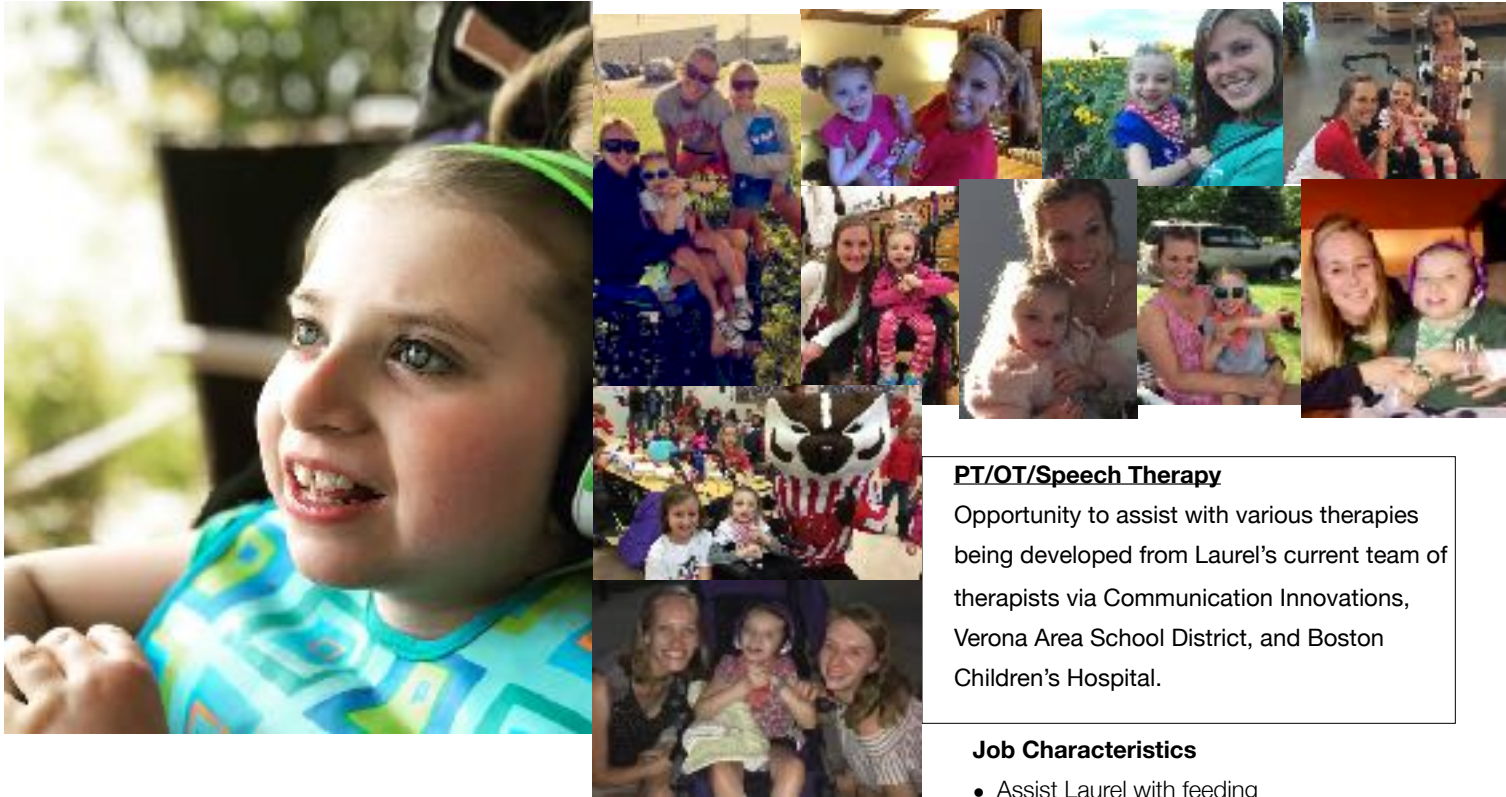


# Respite / Personal Care / Therapy Position Available

**Parents Names:** Jason & Heather Cooper

**Daughter:** Laurel

**Contact Info:** Cell: 608-293-1718



## We Could Use Your Help

We are looking for someone special to assist us with our daughter Laurel (LuLu). The hours are flexible as we have other students assisting as part of her team. Laurel is 10 years old and was diagnosed with Rett syndrome 8 years ago. Rett syndrome is a rare genetic disorder that affects primarily little girls. Unfortunately, it has stripped Laurel of her ability to walk, talk, or have purposeful use of her hands. We have been working with amazing UW undergrad and grad students from OT, Nursing, Speech, and even Engineering for the past 8 years, and they have become part of our family! In addition, we regularly work with the Waisman center as part of their LEND family mentor program. Laurel needs assistance with daily living activities such as feeding, bathing and toileting. She also loves to listen to music (Taylor Swift still a big favorite), and she likes to go run errands and go for walks. There is also an opportunity to assist with her therapies as needed. We are looking for individuals during the week for evening hours between 4 pm to 9 pm, and weekend hours during the day and evening. We currently have other UW students working with us, but we are looking to add more to the team! We also have one other daughter who is 13, and having assistance with Laurel will greatly enhances our ability to spend more time with her as well. We will be looking for an individual who will also be a good fit for our family as you will become part of it. Proficiency in Shawn Mendes and Taylor Swift a plus.

### **PT/OT/Speech Therapy**

Opportunity to assist with various therapies being developed from Laurel's current team of therapists via Communication Innovations, Verona Area School District, and Boston Children's Hospital.

### **Job Characteristics**

- Assist Laurel with feeding
- Assist Laurel with bathing
- Assist Laurel with toileting
- Assist with bedtime routine
- **Accepted as patient care hours**
- Assistance with therapy as needed
- Develop understanding Rett syndrome
- PT, OT, or Communication Therapy background a plus (potential to work with the Tobii/PODD Communication System), not required
- Spending time with our crazy/loving family
- Paying Agency: Community Living Alliance/Family Support
- Brief Training/Background Check Required
- ~ \$12.50+ per hour
- Current help can also be contacted
- Car ownership a plus, not mandatory

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