**Story for Global Giving April 2024**

Today’s story is about Ziyad.

Ziyad is 4 years old and has Trisomy 21, as well as a hemiplegic paralysis in his legs. The first day our team met him, he didn’t have control over his body or his movements. He was always laying on the ground. But after doing regular follow ups for about a year, Ziyad is now able to sit and stand for up to two to three seconds. He also learned to crawl on his tummy and to walk on all fours. His mother has been very encouraging, and she has been doing the exercises with him regularly. It brings her great joy to see her son improve day after day.

We plan on continuing our work with him and hope to see him be able to take steps by himself. Once he’s reached this goal, we’d like to provide him with braces for both his legs so that he can learn to walk by himself.