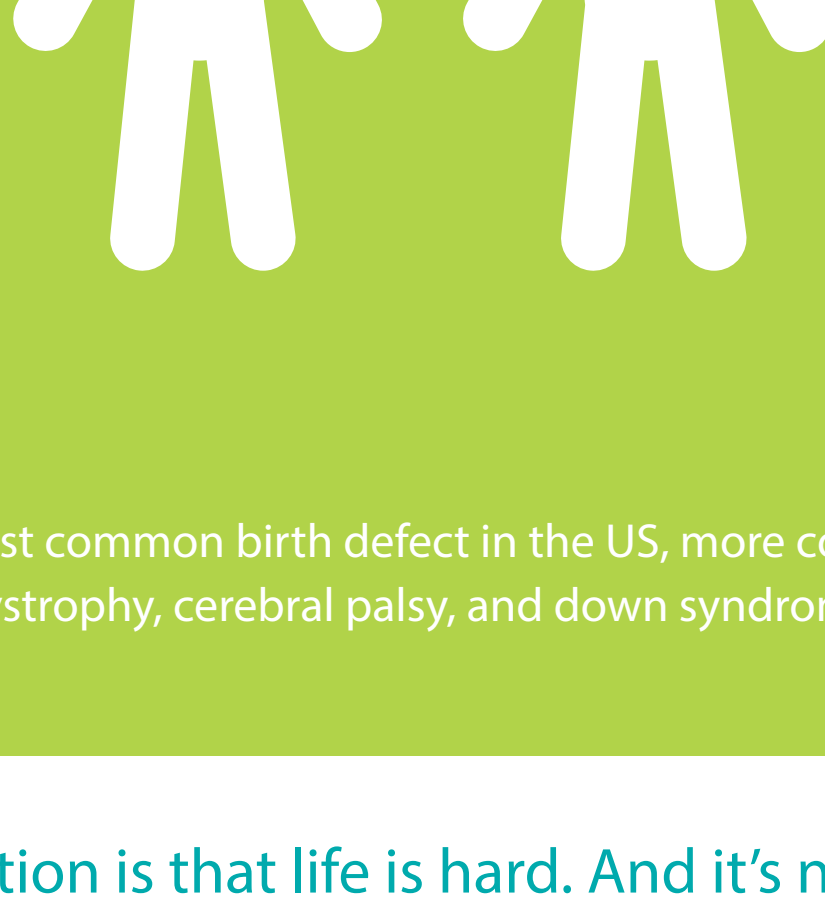


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We are a community.

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Now What?

For parents and children living with spina bifida, there's always a "now what?" that comes next. No matter if you just heard the words, or have known the diagnosis for years, every next step is a step into the unknown. But with the right community of people by your side, those steps don't have to be taken alone.

Member Benefits

Join our community and access a wide range of benefits for you and your child.

Community Resources

From adaptive sports to therapy, these local resources provide opportunities.

Questions?

Let us help you through the need for IEPs, special education and special needs trust.

Scholarships

[Camp](#) (due May 15, 2014)

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Member Discounts

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This is Grayden

He doesn't like sharing his toys.

When Kelly learned her son, Grayden, would have spina bifida, she was worried what life would be like for him—not to mention herself, her husband, and her other son, who was 18 months. Kelly and her husband decided to undergo in-utero surgery, which is becoming a more accessible option. But there were still many concerns. If only then, she could see what he son would be like today—exploring the outdoors, kicking the soccer ball with his brother, enjoying all kinds of music, and, like and kid his age, withholding his toys for himself.

Every year we host a family friendly event built to raise awareness about spina bifida and to celebrate those living with it.

[Learn more about Roll N' Stroll »](#)

We're here. We care.

There are plenty of reasons to join our community. We hold events. We offer financial assistance to attend educations conferences.

We offer resources and scholarships. But if you ask any one of our members, they'll tell you the same: the biggest group benefit is the

relationships they've established with each other.

Who we are

WM spina bifida is a support system for families living with spina bifida.

Partners

We are proud to partner with a variety of West Michigan organizations.


Membership

We are stronger together. Let us help you through the "now what?" moments.


Meet our board


Our Board of Directors focuses on ways to help those living with spina bifida in West Michigan. We meet throughout the year to plan events like our Annual Stroll N Roll, foster community and advocate for awareness in the West Michigan region.


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Get Involved.

No matter who you are, whether your life has been affected by spina bifida or not, you have a valuable place in our community. Here are a few ways you can get involved.

Upcoming Events

WM Spina Bifida plans events throughout the year, the largest being Stroll 'N Roll.

Volunteer

Whatever your interest and skills may be, we've got a place for you.

Donate

Support the advocacy efforts, scholarship funding and services of WM Spina Bifida.

Say Hello

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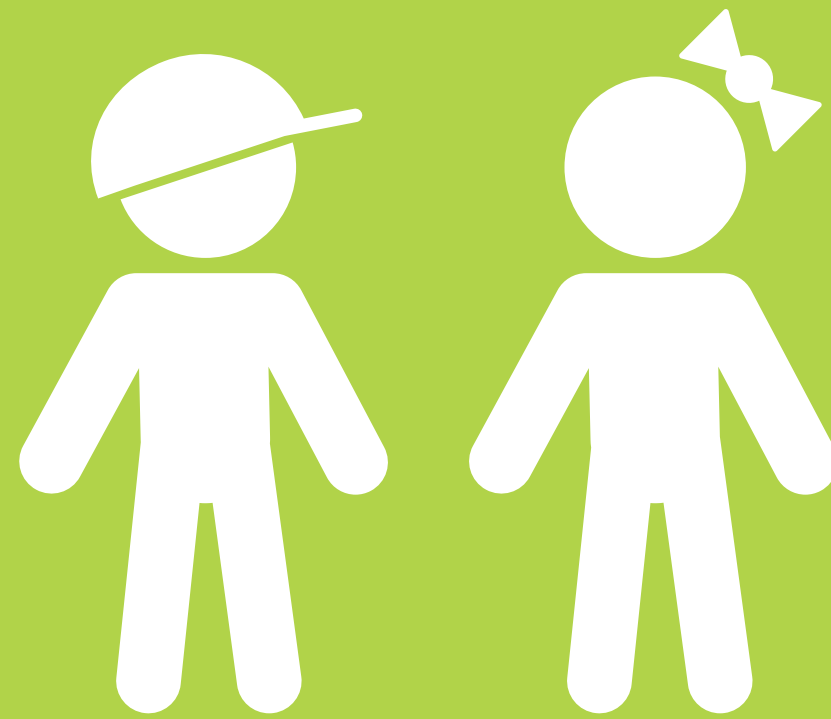
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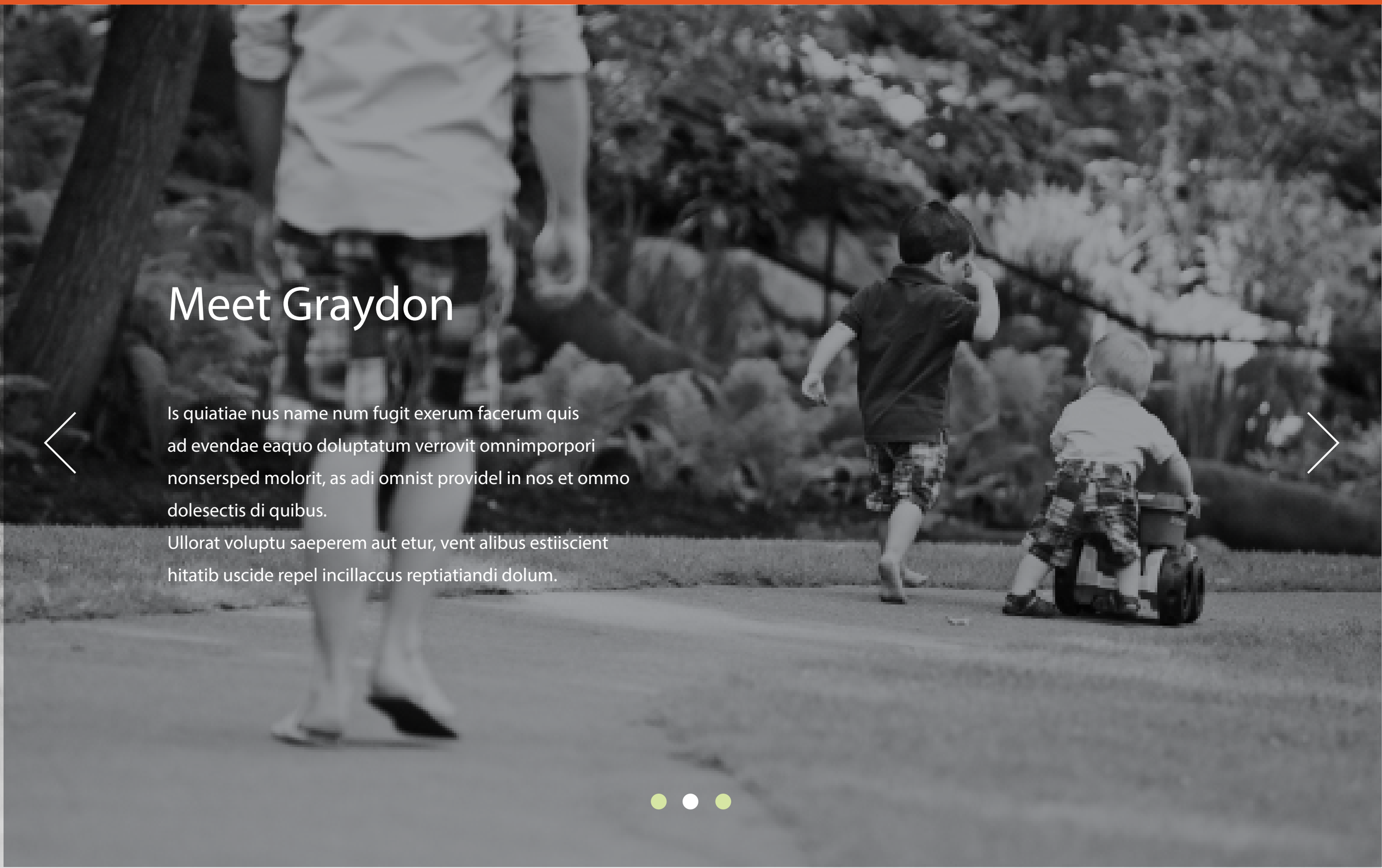
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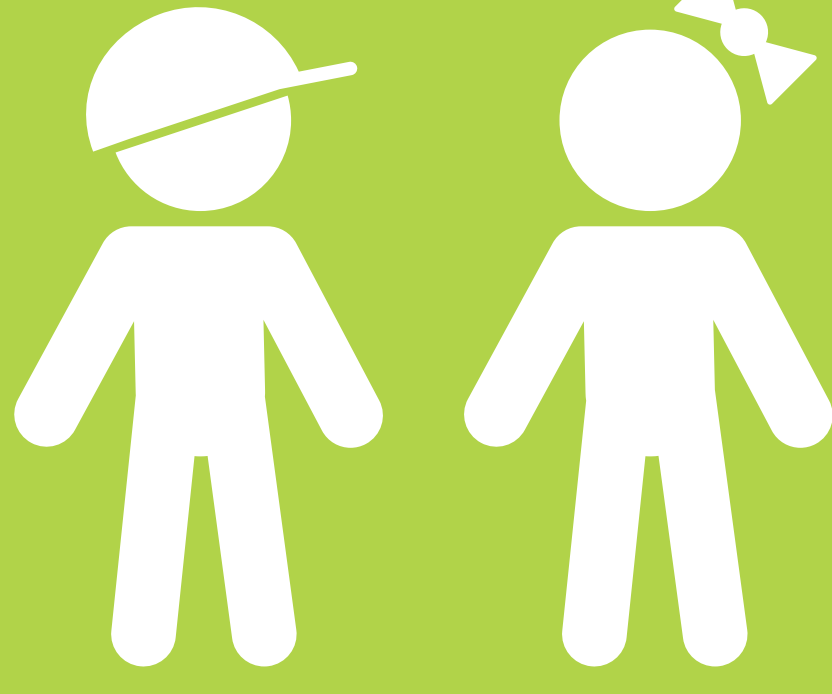
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**The WMSBO is now offering therapy scholarships! We are awarding four "Gift of Hope" scholarships through the Family Hope Foundation. Please visit Family Hope Foundation Therapy Scholarship Guidelines & Application page for more details on

the requirements for these scholarships.

Adaptive Sports

Griffin's Youth Foundation
griffinhockey.com/community/youth

Canonsburg Challenged Ski Association
skiccsa.org

Grand Rapids Wheelchair Sports Association
grwsa.com

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