8-21 to encourage participation in adaptive sports from the recreational through elite levels.

"**variety @ play**" provides inclusive, accessible programming for children with disabilities and their families to enjoy quality time together in supportive environments at little to no cost.



## our donors, partners & volunteers

simply put - we can't do what we do without YOU! To learn more or to get involved contact us at 312-822-0660 or [info@varietyofillinois.org](mailto:info@varietyofillinois.org)

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