



# Share a Chair

**The Share a Chair** program is an initiative developed to expand therapeutic opportunities to support children and adults with developmental disabilities. The program will allow individuals to develop specific skills within a fun and meaningful format.

**The Share a Chair** program loans new and used rehabilitative and adaptive equipment and augmentative speech devices at **no cost** to families who do not have the resources to pay for those necessary items. Our goal is to collect donated equipment, clean and repair if necessary, and give it without cost to the medically uninsured, underinsured, and for those who fail to meet with qualifications to otherwise obtain this vital equipment through other governmental assisted programs.

Equipment will be available for loan periods, (generally one month and up to three months in the summer or longer if necessary), allowing children and adults to have access on a temporary basis, either for skill development or for exploration of suitable equipment for future purchase. A range of resources will be available based on the therapist recommendations. Soon, with the use of digital technology, families and therapists can browse our library to see what your family member might be interested in.

Attached is an inventory list of available equipment and augmentative devices. Some items are restricted for those under the age of 18, other items are available for adults. A request form is included to be used by therapists to refer individuals and or families. Referrals and training on how to use the equipment should come from therapists and the Deepwood Foundation will be happy to deliver the equipment.

**Equipment is available immediately and will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Please call the Deepwood Foundation office at 440-350-5208 to make arrangements or forward your referral form. This Program has been made possible by the generous support of:**

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