**Community Support Needed for Arizona Family Selected by National Nonprofit
Jett Foundation to Receive Accessible Vehicle**

*Recipient families raise half the funds (or more) of the cost of their accessible van through grassroots fundraising, Jett Foundation covers the remaining portion and gifts the van to family.*

**TUSCON, AZ ­– APRIL 12, 2021 –** [Jett Foundation](http://www.jettfoundation.org), a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and funds for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, is helping Tuscan, AZ family, the Plancks, with the purchase of an accessible van through their financial assistance program, [Jett Giving Fund](http://jettfoundation.org/givingfund/). Anthony Planck, a 23-year-old living with Duchenne, and his family, are raising half the funds needed (or more) for their accessible van and Jett Foundation is covering the remaining portion to purchase the van for the family.

Anthony Planck was diagnosed with Duchenne at the age of three. Over the years, the family’s accessible van has continued to break down, and the costs for repairs skyrocketed. After several patchwork efforts to keep it running–with support from friends and family–the van was no longer operable or repairable.

The loss of the van–and the accompanying loss of autonomy and accessibility–has weighed heavily on him. For a year prior to the COVID-related shutdowns, Anthony was already living in a form of forced isolation due to lack of safe, reliable transportation. On top of that, getting to and from doctor’s appointments is also extremely challenging and cumbersome, with Anthony depending on state transportation services which often prove to be inconsistent and unreliable.

“We are so grateful for the support of Jett Foundation and our local community as we work to raise the funds needed to obtain a wheelchair accessible van for Anthony,” said Jamie Planck, Anthony’s mother.

**The Planck family has not yet met their fundraising goal and is turning to their local community for support in this especially challenging year. Donations can be safely and easily made online on the family’s fundraising page at** [***https://www.jettfoundation.org/jgf2021-anthony-planck***](https://www.jettfoundation.org/jgf2021-anthony-planck)***.***

“Items like accessible vans are vital to improving the quality of life of someone living with Duchenne. We also know how incredibly expensive that equipment is, and how little health insurance actually covers,” says Eric Snyder, Jett Foundation Executive Director. “Jett Giving Fund’s Accessible Vehicle Fund aims to make life-changing accessible equipment just a little more obtainable for individuals affected by Duchenne.”

Since 2017, Jett Foundation’s [Jett Giving Fund](https://www.jettfoundation.org/jett-giving-fund) has helped transform the lives of countless families across the country, gifting over $1.5 million worth of accessible equipment thanks to the generous support of individual donors and major sponsors including Cure Dale’s Duchenne, Fibrogen, and Sarepta Therapeutics. To learn more about Jett Giving Fund or to become a sponsor, please visit: www.jettfoundation.org/jett-giving-fund.

For more information, please contactJamie Planck, (520) 730-2790. ***To read more about Anthony or make a donation, please visit*** [***https://www.jettfoundation.org/jgf2021-anthony-planck***](https://www.jettfoundation.org/jgf2021-anthony-planck)***.***

**About Duchenne muscular dystrophy**

Diagnosed during childhood, Duchenne is a progressive neuromuscular disorder that causes a loss of motor, pulmonary, and cardiac function, and premature death. It affects every one in 3,500 live male births and some females. Duchenne has no cure. Children with Duchenne are born seemingly healthy and decline over time, usually losing their ability to walk around the age of 12 and succumbing to the disease in their early to mid-twenties.

**About Jett Foundation and Jett Giving Fund**

Since 2001, Jett Foundation has extended and enriched the lives of individuals affected by Duchenne muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular disorders. Jett Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3); all donations are tax deductible. Learn more at [www.jettfoundation.org](http://www.jettfoundation.org).

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