

## **Summer 2022 Newsletter**

We hope that you are all enjoying
Jesse's favorite time of year with
lots of sun, surf, and sand!
Let us remember the children we
support who don't have that simple
luxury, but because of your
generosity, we are able to continue to
bring them some joy.



We were especially thrilled to be able to purchase three iPads for our kids. Sami loaded them with popular games and apps, as well as a subscription to Disney+. One went to RMHC in NYC, one to MUSC in Charleston, and one to Savannah Memorial Hospital.

We still continue to support large charities such as CURE and WHIP Pediatric.

We were introduced to a child in treatment, whose wish was for everyone in her hospital to get a "Brave Gown" to wear. Brave Gown designs fun and colorful hospital gowns to be more comfortable and bright! Another child held a book contest to benefit kids and we purchased books for them.

Back in Jesse's hometown, we supported two girls Jhanae and Teagan by contributing to the Penguin Plunge Fundraiser.

For Mother's Day, we filled gift bags with lots of self-care and love for mama's at RMHC in Charleston and Savannah, as well as backpacks filled with Squishy Frog pillows and crafts for the kids!

Jayden; a nine-year-old boy fighting Leukemia, received a Jesse's Wish box filled with his favorites and Marian's book, *The Sacred Ripple*. If you're interested in receiving a copy, please let us know.



Daughters of the King Hospital in Virginia was extremely grateful for Door Dash Gift Cards.

Sami recently walked over some urgent baby needs to RMHC in NYC.

We delivered 48 of our new Jesse's Wish branded backpacks filled with goodies to Prisma Hospital in Columbia, SC.



We are honored to support Riley Faith, a sweet and selfless 6-year-old, who is not only fighting cancer but helping others at the same time; just as Jesse did. We sent gifts for her and her sister and have named her a "Jesse's Wish Ambassador"!

She will be giving out our toy-filled backpacks in the hospital she goes to.



As you can see, we've been busy and blessed to carry on Jesse's wish for him. July is Sarcoma Awareness Month and we pray that we will see great strides in medical options for our kids. The American Childhood Cancer Organization is on a mission to have all 50 states participate in getting states to declare September as #CCAM and YOU can help by learning more at <a href="this site">this site</a> and let your state know our kids need more than 4% of funding.

We were honored to record an episode of *Help and Hope Happen Here* with Mark Levine. To listen, <u>click here</u>. You can also find it on all major podcast streaming platforms and on our website.

With grateful hearts,

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