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\$6,000+ RAISED IN 1 MONTH TO HELP BOONTON 3-YEAR-OLD June 14 Fundraiser Will Rally Support for “Rainbow Baby” Ellie Cooper

BOONTON, N.J.—Ellie Cooper was born following a devastating loss for her family. Now 3 years old, Ellie lives with cerebral palsy and other rare diagnoses. Ellie’s family needs a wheelchair van to continue to transport their precious “rainbow baby” safely around Boonton and beyond—a cost insurance will not cover.

The Boonton community has raised over \$6,000 in just 1 month through a fundraising campaign with the national nonprofit Help Hope Live at:

<https://helphopelive.org/campaign/27211/>

In addition to online donations, an upcoming fundraiser on June 14 will help to rally the community and fuel hope with special guest Assemblywoman Marisa Sweeney.

“The Road Ahead” Fundraiser Details

When: Sunday, June 14 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Boonton Elks Lodge at 125 Cornelia Street, Boonton, NJ 07005

What: Live entertainment, including DJ, magic, and comedy, plus a variety of refreshments with family-friendly activities throughout the afternoon plus an in-person and online silent auction.

Special Guest: Assemblywoman Marisa Sweeney

Cost: \$20 adult ticket, \$10 child age 3-10, free under age 3.

Register: <https://events.helphopelive.org/event/7124/signup/>

Get a T-Shirt: <https://www.bonfire.com/ellie-strong-x-help-hope-live/>

Ellie’s Story

Born after her family experienced a devastating loss, Ellie is known as a “rainbow baby.” She was born at 26 weeks and started her life in the NICU. Her early delivery saved her life, but it also led to multiple complex medical needs.

Now 3 years old, Ellie lives with cerebral palsy and 3 rare genetic disorders as well as autism. She uses a wheelchair and faces challenges with physical movement and behavior.

Ellie's family hoped they wouldn't need an accessible van so soon in her life. However, in January, Ellie's father and 3 oldest siblings were involved in a car accident during the school drop-off line.

As a result, a wheelchair van is now a dire necessity for the family—and insurance will not assist with the cost.

"Ellie needs an adult to keep her safe in the backseat, and a standard vehicle doesn't allow for that," Stephanie explained. "Even a 20-minute trip to school is becoming a dangerous gamble on her safety."

Knowing the cost of a safe van could easily reach or exceed \$80,000 with no help from insurance, the family turned to the trusted medical fundraising nonprofit Help Hope Live.

When the Boonton community heard about this urgent need, they took action.

In just 1 month, over \$6,000 has been raised in Ellie's honor through the nonprofit Help Hope Live at <https://helphopelive.org/campaign/27211/>

Ellie's family has been blown away by the support. "We are absolutely overwhelmed," said Stephanie in a May page update. "From the bottom of our hearts, thank you...Your generosity is what keeps us moving forward."

Donations to Help Hope Live are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and all funds raised will be administered by the nonprofit to cover verified medical and



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related expenses. Help Hope Live verifies medical and financial need for every patient.

Help Hope Live is a national nonprofit that specializes in engaging communities in secure, tax-deductible fundraising campaigns for people who need a transplant or are affected by a catastrophic injury or illness. Since 1983, campaigns organized by Help Hope Live have raised over \$194 million to pay patient expenses, assisting more than 25,000 patient families. ###