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It's a beautiful day for a bike ride. Placing one foot on the right peddle while you push off with your left is as natural as sneezing. For the able bodied, once you mastered how to ride a two-wheel bike, you never thought about these mechanics again.

These rites of passage are anticipated and expected for most of us, but not for many children afflicted by disabilities, disorders, diseases or permanently damaged in accidents. Whether the child has Cerebral palsy, Spina Bifida, Dravet Syndrome (SMEI), Down's Syndrome, Transvere Myelitis, a neurological disorder seen in one person out a million, or more common developmental delays, those kids want to be just as active and mobile like any other.



That's why Prospect Airport Services is proud to sponsor Variety Club "Kid's on the Go!" Program. (<http://www.varietyclub26.org/programs.html#kotg>)

As new sports-mobility technologies are created and improved, Variety would like to see children with disabilities access these opportunities. Kids on the Go! is part of a national Variety effort to provide support for children and their families in the form of durable medical equipment that they cannot afford or are denied by their health insurance. In many cases, devices like adaptive bikes and special needs strollers are not covered. Despite their immense physical and therapeutic benefits, insurance may not reimburse this cost because it doesn't consider them to be necessary items. Even wheelchairs can take up to two years to be funded by insurance.