



# Jesse's Wish Foundation

Fall 2021 Newsletter

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Friends and Family,

September was Childhood Cancer Awareness Month - not that one month is anywhere near enough time to share the current situation of our kids - pediatric cancer gets only 4% of Federal funding, that's 4 pennies for every dollar. There are 12 types of childhood cancer and over 100 subtypes.

We invite you to share in the wonderful ways your support keeps Jesse's Wish thriving!

- Supported a virtual walk organized by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.
- Helped feed several families through the CURE Open Arms Program in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Delivered board games for each room at Ronald McDonald House Charleston.
- Supported a friend of Jesse's, Michael Romano, for his annual Grand Slammer Fundraiser as they too generously assist pediatric cancer families. We also continue to support The Sean Hanna Foundation, another friend of Jesse's, which covers a multitude of areas for pediatric cancer families as well as cancer research. We are thrilled to be able to partner with these families that have also taken their heartache and have made a way to redeem their loss by selflessly giving to other families in the situation they once were themselves.
- My eldest son Matt, currently serving in our military and now stationed in Virginia, has provided new avenues for in-person toy/gift deliveries in that area.
- We donated to Ronald McDonald House New York for September Childhood Awareness Month. They had a grant for the month which doubled our donation, helping 14 families.
- Provided an extensive wish list of items to Prisma Health Children's Hospital in Columbia, S.C.
- Supported Hunter Rose for her dodgeball tournament benefiting Seattle Children's Hospital.
- Provided lodging costs for Elijah's family to take a two-night adventure and make some fun memories together (photo on right).



According to the American Childhood Cancer Organization:

- Each year in the U.S, an estimated 15, 780 children aged 0-19 are diagnosed with cancer
- Approximately 1 in 285 children in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer before their 20th birthday
- Globally there are more than 300,000 children diagnosed with cancer each year
- 20% of children with cancer in the U.S. will not survive it
- Every 3 minutes a family hears the devastating words that their child has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Cancer remains the #1 cause of death by disease for children in America

Please continue to spread awareness by sharing our newsletters, website, and FB posts @jesseswish3790

Thank you for supporting Jesse's Wish Foundation!

With love and appreciation,

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