

## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Fishers Student to Receive New Wheelchair Van**

*Community rallies to raise money for an accessible vehicle following devastating spinal blood clot that leaves 14-year-old paralyzed.*

**WHEN:** 5-8 PM on Saturday, October 18

**WHERE:** Mo's Irish Pub at Hamilton Town Center, 13193 Levinson Lane, Noblesville

**WHAT:** Mia Carter and her family will receive a wheelchair accessible vehicle thanks to the generosity of many community donations and corporate partnerships facilitated by Samantha's House and Van. Mia, a student at Fishers Junior High School, suffered a devastating spinal injury that left her paralyzed last November. She is undergoing intense physical therapy and is working to recover strength in her legs. Her new van will allow her to enter and exit her vehicle without needing assistance from others.

#### **VISUALS FOR TV/PHOTO DESK:**

- Unveiling of the van and the family's reaction
- Community gathering in support of Mia and her family

#### **INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Mia and her family about the impact their van will have on the family and their gratitude toward all involved
- Representatives from Samantha's House and Van, and Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana (RHI), who facilitated the donation
- Representatives from BraunAbility, the manufacturer of the accessible vehicle

*About Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana*

*Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana (RHI) is community collaboration between Indiana University Health and St. Vincent Health. RHI offers a full range of inpatient acute services and outpatient and vocational rehabilitation services for adults with life-changing illness and injuries in brain*

*injury, spinal cord, stroke, amputation, orthopedic conditions, neuromuscular disease, burns and related disabilities. For more information, visit [www.rhin.com](http://www.rhin.com)*

#### *About BraunAbility*

*BraunAbility is the world's leading manufacturer of wheelchair accessible vehicles and wheelchair lifts for both personal use and commercial applications. Founded nearly 50 years ago by Ralph Braun, the company was built on the age-old adage, "Necessity is the mother of invention." Ralph Braun was a young man who used a wheelchair and had no reliable transportation to and from his place of work. He built his first wheelchair accessible vehicle in 1972, and since then, BraunAbility has grown into the most well-known and trusted brand in the mobility industry, bringing independence to tens of thousands of individuals around the world. For more information, please visit [www.braunability.com](http://www.braunability.com).*