



The Darrell Gwynn Foundation Wheelchair Donation Program

Unlike many other wheelchair donation programs and related charities, the Darrell Gwynn Foundation specializes in high-tech, customized wheelchairs. While standard manual wheelchairs are valued at approximately \$350, the wheelchairs provided by the Darrell Gwynn Foundation are valued anywhere from \$6,000 to \$40,000 depending on the medical needs of the recipient. The higher-valued wheelchairs are equipped with tilt and recline systems, seat elevators, drive trains, high-tech seating systems, rugged tires and suspension systems, all designed to dramatically improve each recipient's quality of life.

The Darrell Gwynn Foundation donates approximately 35-50 wheelchairs every year to deserving individuals. In order to apply for our program, recipients and their families must demonstrate a medical and financial need for the new wheelchair. The application process is free and our pre-application form can be found below.

For many recipients, the Darrell Gwynn Foundation is their last resort. They have tried nearly everything to obtain a desperately needed wheelchair for themselves or their child, but without success. They were denied by insurance companies or Medicare and simply do not have the resources available to provide for what their child needs without assistance. The individual is living in a broken or ill-fitting wheelchair and in some cases, they have no wheelchair at all.

For younger recipients, these wheelchairs enable a child to do things many of us take for granted such as going to school without an aide, keeping up with friends when they start to run, playing in a park with grass, or just being able to move around without having to ask for help. For older recipients, these chairs enable them to become fully engaged with their community, be it going back to work, seeing their families more often, shopping on their own, or taking their dog for a walk.

Darrell Gwynn's Wheelchair Donation Program is exclusively for those individuals who do not have the resources to purchase a wheelchair and who have had their claims for a wheelchair denied by a health insurance provider. The majority of these requests for wheelchairs come from children, teenagers, and adults who are living in constant pain – every day of their life. The costs of wheelchairs covered by insurance companies often do not cover options such as motors, wheel-assist features, chair tilting, high-tech cushioning, etc. Many times, insurance will not cover the costs of even a basic chair replacement.

The Darrell Gwynn Foundation's Wheelchair Donation Program presents a wheelchair to a deserving individual on average of one to two times a month. Their goal is to expand our Wheelchair Donation Program to a national scale and provide at least 100 wheelchairs every year by the year 2013.

To learn more, see: [Darrell Gwynn Foundation](#)

To apply: [Wheelchair Application Checklist](#)