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JACC Spring '11 News

"when love is not enough"

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How can I help JACC to help others?

- Support us by donating on a monthly basis, now available on our website - just click the donate button
- In planning your Will, consider naming JACC as a beneficiary
- Volunteer your time and talents
- Host your own event for JACC—be creative!

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From our mailbox...

Words can't express what it means to us for your amazing kindness and help through a very hard time in our family. We will never forget what your "family" has done for ours. One day we will pay it forward, to someone who needs help, just like us.

Thank you and God Bless!

Paula, Mike, Autumn,
and her brothers and sisters*

*Autumn is 5 years old, and was born prematurely. She also deals with global developmental delays.

JACC had the privilege of assisting Autumn and her family with emergency household expenses. Thank you for enabling us to help this family at a crucial time.



I and all my family would like to thank you very much for your generosity in assisting with the costs associated with my care by contributing towards my medication which is not covered by any other drug program.

This medication is considered very important for my condition and since I started taking it, everyone around has noticed how much I have improved.

As a low income family, it is always challenging for my parents to cover the cost of this medication, but with the help of people like you, we will not lose hope.

Thanks again, Usama

*Usama is 12 years old, and is diagnosed with a moderate developmental disability, ADHD, and language delays. We assisted Usama's family with the costs of his medication.



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Don't Miss Our Annual Auction & Dinner

Friday, May 13th, 2010 @ Toronto/Markham Hilton Suites

It will leave you "Shaken, Not Stirred"!

*Shaken,
not stirred*

*Please join us for our
Annual Charity Auction & Dinner
Friday May 13th, 2011*

*Hilton Suites Toronto/Markham
8500 Warden Avenue at Highway 7*

*Silent Auction & Martini Bar - 6pm
Live Auction & Dinner - 7pm
Bend Attire Optional



Preparations are well underway for our Annual Auction & Dinner, and you really won't want to miss it this year!

You will have the chance to "Crack the Code" for a fantastic prize of a Sandals/Beaches Resort Gift Certificate, a wonderful selection of silent and live auction items, not to mention a delicious meal. There is truly something for everyone! To book your tickets (or better yet, why not purchase a table and invite your friends too?), please contact the JACC office at 905.852.1799 Ext. 26, email to galarsvp@jenash.org, or you can order your tickets through our website, at www.JenniferAshleigh.org

We would also welcome your donation of items to include in our auction. Please contact Kristi at our office at 905.852.1799, Ext.25, or you can email her at kleoresage@jenash.org.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and last year over \$148,000 was raised to help JACC children and families. With your help, we are hoping that this year will be even better and we will be able to help more families when they need it most. Come and "make JACC your mission"...

See you there!

Check your Calendar...

- **Friday, May 13th, 2011**
Annual Auction & Dinner at Hilton Suites Toronto/Markham (see above).
- **Tuesday, June 28th, 2011**
Annual General Meeting at Prince Lee Acres in Uxbridge at 7 PM. For details please call 905.852.1799, Ext. 21.
- **Wednesday, July 13th, 2011**
Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity 11th Annual Charity Golf Classic at DiamondBack Golf Club in Richmond Hill. We would WELCOME your participation and sponsorship. For information, please contact Kristi, Special Events Manager, at 905.852.1799 Ext. 25.
- **Saturday, August 27th, 2011**
Annual Country Barbecue at Prince Lee Acres. Invitations will follow in July. For volunteer opportunities, please contact Michelle, Volunteer Coordinator at 905.852.1799 Ext. 22. Donations of small "dollar store" size toys for prizes or your sponsorship would also be most appreciated!

Hosting an event of your own is a fantastic way to help JACC. If you have a great idea for an event that you would like to host for JACC, we would love to hear from you! For ideas and support, or to share your idea, please contact Kristi, our Special Events Manager, at 905.852.1799, Ext. 25, or kleoresage@jenash.org.

We look forward to working together!

Teddy Bears (for the) Picnic??

Each year at our Country BBQ, we hold a Teddy Bear Clinic, where the children are given a teddy bear, and our "doctors" patch them up and the children take them home.

We thank Shaw Communications for their generous donation of bears in the past, and we are hoping to find another partner supplier of teddy bears for this wonderful clinic that the kids look forward to every year.

If you or someone you know could help us by supplying teddy bears for this clinic, please contact Jane Sleep, our Executive Director, at jsleep@jenash.org at your convenience.

You could make lots of kids VERY happy!



Thank you so much for all your help. It means so much to us that there are people like you and an organization like JACC. The amount of support and love we have received since our daughter Arica was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy has really helped us to keep hope and see the world as a place full of loving, dedicated people. We don't feel alone in this anymore and thanks to your help, along with numerous others, our daughter's future is bright and limitless!

Thank you immensely,
Jennifer, Michael and Arica

Thank you so much...

We greatly appreciate the support of the following Foundations and Companies:

- The Harry E. Foster Foundation
- Mackenzie Financial Charitable Foundation
- Randstad Canada
- Charity of HOPE Foundation
- Charity of HOPE Foundation (Oakville Chapter)
- The Yellow Bus Foundation
- CIBC Children's Foundation
- The Jericho Foundation
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- HOPE Volleyball (Toronto)
- The Paloma Foundation
- The W.B. Family Foundation
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- The NHL Foundation
- Pickering College (House Tour)

Please see our website for a complete list of all of our very generous donors. Thank you for your support!

"When courage, genius, and generosity hold hands, all things are possible."

...Unknown

Wish List...



Here's our "Wish List" ...

- To increase the number of people who donate to JACC on a monthly basis—this will provide sustainability for the charity;
- 20—6' plastic folding tables
- New telephone system (with 2 headsets)
- 20" TV/DVD player unit
- For Country BBQ: Small "dollar store" size toys, tarps, and coolers.

Please contact our office if you can help-thanks!

****A special thanks to Mackenzie Financial Charitable Foundation for their generous grant in the fall of 2010 which made our "wish" for new computers come true.**

Thank you so much!!

Volunteer Corner

My name is Heather and I have been volunteering with Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity for over eight years. My first event with JACC was at their Annual Summer BBQ, and I was immediately humbled by the dedication and love shown by everyone involved. The Annual BBQ not only gives all attendees the opportunity to meet the hundreds of volunteers and event organizers, but to meet the families and children that are supported through this fantastic organization. I have also been lucky enough to be able to volunteer at the Annual Auction & Dinner, Golf Tournament, and various other events throughout the year. I truly believe that one of the greatest things one can donate is time, which is why I try to support the charity in this capacity whenever possible. I cannot say enough kind things about the work the employees of JACC do – the impact they have on the JACC families is indescribable. I am so honoured to be a JACC Volunteer and will continue to support them in any way I can!



"It's In The Box" ACC Raffle

Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for our ACC Raffle—the Grand Prize was fantastic—not one, but TWO boxes for 12 (including food) at the ACC! This prize is valued at \$10,000! Congratulations to Peter Izzio of Waterloo, on your big win!



This raffle was a huge success, with more than \$20,000 in tickets sold. This will help many JACC children and their families with the expenses surrounding their illnesses and necessities of life. A special THANK YOU to Proformance Adjusting Solutions Inc. for their generous donation of one of the ACC boxes for this raffle, and to National Sports Stores across Ontario for selling tickets for us!



Thanks so much to all of you for your support!



Would you be interested in receiving a "Love Note" every Friday? Who wouldn't?! Each week we select a special letter and/or photo from one of our families to share with our donors. They express their gratitude and let us know how we have all helped to lighten their burden. If you would like to receive this weekly email boost, please drop us a line at generalmail@jenash.org or give us a call - we would be happy to add you to the growing list!



Shamari is 10 years old and has an acquired brain injury, anxiety disorder, ADHD, and a communication disorder. We were able to assist with respite care for his family.

Meet a Very Special Young Man...

Robbie is not your average 8 year-old. He just celebrated his birthday, and when asked by his friends what he wanted for his birthday, he told them that he wanted donations to JACC instead of gifts.



His parents and grandparents have supported JACC for a number of years, so he knows who we are and what we do, but not every 8 year old is this philanthropic! We had an opportunity to speak with him recently...

Why JACC?

Because it's my favourite charity, in that it helps a lot of very sick kids.

What did you tell your friends?

Instead of bringing presents, please bring a \$10 donation. I gave them the website to look at too.

What did they say?

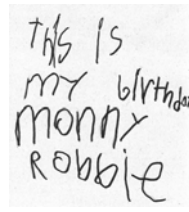
They said sure and that they would do it instead of gifts.

What do you hope your donation will do for sick children?

I hope it helps lots of very sick kids and be very helpful.

Because of Robbie's generosity, \$600 was raised for JACC! This amount could provide emergency rent to keep a family in their home while their child is hospitalized, nutritious groceries to help a child in their recovery from chemotherapy, or provide respite care to a family that needs a bit of a break from around-the-clock care of their child.

Thank you Robbie, for your selfless gift to these families in need—we look forward to seeing all that you will accomplish in the years to come!



Dear JACC:

Thank you very much for giving us such great help in order to keep quality of Izak's and our lives. In the past, JACC has helped us multiple times when our life was in crisis. Our son Izak has been diagnosed with Autism, Dravet Syndrome (a genetic severe seizure disorder) and developmental delays—there are many challenges in our lives. The hard part is "when love is not enough". We had many sleepless nights with trying to figure out what to do. He is on a special diet to restrict carbohydrate intake along with five seizure medications. He is sensitive to heat, weather changes, physical and mental stress and lack of sleep.



To maintain his health to be able to live with us requires a steady and no mistake effort. When I received your letter saying you would assist with Izak's needs, it gave us a huge relief that cannot be described with words. We do suffer with many things, however knowing that there is someone who is generous to step into our lives and help has been an encouragement to us.

We cannot thank you enough for the help you have given to us. This means much more than you know.

Your kindness saved us.

Sincerely, Satomi, Rod, Maya and Izak*

*Izak is almost seven years old, and is diagnosed with Autism, Dravet Syndrome (a severe seizure disorder), and developmental delays. Through your generosity, we have been able to assist this family with medications not covered by any health plan, which has enabled him to attend school and learn in an environment that will allow him to grow and develop.

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