



**KOURAGEOUS
KARTER
FOUNDATION**



Kourageous Karter Foundation

Media Press Kit

Mission Statement



***To make life better for
medically complex kids and
the people who love them***

***More than that, we aim to make the world more aware,
accessible, and inclusive***

Motto



***Kourage: Strength in
the face of grief or pain***

Who We Are

Inspired by the parenting journey with our son, Karter, we are Tiffany and Kole Goodchild, founders of the Kourageous Karter Foundation. Karter was born with an unexpected brain injury at birth; one so severe he was not expected to survive. They told us with certainty he would have no quality of life. To their surprise, Karter remained stable and was sent home on hospice. He was not expected to live to see his first birthday.

Karter is now 7 years old, and lives with a severe form of spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy. He uses a feeding tube for nutrition, an eye gaze device to communicate, has seizures, and relies on adaptive equipment. Still, he is full of life, joy, and gives the gift of perspective to all he encounters.



Pictures from Karter's Story



*Shortly after removing life support,
he was not expected to live*



June 27, 2016, 1 day old

We Are Excited to Share...

We will be raising money to provide more scholarships for medical technology that helps kids with disabilities walk!

The Trexo Robotic Home Gait Trainer!



Upcoming Fundraiser: KKF Fun Run

SAVE THE DATE	KKF FUN RUN RACE FOR ROBOT LEGS
16 SEPTEMBER 2023	
	VIRTUAL OR IN PERSON Hugo, MN 55038

Our goal for 2023 is to raise \$25,000 in order to provide at least 1 more Trexo Scholarship for another family! All proceeds go directly to supporting our organization and current mission project

[KKF Fun Run 2023 Event Page](#)

KKF Fun Run 2023

This year's event will be held at Lion's Volunteer Park in Hugo, MN. This is the first project our organization took part in, and represents our mission for inclusion and access. This family-friendly event will include a silent auction, face-painting, food trucks (Dough Dough MN and Zoe's Gone Bananas), Kid's Fun Run (where Karter and some of his friends will be participating in their robot legs!), and 5k fun run/walk. We will also have a private, safe accessible changing area and plenty of disability parking. And, of course, inclusive play at this beautiful park!

Not local? Can't make it? No problem! Anyone can participate from anywhere with our virtual option! Just complete your portion of the race anytime the week of, and tag us in a photo to show your support!



Trexo Scholarship: Because Every Child Deserves to Walk

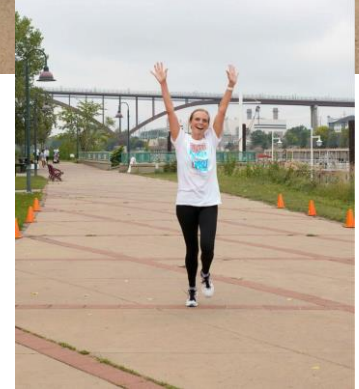


Through the success of last year's KKF Fun Run we were able to provide our first ever Trexo Scholarship. This 1 year lease provided Alex with the opportunity to use medical technology that helps kids with disabilities walk. He has made many gross motor gains as a result!

[Alex's Impact Statement](#)

KKF Fun Run 2022

Last year we raised over \$20,000 with over 130 participants! Our goal this year is to have 200 people and raise \$25,000!



What We Do

We take on mission projects that directly benefit individuals, families, or community initiatives that support awareness, accessibility, and inclusion for children with medical complexities and disabilities. Our past projects have included:

- *Served as stakeholders on the inclusive design committee for a local playground*
- *Provided family photo sessions at no cost*
- *Purchased adaptive toys*
- *Provided scholarships for medical technology that helps kids with disabilities walk*
- *Advocacy work*
- *Our website aims to be a platform for connection and resources*

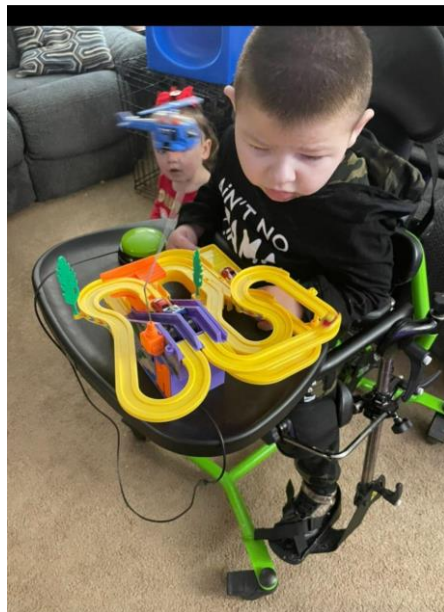
Inclusive Playground: Lion's Park, Hugo MN



Family Photos



Adaptive Toy Give Away



Advocacy Work



I spent many hours advocating for equal and better pay for homecare nurses with MN legislators and Governor Walz



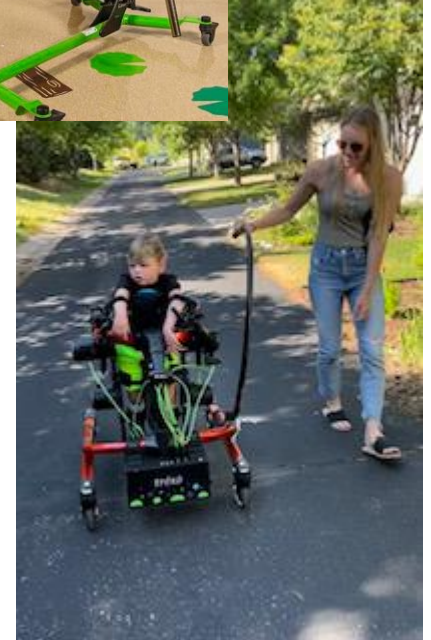
*Testifying at
the MN
Senate*



Why We Do It

As a former special education administrator, now stay-at-home medical mom, I understand the challenges families like ours face every day. The systems that we rely upon to do this life are broken, and families are suffering as a result.

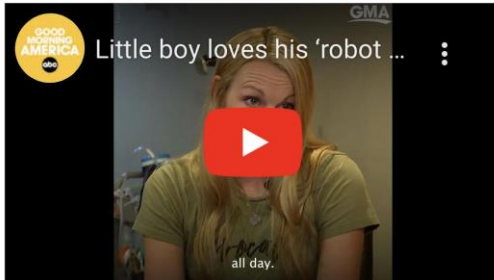
Every child and family deserves quality of life, and we feel an overwhelming responsibility to do our best to be part of the solution. We live this life in real time, and hope to make the world a more accepting, accessible, and inclusive place for Karter and others in the disability community.



Other Media

GOOD MORNING AMERICA!

Our latest mission project landed us on GMA!



Karter's Super Power: Twin Cities Press



Other KKE Media

THANK YOU!

