

# Silhouettes

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## Aidan's Big Red Button



Aidan is thirteen years old and a very handsome young man with a head full of brown curls and big brown eyes. Aidan and his mother, Jaclyn, have been coming to the Square & Compass Children's Clinic since Aidan was two years old.

After several months in the hospital, following a car accident which caused a traumatic brain injury and some visual impairment to Aidan, Jaclyn was directed to the clinic by the hospital staff.

Here, at the clinic, she has found most of the resources she requires for Aidan. Jaclyn and Aidan see Caroline for speech-language, Christine in Physical Therapy, and Colleen is their Social Worker. Aidan does not like to play favorites, but according to his mother Dr. Gray, in Neuro, and Caroline are his two favorites here at the clinic. In truth, Aidan truly likes all of his doctors and all the support staff.

Aidan is an 8th grader at Roberts-Naylor School. His teacher, Miss Campbell, has approximately seven children in her special needs class. Aidan is outgoing in class and enjoys spending time with his classmates. School days are filled with many activities, but it seems the part of the school day Aidan looks forward to the most is dance.

Mom, Jaclyn, says that Aidan is a bit sarcastic, definitely has a sense of humor and likes to act silly. Laughter is a big part of Aidan's personality and he can find happiness in the simple joys of life.



Aidan uses a wheelchair with a special auditory scanning device attached to his chair with approximately three screens of different words and pictures which allow Aidan to communicate with others as long as he pushes his "Big Red Button" control mounted on his wheelchair table.

When Jaclyn and Aidan have down time they like to listen to music and watch movies. Aidan especially likes Disney movies. A few of Aidan's favorite Disney movies are Frozen, Cars, and Zootopia. Jaclyn and Aidan also find time for music and singing. Reading is also a big part of Jaclyn and Aidan's life. Right now his favorite book is "Big Blue Truck". Jaclyn and Aidan have also competed in the El Tour de Tucson bike run with others here at the clinic through the Adaptive Recreation Bike Program.

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Aidan relies almost exclusively on a feeding tube for his nutrition and at one time was a big fan of lemon pudding, but now has become a finicky eater with no particular food appealing to him. Typical teenager!

Jaclyn works full time and takes a couple of classes at the University of Arizona. Her sister helps care for Aidan along with her mother and father. Jaclyn hopes Aidan's communication skills will continue to improve through his auditory scanning device and also with him being able to verbalize more words.

Jaclyn along with her busy work schedule, and being a full time care giver to Aidan, has found time to give back to the clinic as the Chairperson of the Family Advisory Board and is the Parent Representative for the Children's Clinics' Board of Directors. Jaclyn is very grateful for all the clinic has done for Aidan.

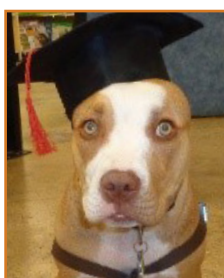
With support from donors like you, Square & Compass Children's Clinic is able to help kids like Aidan, with Traumatic Brain Injuries and other complex medical conditions, get the best care and equipment to meet their healthcare needs.

# Who Let the Dogs Out?

Several four legged friends come to visit the clinic and "work" with the patients.



**Pippa**, who is owned by Laurel Brantley a Child Life Specialist here at the clinic, just recently became certified as a Therapy Animal and has been coming to the clinic for approximately three months. Laurel has had Pippa, a Weimaraner, since she was a puppy. She is now eight years old with the softest ears, a shiny coat, and extremely expressive eyes. Squeaky toys are her favorite as long as she can remove the squeaker. We all know "human" food is not good for our four legged buddies, but Pippa is a huge fan of peanut butter and chicken. According to Laurel, Pippa is a fan of all "human" food.

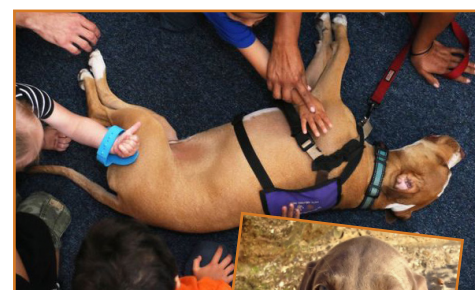


**Coco**, an eight-year-old American Red Nose Pit Bull, is another favorite here at the clinic. Coco is owned by Vickie Healey. Coco started her training as a puppy with no thought on Vickie's part of becoming a therapy dog, but with Coco's gentle nature and temperament she was a natural and obtained her certification at one year and one week. The two of them visit the clinic often. Coco is a calming presence for the children here at the clinic. She will sit with them so they can snuggle and pet her. Vickie always has a bag of carrots for Coco with her. It is her special treat, but Coco also enjoys cucumbers and watermelon. Perhaps she is a vegetarian! She, also, loves to play fetch with her ball. Coco, is very appreciative of the many pets and belly rubs she gets from the children, parents, and staff here at the clinic.



Pet therapy dates back to the 1860's and was first introduced by Florence Nightingale, who recognized how well animals provided social support for patients.

When you think of a therapy dog you should think of animals that are trained to bring out the best in people. Therapy dog's main roles are to provide comfort and affection. These animals are not specially trained to complete tasks for people like service animals, but are trained to brighten lives with their cuddles. The fact is that it is hard to resist smiling when seeing a fun dog that is as happy to see you as you are to see it.



**“I have found that when you are deeply troubled, there are things you get from the silent devoted companionship of a dog that you can get from no other source.”**

**— Quote from Doris Day**

# Where's the Beef?

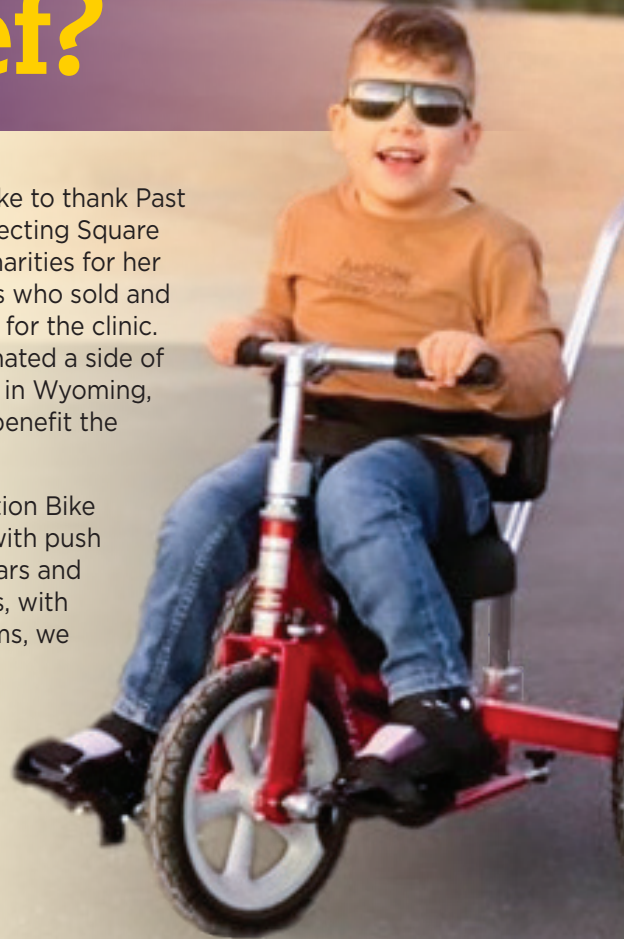


Square & Compass Children's Clinic would like to thank Past Worthy Grand Matron, Moira Carlton, for selecting Square & Compass Children's Clinic as one of the charities for her year. We'd also like to thank all the members who sold and bought tickets to support Moira's fundraiser for the clinic. Moira and her husband, Jeff, generously donated a side of grass fed beef, raised on the Carlton's ranch in Wyoming, along with a freezer, that was raffled off to benefit the clinic's Adaptive Recreation Bike Program.

Since the inception of The Adaptive Recreation Bike program, nearly 400 fully adjustable bikes with push handles, custom seats, foot pedals, handlebars and other amenities, have been given to patients, with

each bike costing an average of \$1,000. This and the other unique programs, we support at the clinic, have been successful because of donors like you.

Through the efforts of the Arizona Order of Eastern Star members and others, Moira presented a check in the amount of \$8,796.00 to Amy Burke, Executive Director of Square & Compass Children's Clinic during their Grand Chapter Session in August at Wild Horse Pass Resort. This generous donation will go directly to purchasing Adaptive Recreation Bikes for children here at the clinic.



*THANK YOU PWGM, Moira, and all who supported this fundraiser for Square & Compass. There will be many happy children as a result of your heartwarming and remarkable generosity to provide bikes, to kids with disabilities, who might not otherwise ever enjoy the experience of riding a bicycle.*

And to answer the question... **"Where's the beef?"** The side of beef and freezer was won by a member of Sunnyslope Chapter #47 Order of the Eastern Star.

## Upcoming Events at the Clinic:

**Friday October 28th** – Halloween 2-4pm

**Wednesday December 7th** – Toy Days 10-4pm

**Saturday November 19th** – El Tour de Tucson, featuring several of the Children's Clinics staff and patients.

# THANK YOU!

As supporters of Square & Compass Children's Clinic **you** play a significant role in improving the health and lives of **thousands** of children.

In 2021, there were over **37,000** patient visits in the following clinics:

Audiology	Occupational Therapy
Baclophen Pump	Ophthalmology
Behavioral Health	Optometry
Cardiology	Oral-Maxillary
Cerebral Palsy	Orthodontia
Dental	Orthopedics
Dermatology	Osteogenesis Imperfecta
Developmental Pediatrics	Pediatric Palliative Care
Down Syndrome	Pediatric Surgery
Endocrinology	Pediatrics
Ear, Nose, & Throat	Physical Therapy
Feeding	Plastic Surgery
Gastroenterology	Primary Care
Genetics	Rheumatology
Metabolic	Sickle Cell
Myelomeningocele (Child & Teen)	Sleep Disorders
Nephrology	Spasticity
Neuro-surgery	Speech Therapy
Neuro-epilepsy	Spinal Cord
Neurocutaneous	Upper Extremity
Neurology	Urology
Neuromuscular	Wheelchair
Nutrition	

In addition, we support Children's Clinics' ancillary services for patients and their families:

Child Life Specialist	Patient & Family Services
Educational Support	Pet Therapy
On-site Radiology & Lab	RN Coordinators

## A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We are sincerely grateful to - YOU - our loyal donors for making it possible for us to serve children like Aidan. It's only with your help that Square & Compass is able to continue to provide medical equipment, services, and supplies to patients and families who find it hard to meet some of the expenses related to treating children with complex medical conditions.

You can help lessen the financial burden on families that face complicated medical issues everyday by making a tax-deductible donation to the Square & Compass Children's Clinic today. It makes our mission possible and allows us to continue to assist children in our community. Another way to help is by making a bequest to Square & Compass Children's Clinic in your will so that together we can continue to provide aid to children for many more years to come.

This year marks our 75th Anniversary of serving children with complex medical conditions in Southern Arizona. And in keeping with the vision first realized in 1947, and your generous contributions, we continue to help patients in need on a daily basis. Along with our patients and families, we greatly appreciate your support.

With Gratitude,

**Amy Burke**  
*Executive Director*

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