

The Alamogordo Breakfast Lions help a special child: February 23, 2008

The Alamogordo Breakfast Lions club was approached by a special family, whose child; Sage has been diagnosed with “9P Deletion syndrome”. Because this syndrome is so rare, Sage is classified in the public school system as “autistic” due to his behaviors being very similar in nature to that of children with autism. He does try to interact with others, but has poor visual motor skills as well as hearing loss and low IQ. Sage’s family is very active outdoors, but due to Sage’s diagnosis, he was not able to take part in the family’s bike outings. The Breakfast Lion’s Club was approached to request special consideration for the purchase of an adult tricycle for Sages' use. The Breakfast Lion's Club voted unanimously to approve the purchase and assemble the tricycle. Upon receipt and filling the tires with “Slime” to prevent flats, the Breakfast Lion's Club made the presentation to Sage and his family and friends including Sage's school Audiologist, Mr. George Morrison on the morning of February 23, 2008.



(Sage and his sister Heather)

Sage was extremely pleased and had such a good time on his bike and honking bike horn, that the family had a difficult time getting him to get off the bike in order to take it home. Heather, Sage’s sister, was so excited that she led him around the parking lot with

Sage wearing his personalized bike helmet, donated by YEA Organization and safety vest. Sage had also previously been presented with a pre-owned wheelchair, a donation to assist him and his family when shopping. Sage is considered ambulatory, therefore Sage's insurance would not issue a wheelchair due to the aforementioned. The wheelchair has a safety belt installed to help Sage feel safe and secure on family errands due to Sage becoming extremely agitated when he comes in contact with the public. Without the help of the community and especially the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club, this particular child would not be able to participate in any family functions and therefore life would not be as great as it is now for Sage.