



Little Mason



Mason Van Dyk



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Dear Bolesco Clients

The season of giving is upon us, and this year we would like to do it a little differently.

We have a very special boy who is very dear to our hearts, his name is **Mason van Dyk**.

Little Mason was born with an extremely rare skin disorder called **Harlequin Ichthyosis (HI)**.

HI prevents the skin from functioning the way it should. The top layer of skin is meant to protect against and keep germs out, his skin however cannot do this. He is also not capable of regulating his body temperature. When his body does attempt to sweat, to cool down, the sweat droplets get trapped underneath the skin and forms tiny blisters which can cause discomfort and in some cases infection.

Despite many days in hospital and away from school, Mason does extremely well academically. He is a bright young boy with a witty personality.

Harlequin Ichthyosis had no cure and given only 1 to 5 days to survive after birth, Mason has proven doctors wrong and is now 9 years old. Medical bills and medication is extremely costly using up to 250 tubes of Euserin Aquaphor per month but all very necessary in order to keep Mason comfortable and manage his pain. His hearing was damaged by shedding skin and infections in his ears but with the help of 2 BAHA'S (Bone Anchored Hearing Apparatus) Mason is able to hear at his full potential.

In the spirit of giving, The Bolesco Family will be donating our client gifting budget for 2022 to The Mason Fund, to aid with hospital bills and medication which is a never-ending expense in Little Mason's life.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to a prosperous 2023. Wishing you & your families a Happy and Safe Festive Season

