



Jesse's Wish Foundation

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Dear Family and Friends,

Whether you have been a faithful supporter of Jesse's Wish Foundation or you have yet to hear what we've been accomplishing, we appreciate you. Your generosity allows us to continue Jesse's legacy!

This past quarter has been quite a busy time with September being **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**. The month began with the amazing privilege of being on the cover of the Mullica Hill Neighbors Magazine as the featured charity. Thank you to Alicia DiFabio and Michelle Powell! The article captured the essence of who Jesse was, the impact that his life had on those around him, and the ripple effect of his life today. The magazine, as well as Harrison Township, recognized Childhood Cancer Awareness Month throughout the town with flags on every lamppost. Many businesses opened their hearts in bringing about awareness by accepting donation cans and holding raffles for Jesse's Wish. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to these local businesses; The Langmore Salon, Village Bagels, Mullica Hill Nails, Sisters, Sorbello Girls Farm Market, Affinity Furniture, Farmhouse Designs, and The Dressing Room.

We also would like to thank Hearts United Against Cancer for their toy donations. We were able to bless St. Christopher's Hospital in Philly during a time of need. This past quarter Jesse's Wish has partnered again with The Sean Hanna Foundation in their great efforts to advance research and support families.

Through our friendship and continued communication with Robin Frieghling from The New York Blood Center, we became aware of the need of Jelien Ramos and her family. Jelien is a precious three-year-old battling Leukemia. She received a doll, a bear, and Target gift card to help the family.

Samantha had the opportunity to meet several wonderful families at a Ronald McDonald House Resource Night. Hunter Rose, who is fighting Neuroblastoma at 6 years old, and her family attended the Broadway show Frozen, compliments of Jesse's Wish. Hunter Rose and her family travel from Seattle every couple of months for a vaccine only available in New York. They are very active in childhood cancer awareness; putting the needs of others they meet right

alongside their own needs. You can see the pictures of this precious family on Jesse's Wish Facebook Page. With the help of an interpreter, the Bibi's were provided with clothes for their son and a grocery store gift card.

Through mutual friends, our last individual support of this quarter was to beautiful Abby. Abby is a twin and she has an older and younger sibling. Her continued treatments and time away from home has been especially difficult on the family and her siblings. They enjoyed a night out at their favorite family restaurant and Abby shared her box of toys with her brother and sisters!

Let us not forget we are all in this together. It takes a village to support these children and their families. If you have not yet joined our village, would you please consider doing so today? We would love to send you our next newsletter reporting that we are able to help even more pediatric hospital oncology departments and individual families. **Let's make these children fighting cancer have their best Christmas ever!**

As we celebrate being thankful, especially this time of year, we cannot adequately express our thanks to all of you for supporting Jesse's Wish. May we take the time to reflect on all we have to be thankful for and give back to those less fortunate than us!

God bless you all. Happy Thanksgiving!

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