



World Life Institute
PROJECT LIFE
YOUTH SERVING YOUTH FUNDRAISER FOR AHMED CHERIF
In association with the Medina YMCA
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Who is Ahmed Cherif?

Ahmed is a 9-year-old boy from Tunisia now living in Medina, New York. He came to the United States with his mother last year. He was born with a club foot, is non-verbal, developmentally delayed, and has left facial paralysis. He came here seeking medical care that was unobtainable in Tunisia.

Where is he receiving care?

Ahmed is under the care of the pediatric team at Golisano Children's Hospital, part of the University of Rochester health system. The most prominent medical problem was his persistent vomiting and inability to retain what he ate. Last July he weighed only about 35 pounds.

What conditions does he suffer from?

So far, specialists have identified Ahmed as having Oro-Facial Syndrome Type II, Rumination Syndrome, Autism, and bone growth delay. He also suffers from allergies and asthma. He still has a lot of tests and treatments ahead, including further neurological evaluation starting with an MRI of his brain. He will also be assessed for spinal scoliosis and will undergo a sleep study.

Progress to date:

Project Life has had the privilege, since Ahmed arrived in the United States in January 2023, to support improving his quality of life. When he came, he had never seen a dentist. Ahmed has now received extensive dental treatment including surgery. He had worn leg braces since the age of 3. He no longer wears leg braces, thanks to supportive physical therapy over the past six months. His eyes were tested, and he now wears corrective glasses. Some of his digestive issues have subsided due to tests done at Yale University which surfaced the diagnosis of Rumination Syndrome. Now, with medication, he has gained weight, and the vomiting has subsided. He's up to about 45 pounds now and is outgrowing his clothes for the first time in 3 years. He's an inch taller, too. He is benefiting from ongoing physical, occupational, vision, and speech therapy.

How can you help?

Buy tickets and encourage your contacts to buy tickets and attend this fun and exciting day! Proceeds from the event on April 20 will help support Ahmed's medical and living expenses. If you can't attend, donate on our website or by mail. Project Life's staff are all volunteers, no one is paid for the services they give to the project.

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