



BOY (11) RECEIVES BUGGY WHEELCHAIR

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In a constant effort to improve activities of daily living for people living with disabilities the Bruntville Community Health Centre (CHC) has brought a bit of hope and independence by donating a buggy wheelchair to a deserving recipient.

Cebisile Mahlaba, mother of Thabani Buthelezi an 11 year old boy from the rural village of Mgwanya, was ecstatic after receiving the Buggy wheelchair for her son Thabani on Monday the 1st July 2013.

Thabani, the beneficiary of the wheelchair, was born with cerebral palsy (CP) this is an umbrella term denoting a group of non-progressive, non-contagious motor conditions that cause physical disability in human development, specifically in the various areas of body movement. Scientific consensus still holds that CP is neither genetic nor a 'condition', and it is also understood that the vast majority of cases are congenital, coming at or about the time of birth, and/or are diagnosed at a very young age rather than during adolescence or adulthood.

Cebisile, the beneficiarie’s mother expressed her happiness with the new buggy wheelchair, as it will improve Thabani’s daily activities, and allow him a certain degree of independence as he grows.

“My boy will be able to gain independence skills with this buggy wheelchair, and I like it because it is comfortable and it is the right size” said Cebisile.



Standing from left: Cebisile Mahlaba (Mother), Caroline Zwane (Occupational Therapist BCHC) Rene Ramdeen (Assesment Centre) and seated: Thabani Buthelezi beneficiary of the buggy wheelchair