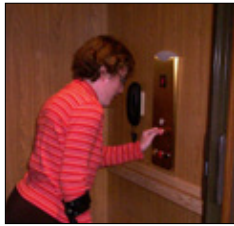


Tesha, of McBain, is finally able to move about her home independently. She is trying out her home elevator, which she purchased with a loan from the MATLF. The elevator allows her to easily move from floor to floor, which allows her to fully enjoy each room in her home. She was also able to buy two roll-in showers, which added to her independence. □

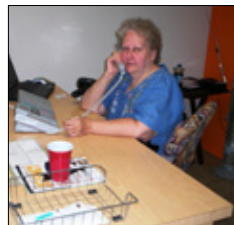


Before the Morris family of Troy acquired a wheelchair lift for daughter Rachel, they had to lift the 5-year-old and her wheelchair into vehicles themselves – which was enough to sometimes make them think twice about going places. Friends and relatives held a fundraiser for the van, while MATLF provided the loan for a wheelchair lift to complete the adapted van. □

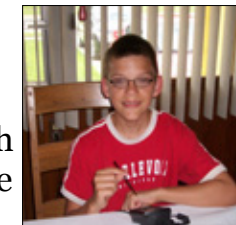


How can the MATLF improve your quality of life?

Sharon of Kalamazoo has thoroughly enjoyed the past fifteen years as a receptionist with Disability Network/SW Michigan. Thanks to a loan from the MATLF, Sharon was able to purchase a new Pride power scooter and will be able to continue her position and many other activities, including shopping and attending church. □



Shane is finally able to order his own cheeseburger and fries at restaurants, joke with his friends at Grandville High School, and chat with his neighbors. Shane's parents used a loan from the MATLF to buy him a Palm™ communication device. Shane loves that he can finally communicate with others. □



Michigan Assistive Technology Loan Fund

Low-Interest Loans for People with Disabilities and Seniors to Buy Assistive Equipment and Devices



Transportation • Independence

Communication • Employment



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what purpose does this loan fund serve?

The AT loan fund helps people with disabilities and their family members get the equipment they need to be more independent and enjoy a higher quality of life.

what is assistive technology (AT)?

Any item or equipment that lets a person with a disability have more independence and a better quality of life.

do I have to have a certain disability to get a loan?

No. The AT Loan Fund defines a disability as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities include seeing, hearing, speaking, walking, breathing, performing manual tasks, learning, caring for oneself, and working.

who can borrow money?

Michigan residents with disabilities and their family members or guardian.

how much can I borrow?

You may borrow up to \$30,000. Your ability to repay the amount requested will help the Loan Committee decide if your loan application is approved.

what A.T. can I purchase with a loan?

Allowable equipment includes, but is not limited to:

- Hearing aids
- Wheelchairs
- Motorized scooters
- Voice simulation systems
- Braille equipment
- Telecommunications equipment
- Augmentative communications equipment
- Environmental control units
- Computers
- Adapted recreational equipment
- Accessible building modifications
- Modified vehicles

what if I have poor credit?

If you have bad credit because of your disability, including bankruptcy, the AT Loan Fund will still consider your application. You must be taking steps to resolve your credit problems.