

CARING FOR CAMERON

A great cause for a great family in need...



Michael and Belinda Belcher, along with their family have been staples in the Clarkston, MI Area for many years. They have faced many obstacles of adversity, but have always pulled through and have been strong. Unfortunately, on August 13th, 2022, tragedy struck the Belcher Family and they lost their Patriarch, Michael ("Mike"), unexpectedly to a massive heart attack. It was such a devastating loss to his entire family, as Mike was an amazing friend, brother, father, husband and the biggest Pittsburgh Steelers Fan you have ever met. He was the primary financial provider for his family, as well. He leaves behind his wife, Belinda, of 30 years, a daughter and two sons.

One of his sons, Cameron (age 21), was born with a chromosomal disorder called Ring 14. Ring 14 is an extremely rare disorder. Only about 80 people in the entire world have been diagnosed with Ring 14.

What is Ring 14?

Ring14 is a very rare genetic disorder caused by a mutation in the 14th chromosome. The ends of the chromosome fuse together, forming a ring structure – hence the name “Ring14 syndrome.” Genetic material is often, though not always, lost from this mutation, but serious health consequences tend to result either way. It is recognizable phenotype consisting of psychomotor delay, cognitive disability, hypotonia, feeding and growth difficulties and seizures experienced by those diagnosed.

Ring 14 has caused Cameron to experience multiple debilitating seizures per day, as it is a physical, mental and intellectual disability. Cameron needs 24-hour care and cannot be left alone. His mother, Belinda, is his main care giver. Before the family's sudden loss, Mike would take him in and out of the shower and lift him, as needed. Mike was the muscle of the home and Belinda facilitated the remainder of Cameron's care.

The Belcher Family, along with Mike's friends, have banded together as a unit and has been helping as much as possible to help make their home more handicap accessible for Cameron.

Now, the family has one more hurdle to overcome and help Belinda get passed. The family is now in desperate need of a car, preferably a van, because the previous vehicle was solely in Mike's name and also it's not best for her and Cameron to get in and out of.

Mike's friends, siblings and extended family are devastated for Mike's loss and cannot imagine how his children and his wife, Belinda, are feeling; especially since she lost her husband and life partner of 30 years.



Lighting the path to a brighter future for our Ring14 Community...