



We're raising £50,000 this year to continue Max's America for treatment because the alternative is **unthinkable!**

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WHATS THE PROBLEM?

Bad timing with an imminent need for surgery.

Max's scoliosis requires surgery before his curve impacts his internal organs and becomes life threatening. It means inserting metal rods down the length of his spine. It's nasty, invasive surgery leaving a scar the full length of his back. He will require repeated surgeries every 3 to 6 months to lengthen the rods through his growth spurt from age 8 until 12 and beyond. Ultimately he'll like require his spine fused solid and be left with life-long disability and pain management. There is a better option, but we've just sunk our last pennies into creating an adapted accessible home.

WHATS THE SOLUTION?

Alternative treatment in America.

There's no cure or management in the UK - just observation until surgery is required. I know from my last few years of research that there are routes to a better outcome. Dedicated, multi-disciplinary scoliosis centres addressing physical, neurological and genetic influences. I've had private x-rays taken showing that he has a flexible spine capable of curve reduction of around 50%. With that knowledge, irreversible surgery with life-long problems is simply not an option.

HOW WILL THE MONEY BE SPENT?

Travel, treatment and aftercare.

£50k secures travel, accommodation and intensive therapy clinics out there each year, £7,500 for replacement 3D braces, approx £4,500 for an adapted wheelchair, and approx £5,500 for car adaptations. Attending his exercises or other supporting therapies costing around £30,000. If he requires less-invasive keyhole surgery available in America we will raise more.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

3 ways - Donate. fundraise or help us spread the word.

Time is against us and we really do appreciate every little effort to help us achieve our goal of getting Max to America on January 16th, and supporting him beyond. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING #TEAMMAX and getting involved in anyway you feel you can. Thank you so much for your support.