



## MEET PHOENIX

7 YEARS OLD

DOWN SYNDROME

MORRISVILLE, NC



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*"My sports dream is to practice with the UNC Men's Basketball Players!"*

Meet Phoenix, an energetic and bright 7-year-old from Morrisville, NC. Phoenix lives with Down Syndrome, but this life-altering condition doesn't ever slow him down for long! This UNC Chapel Hill super fan is never caught without a basketball in his hands and loves playing the game outside with his brother.

At such young age, Phoenix faces many challenges throughout his day. His biggest frustration occurs when he attempts to communicate with others, but is not understood. Despite this hardship, Phoenix works hard with his speech therapist throughout the week and is determined to make improvement with his word articulation.

In the past, Phoenix has felt isolated and different from his peers. However, Phoenix and his brother are finally old enough to start participating in sports! Phoenix is excited for this new adventure and to be part of a team!

Phoenix and his dad NEVER miss a UNC Men's Basketball game on TV, but have never seen the Tar Heel's play at Dean Smith Center. Phoenix's ultimate sports dream is to practice and play with the UNC Basketball players. Go Tar Heels!



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