



Adelyn

Adelyn came to Chakota in 2013. She is 4 years old and has Dandy-Walker Variant. Don't let her diagnosis fool you; she is a very strong and determined little girl! When she came to us at the age of 3, she could not wear a helmet due to the weight of it, as her neck could not support it and hold her head up. She also had trouble sitting up straight on her own.

We chose April for her horse to help her sit up better and help build up her strength. Over the break last year, we saw a video of her riding an adaptive bike on her own! This year she started wearing a helmet! Her neck strength increased, as did her independence!

She now rides her horse, April, side saddle, sitting up, holding her head up high with her helmet on! Adelyn has come so far in the last 2 seasons! We are all so proud of her. She has a smile that will just melt you and steal your heart. We have several volunteers that can't wait to see her each week and want to always help out. You cannot help but love her sweet face and she gets so proud of herself when she makes more goals! This season we have also started playing music for her while she rides and now she is dancing to the music on the back of her horse! She yells very loudly to her horse to "WALK!" We can't wait to see what she will do next! She has been such a joy for everyone.