

# Story of Carlijn and Margreet

Carlijn, a 9-year-old, is one of Margreet and Maarten's daughters. Carlijn is super bright and social, has severe multiple disabilities and she is in a wheelchair. She moves with difficulty and cannot talk. She operates a speech computer with her eyes.



The family leads a busy life and enjoys going out together. Even ordinary things are an outing for them like shopping in a big city. But they are very active in their free time anyway. Margreet explains, *"We go to the theater and the cinema. And we also like to visit zoos. A big outing for us is a day at an amusement park like the Efteling and Toverland."*

A big problem with those outings, is that Carlijn cannot go to a regular toilet. This leads to a lot of hassle in practice. Mother Margreet says: *"I find it important that I can take care of Carlijn in a humane way when we go out as a family."*

Fortunately, this is possible with a horizontal toilet facility where there is an elevator, a high-low stretcher, a wheelchair-accessible toilet and a high-low sink. In England this is already very common, unfortunately not yet in the Netherlands. Fortunately, the first one will open soon in Beekse Bergen. Carlijn and Margreet are already greatly looking forward to it: *"I will definitely come to the opening with my three little daughters. This is a super nice step! We hope that many more day attractions will follow because a Changing Places Toilet has a great impact on us as a family to get out and about together."*