A NEW WILLY'S WORLD GRANT

Willy's World Launches Axton Strong Grant to Support Racing Families

FIRST GRANT AWARD

$1,038

A meaningful amount inspired by Axton's racing number

#38



Tammy & Will Thomas with the Susice Family.

HERMITAGE, Pa. — June 28, 2026. During Walk for Willy's World, Willy's World introduced a new grant with a special connection to the racing community: the Axton Strong Grant, created in honor of Axton Susice.



Born 15 weeks premature on June 9, 2023, Axton has faced significant challenges from the very beginning. Later diagnosed with cerebral palsy, his journey has included countless doctor's appointments, therapy sessions, and milestones that his parents, Rebecca and Ryan, have celebrated every step of the way. Through it all, Axton has shown a remarkable strength that continues to inspire those around him.



For Willy's World, Axton's story also reflects something deeply rooted in racing: when one family needs help, the racing community shows up. The Axton Strong Grant was created to carry that spirit forward by supporting racing families across the country who are raising a child with a disability or facing medical expenses, therapy costs, safety needs, or other unexpected challenges.

The inaugural grant was presented to the Susice family during the Walk in the amount of $1,038, a number chosen with special meaning. Ryan races the No. 38 Modified, connecting the award to a number that represents their family both on and off the track.



Through future Axton Strong Grants, Willy's World hopes to remind racing families facing difficult journeys that they are not alone, while carrying forward the strength, hope, and impact of one very special little boy.

More than a number. A legacy of strength.

The $1,038 award carries Axton's No. 38 forward by helping another family within the racing community.