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Madison's story



Madison is a bright 17-year-old. Born blind, with complex needs and autism, she enjoys life with her unique and

witty personality. A free iPad from British Wireless for the Blind Fund (BWBF) has helped Madison find independence and freedom, while taking the pressure off a busy family balancing multiple priorities.

Finding independence

"As a parent of a disabled child, your whole life about making sure your child is safe and healthy and has all the right things," Madison's mum Lynzi explains. "Madison's nearly 18, so we're trying to help her find her independence."

The iPad from BWBF has opened up a whole world for Madison. From learning languages to listening to documentaries about the interests she passionately follows, it's both educational and entertaining. "She uses it for social development, learning, and tech skills. It's an all-rounder," says Lynzi.

Easing financial pressures

Madison's journey to receiving her iPad was not straightforward. "An iPad isn't something I could just buy," Lynzi explains.

After exploring several options without success, Lynzi's found BWBF. "Steven from BWBF was so, so nice and so understanding," she says. "When he said we could get the iPad, I was like, 'No way!' It was very unexpected. Having organisations like BWBF to just help with some finances makes a difference in more ways than anyone will ever know."

A lifeline for a whole family

The iPad has helped Madison's wellbeing, and been a support for the whole family. "It can calm Madison down," Lynzi says. "With her lack of vision and autism some situations can be really stressful. If we're travelling, we can use it to keep her calm. It can help to settle her."

For a family juggling multiple responsibilities and hospital appointments, BWBF's support is invaluable. Lynzi explains, "If she didn't have it now, I'd be thinking, 'what are we going to do?' You've got so much going on. Having just a little bit of leeway - like not worrying about this one thing - can massively help."

A bright future

With a little bit of help from BWBF, Madison and Lynzi are looking to the future with optimism and hope. "Having a child that is disabled can be so hard but so rewarding. I wouldn't change Madison for the world. But, what BWBF does takes the pressure off."

