

Spring 2021 Newsletter www.jesseswishfoundation.org

Dear family and friends,

We hope you are enjoying this beautiful spring weather. What a wonderful time of the year seeing all things become new; flowers blooming, birds singing; the feeling of hope in the air. That is what we desire to instill in the hearts of our families and their children undergoing cancer treatment.

- Continued deliveries for Valentine's Day and Easter, making trips to two local hospitals and Ronald McDonald houses as well as mailing gift cards to Philadelphia and NYC.
- Teamed up again with other nonprofits doing wonderful work such as Noah Nation Foundation who provides pajamas that are easily assessable for the children's chemo ports at St Jude's in Tennessee.
- We also provided financial support to a very large organization Give Kids The World in Florida. It's a magical place that Jesse was able to enjoy where families can stay at no cost. They provide a variety of activities and a shuttle to Disney.
- Jesse's cousin Jake danced for The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation and we were able to support his efforts. Jesse's cousin Kristin, a breast cancer survivor, walked for the American Cancer Society and we joined her team.
- One of our latest recipients is Sariyah Martin (pictured on the right) is on her 11<sup>th</sup> final round of chemo for retinoblastoma. We gifted her a giant musical piano mat and a backpack filled with 26 musical instruments. Her wonderful mom, Jasmine, has gone above and beyond by creating a group called *Moms* of *Warriors*, which provides mommy care packages. We sent 36 of *The Sacred Ripple* books to include in those care packages.
- We continue to pray for and support Elijah and his family in Ohio. They are having a very rough time in treatment and with traveling to and from North Carolina continually.
- Jesse's Wish provided a grocery gift card to the family of 2-year-old Charles fighting brain cancer.
- This year for Samantha's birthday she posted a fundraiser for Jesse's Wish on Facebook with a \$200 goal and ended up collecting \$955! Facebook fundraisers are a great way to support the foundation!
- I'm sure you remember our sweet Abbey (pictured on the right) who is about to have her chemo port removed! She is dreaming of a trip to Disney to celebrate. We are blessed to be able to help her fund that dream.

We thank you for your continued financial support enabling us to provide some small resemblance of that hope while putting smiles on their faces with the gifts we can provide. It is all because of your generosity!

Love,

Marian Newell Executive Diretor Samantha Spina President





