



GET GABE A THERAPY DOG

My name is Kelsi and I want to tell you about Gabe. Gabe is a smart, energetic 3 1/2-year-old who sees the world and interacts with it differently. His biggest struggle is communication. He has a vivid imagination but struggles to interact with others. The family has found an organization who can train a service dog who would be a protector and companion for kids, like Gabe, who lay somewhere on the Autism spectrum. The dog would help distract and stop him when he feels overwhelmed and starts self-harming. A guardian to keep him safe in crowds, help him stay calm and feel safe enough to sleep through the night. This companion would see to his parents' fears of him wandering away since he doesn't understand strangers, and could alert them if he takes off running. With his dad being in the military and being gone often, he misses his "person" fiercely and it interrupts his emotional regulation immensely, especially his normal bedtime routine. They hope to make the dog part of his support system and at bedtime so the little guy can sleep easier. It would also help him to be able to have better days at school as well. When Dad is away, he really struggles to do even the normal everyday routines like getting dressed or buckling in his car seat. They have tried everything else, daddy recorded teddy bears, weighted vests, Occupational Therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy and currently have him enrolled in the best preschool in town under one of their developmentally delayed slots. But he continues to struggle in all areas. He needs another constant source of protection, safety, emotional support and love in his life that is with him 24/7. A therapy dog would do all of those things for him. Please

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family acquire a service dog who can anchor this beautiful boy and make life easier for it will be greatly appreciated. I know they are uncomfortable asking for help, but this such a such huge impact on their son and the family as a whole. Living on a single large expenses like this are hard to budget in. Thank you for helping. Together we can



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