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Meet Jaime McEwan

Eleven year old Jaime McEwan can now fully participate in an active lifestyle with her family and friends thanks to a Halberg Activity Fund grant for an outdoor chair.

The Dunedin local has DNA deletion on Chromosome 15, which means she has very low muscle tone and requires a wheelchair to get out and about in her community. Jaime loves exploring the outdoors with her family but her previous wheelchair was not suitable for any terrain other than indoors and sealed paths.

Having access to appropriate equipment like the Hippocampe All Terrain Chair means that Jaime and her family can stay active together and enjoy being on both the outdoors tracks and the beach.

Jaime's mum, Debbie, says the Hippocampe is an invaluable tool

for Jaime and her whanau. It enables her to access her local environment with greater ease, be involved in school camp activities and keep up with her friends.

"We're now looking for accessible tracks in our community to explore together," Debbie says.

