PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:

- The child must be between 0 and 21 years of age.
- The child must reside in the State of Wisconsin.
- The child must have a physical or developmental special need.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

If you believe your child could benefit from Variety’s programs, visit www.varietywi.org or call 262.777.2090.
ABOUT VARIETY

Variety – the Children’s Charity of Wisconsin began in 1935. Our mission is enriching the lives of children with physical or developmental special needs and their families.

Variety serves children age 21 and younger who have a diagnosed or demonstrated physical or developmental special need.

Our vision is that Variety’s Children can actively participate and experience the joys of childhood.

We believe that all children should have a limitless future.

HOW VARIETY HELPS

Variety Freedom Program
The Freedom Program helps children with physical disabilities gain mobility, confidence, independence and access by funding mobility and other enabling equipment.

Variety Care Program
The Care Program partners with agencies delivering specific supportive services to children with physical or developmental special needs and their families. Working together, we improve the health, wellness and quality of life for children.

Variety Discover Program
The Discover Program focuses on education, experiences and play by providing fun, free family outings and funding for adaptive educational and communication technology.

Chatter Matters! Communication Camp
Offered in partnership with University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Chatter Matters! Communication Camp gives children a voice by teaching families of nonverbal children to use a communication device in a fun traditional camp setting.

PROGRAM FAQs

How do I apply for a grant from Variety?
Download a grant application at www.varietywi.org/family-application. To have an application mailed to you, email contact@varietywi.org or call 262.777.2090.

When may grant applications be sent in and reviewed?
Grant applications are accepted year-round. Completed applications are reviewed and replied to within 90 days or less.

What items does Variety fund?
Family and equipment examples:
Adaptive bicycles, walkers, wheelchairs, medical strollers, lifts, ramps, vehicle modifications and more. Items not covered include, but are not limited to, tandem bikes, therapy rooms and pools, drop floor vehicle conversions, the purchase of a vehicle, beds, fences, and home modifications that change the interior structure of the home.

Agency grants:
Variety also considers granting to agencies delivering specific supportive services to children with physical or developmental special needs. For more details call 262-777-2090.

Are there income restrictions?
Families are required to provide proof of income as part of their Variety application for equipment grants. While income is a consideration, there is no specific income level at which funding is guaranteed or denied. There are no income restrictions for the Discover Program or Chatter Matters.

Who may attend Discover Program events?
Discover Program events are for the child with special needs and their immediate family members. This includes parents or guardians, brothers and sisters and does not include extended family members (cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents).