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Children's Assistive Technology Service is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt public charity. Your donation is tax deductible. We will make arrangements to pick up your donated equipment at your convenience. Call (540) 493-2285 to reach C.A.T.S or email info@atdevicesforkids.org. We accept pediatric equipment only, suitable for babies, toddlers, pre-school, and school age children.

Our organization revolves around recycling donated pediatric rehabilitation equipment but we still need financial support to operate. However, a \$25 donation to CATS becomes \$200 in valuable assistive technology devices made available to kids with physical disabilities. That's a huge return on investment!

Donate on our website
www.atdevicesforkids.org

Or mail to

Children's Assistive Technology Service
PO Box 121
Union Hall, VA 24176

Thank you



C.A.T.S. participates in the University of Delaware's GoBabyGo initiative, modifying motorized ride-on toy cars so that they can be used by children who have limited independent mobility. Each car our GoBabyGo team modifies is customized for a specific child, according to his or her needs. Cars can be provided only when sufficient funds are available. Please consider giving a tax deductible donation, so that a young child can, perhaps for the very first time, move about on their own, to explore, make friends, and be empowered to .. *GoBabyGo!*



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(C.A.T.S.) provides for the re-use of pediatric rehabilitation equipment and devices in Virginia. C.A.T.S. serves as a no cost resource to children with disabilities who need adaptive equipment and whose families have limited resources.

What is Assistive Technology?

The term assistive technology (AT) refers to the entire range of rehabilitative and adaptive equipment and devices which allows people with disabilities to perform activities with greater independence, and to succeed at tasks they might otherwise be unable to accomplish, or had great difficulty accomplishing. Some examples include a walker to help a child walk; a bath seat to help them bathe, an adapted seat for meals and playtime, a standing frame to help them stand, an accessibility switch to help them operate a toy; a communication device to help them be understood.

Assistive technology allows a child with disabilities to play with friends and siblings, to have more opportunities for learning, and to be more independent. All of these can lead to a happier child and healthier families!



ABOUT C.A.T.S.

Therapists and caring community members realized that it was too difficult for many children with disabilities to receive the adaptive equipment they need to help them do every day activities. Even if a family has health insurance, sometimes the co-payment for equipment is not affordable, or the insurance denies the purchase of needed equipment. C.A.T.S. was formed to help solve this problem in Virginia. Much like clothing, shoes, and toys, children who have assistive technology outgrow it. Either it becomes too small or a child's needs change. C.A.T.S will accept a donation of costly adaptive equipment from one child with a disability, who has outgrown equipment, and donate it to another child who needs it.

We would like to have a community in which all available adaptive equipment is in use by children with disabilities who need it. Too much of this equipment ends up in garages, basements, closets, and even in the dump, unused and unwanted. Items which are in bad shape might be disassembled and "farmed" for usable parts.

Volunteer

College students and retirees make up much of CATS volunteer force, inspecting, cleaning and repairing equipment. Volunteers are also needed for donation pick up, creative projects, and public relations. You can find a volunteer application on our website.

Equipment is stored in clean, climate controlled accessible facilities, and available to families and therapists by appointment only. Current inventory for three locations can be viewed on our website at www.atdevicesforkids.org.

Contact us through our email links or by phone
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757-763-8905 (Hampton Roads area)
540-420-0554 (Richmond)

