

Hard-working parents need accessibility for son

Rachel O'Hagan's Story

My son has spinal muscular atrophy. Prior to his diagnosis we were about to take advantage of our first-time home buyer's option. Unfortunately, when my son was diagnosed we had to utilize all our savings to access treatment and support for him to stay alive. I used my teacher's pension to pay for it and we continued renting.

Fast-forward four years and we are still renting. We had to leave our previous home because we had two flights of stairs and carrying my son up and down stairs created a lot of dangerous situations. We moved into a one-level home (still renting), but we cannot do much to support my son's needs because we are not the owners. We deserve support and so does my son — he deserves to freely access his home. My husband and I both work multiple jobs and are successful people but our current reality does not allow us to provide for our son. Our hands are tied.