



Not Just The Stairclimber People – Case Study

A simple chair enables Stanley to participate in family life

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When you have a child with a disability, one of the biggest problems is balancing family life, ensuring they do not feel excluded.

For paediatric therapy support practitioner and mother Sam Reid, the answer to the problem has been a chair. Specifically, one of AAT GB's Gravity Chairs, for her son Stanley.

Stanley (aged 9) has an undiagnosed neuromuscular condition. It means he fatigues easily and struggles to maintain a seating position when tired. As a result, he often ends up lying on the sofa or bed whilst his siblings play.

Stanley's Occupational Therapist in West Somerset, Tracy Potter, knew of the Gravity Chair, and arranged a trial to see if the innovative foam positioning system would help with her client's comfort and energy levels.

The Gravity Chair foam positioning system has been scientifically designed to positively harness the natural forces of gravity, providing a stable, supported environment.

The structure of the seat allows muscle contortion to be accommodated without putting the occupant at risk. It helps alleviate discomfort from spasm and involuntary movement, providing a safe and non-restrictive seating option to ease deformities and contractures. An optional tilt wedge can finitely adjust inclination of the Chair to individual user needs.



Explains mum Sam, "We love the Gravity Chair! Stanley is so comfortable in it that he hasn't sat in any other chair since. He feels safe and supported. It helps him conserve his energy, enabling him to rest whilst still being part of family life and then giving him that boost to participate."

"As it's lightweight, we can easily move it to wherever we need, even into the garden, so he's been able to spend much more time with his siblings. I've told numerous friends about it, especially in the special needs community, who are now also considering it for their children."

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