



## **Jesse's Wish Foundation**

Summer 2020 Newsletter

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Dear Family and Friends,

We hope that you are all doing well in these difficult, uncertain times. Despite everything going on in the world, we have many exciting things to update you on since our last newsletter.

First and foremost, we are extremely grateful that Jesse's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday fundraiser event, "Thirty Dancing", was a huge success! It's hard to put into words how special it was to see Jesse's friends come together and bring their friends and families. Over 130 people came out to honor his life! A special thank you to those who sold raffle tickets, donated baskets, and especially those who dug into their pockets to donate and match donations - you know who you are! To our wonderful DJ and our energetic MC - thank you! We are forever grateful.

During quarantine, we were able to mail grocery store gift cards to St. Christopher's Children's Hospital and CHOP (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia). Once restrictions lifted, *Jesse's Wish* was able to bring another round giftbags to both hospitals.

Individual support was given to a six-year-old named Elijah, who is fighting stage four Neuroblastoma. He and his family live in Ohio and had to make the trip to New York for his treatment despite difficulties with COVID-19 restrictions.

We purchased a piano for 16-year-old Jayde, a high school drama student fighting Ewing's Sarcoma. She is thrilled to be able to keep practicing while in the hospital and to play for the other children.

We continue to support individuals through other non-profits such as Whip Pediatric Center and Camp Sunshine in memory of Jesse's friend Michael.

Marian moved to South Carolina. **For mail or donations, please send to 17 Waxwing Ct. Bluffton, S.C. 29910.** We have already made personal contacts at Memorial Hospital in Savannah, GA, Ronald McDonald House in Charleston, and The Medical University Of South Carolina (MUSC). We will still continue to support the hospitals up north through delivery and through Samantha in NYC.

We also have a brand-new website! Please visit us at:  
[www.jesseswishfoundation.org](http://www.jesseswishfoundation.org)

Thank you for remembering that even though it seems like life has been put on hold for most of us, pediatric cancer unfortunately never stops. We need you!

We pray good health and blessings to you.

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