



Jesse's Wish Foundation

Winter 2018 Newsletter

Dear Family and Friends,

Thanks to your support, Jesse's Wish Foundation has had a fruitful season continuing our mission of helping bring joy, encouragement, and available financial support to children with cancer and their families; as well as supporting large organizations assisting with care and pediatric research. I would like to share with you the impact of your donation.

One of our latest Jesse's Wish recipients is a six-year-old boy named Tzadok. He has a cranial myeloma (brain tumor) on his pituitary gland. His mom informed us that he couldn't wear his sibling's hand-me-down clothing for school, since his growth hormone medication has made him a little bigger than his older brother. Tzadok will have to be on this medication until he is 18 years old. Jesse's Wish provided new clothes for his new school year. Tzadok was excited, just check out his adorable smile!



Tzadok



Mason

We are thrilled to report the great progress of seven-year old Mason after having treatment number 30. Mason has a polycystic astrocytoma (spinal cord tumor). Mason's mom needs to travel quite a distance for his treatments so Jesse's Wish provided them with gasoline cards. When Mason was feeling able to go, Jesse's Wish also sent them admission tickets for "Alligator Farm" and tickets to their local Zoo.

Jesse's Wish has been in contact with the executive director of Tomorrow's Children Fund at Hackensack Hospital. She identified a 17-year-old girl named Minerva who is fighting an Osteogenic Sarcoma. Minerva asked for some new clothes from Jesse's Wish.

For the second year in a row, *Jesse's Wish* supported the annual Sean Hanna Foundation 5K Walk/Run. Sean's family has been very instrumental in our common endeavor offering comprehensive support and funding research for children suffering with cancer through The Sean Hanna Foundation, in memory of Sean. Sean never left Jesse's side while they both endured extensive treatment together

We were able make a contribution to The Andrew McDonough B+ (Be Positive) Foundation, the largest provider of financial assistance to families of children with cancer nationwide. They support cutting edge research across the country.

We are currently working with the program manager at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in NYC (where Jesse was treated) to identify more children to assist, thanks to your continued support.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Everyday 43 children are diagnosed with cancer.
- More than 40,000 kids are in treatment each year.
- In the last 20 years, only 4 cancer treatments have been specifically developed and approved for children.
- 60% of children who survive suffer long-term side effects.
- One out of eight children with cancer will not survive.

Every Gift Counts!

Thank You and God Bless You,

Marian Newell
Executive Director