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JACC Spring '10 News

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From our mailbox...

Please accept this letter as a sincere show of thankfulness and appreciation for your charity's generous assistance with Brealta's care.

Your support, together with the financial support of one of our local Rotary Clubs, enabled Brealta to receive the treatment she requires.

Brealta has been fitted with her helmet. Being her feisty, yet adorable self, she struggles at times with wearing it for 22 hours a day, but as you can see in the picture, she wears it well!

Again, I extend her father's deepest gratitude and I shall spread the word of your wonderful organization and hopefully that will channel people to contribute, so that other children and families may be assisted with their needs.



Most sincerely,

Cas Graham Stuart, B.A. (Hons), B.Ed.

LINC Teacher

**We assisted Brealta's family with the cost of a Plagiocephaly helmet to correct the shape of her skull and prevent possible brain damage.*

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your financial aid with transportation costs for my son Tyson. Without your help it would have proven incredibly difficult to reliably transport him to this program. Being a single parent without your own vehicle and having a special needs child can prove to be an additional challenge.

Thank you again for helping us to overcome this obstacle which provides Tyson with an opportunity to attend a Developmental Program that can really benefit him. It is organizations like yours that help our disabled individuals reap the benefits of what society has to offer.

With gratitude and thanks,
 Crystal



Would you prefer to receive your newsletter by e-mail? If so, please let us know by emailing your request to us at generalmail@jenash.org

Don't Miss Our "Lazy Days of Summer" Annual Auction & Dinner Friday, May 7th, 2010



Preparations are furiously underway for our annual Auction & Dinner, and you won't want to miss it! Our theme this year is "The Lazy Days of Summer" - oh, how we are wishing for those after a long winter...

With a wonderful selection of silent auction items, live auction, a "Canoe Race", and a wonderful meal, there is sure to be 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 [click here to order online](#).

We would also welcome your donation of items to include in our auction. Please contact our office at 905.852.1799, Ext.25, or email Julie at jetrain@jenash.org.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and last year over \$150,000 was raised to help our JACC children and families. With your help, we are hoping that this year will be even better and more families will have their burden lightened through your generous support.



Your table is waiting...we look forward to seeing you!

Check your Calendar...

- **Friday, May 7th, 2010**—Annual Auction & Dinner at Hilton Suites Toronto/Markham (see above) - please contact our office or [click here to purchase your tickets](#).
- **Tuesday, June 9th, 2010**— Annual General Meeting at Prince Lee Acres in Uxbridge at 7 PM. For further details please call 905.852.1799, Ext. 21.
- **Saturday, June 12th, 2010**—22nd Annual HOPE Volleyball Tournament Centre Island, Toronto. This is an All-Day Event. To register a team or for more information, visit www.hopevolleyball.com.
- **Wednesday, July 7th, 2010**—Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity 10th Annual Charity Golf Classic at Wyndance Golf Course in Uxbridge. We WELCOME your participation and sponsorship. For more information, please contact our office.
- **Saturday, August 28th, 2010**— Annual Country Barbecue at Prince Lee Acres Farm in Uxbridge. Invitations will follow in July. **Donations of small "dollar store" size toys for prizes would be gratefully accepted!**

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR OTHER EVENTS!

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK Maryanne McManus for all of her hard work and dedication to the charity for the past seven years. Maryanne retired from JACC in February, and we wish her and her husband Dave all the best.



If you are considering hosting a third party event, please contact our office at 905.852.1799, Ext. 25, or generalmail@jenash.org for ideas or support.

Thank you so much...

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

- The Harry E. Foster Foundation
- Mackenzie Financial Charitable Foundation
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- The W.B. Family Foundation
- The Alice and Murray Maitland Foundation
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- The NHL Foundation
- The Georgina Foundation
- Harmonize for Speech Fund
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- Fondation Fournier-Ethier
- The Whitearn Foundation
- The Tonglen Foundation
- The Jericho Foundation
- Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation

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

Squadpass.com supports JACC!

We are grateful to Squadpass, an emergency service discount directory, which has recognized JACC as one of its charities of choice.

If you are a police officer, firefighter, nurse, EMT, military or other emergency service personnel, visit their website for a wide range of great discounts at businesses across Canada.

Squadpass donates a portion of their proceeds to JACC—so it's a win/win for everyone.

Thank you Squadpass for all of your support!



Wish List...

We have a "Wish List" here at JACC—things that we would love to have, but due to the cost, they remain on our list:

- 8 boardroom chairs
- 20—6' plastic folding tables
- Digital camera
- New telephone system (with 2 headsets)
- New computer equipment
- 20" TV/DVD player unit
- Heavy duty 24" deep shelving
- ACC Box for raffle prize

If you would like to donate any of these items, we would be most appreciative.

Please contact our office if you can help—thanks!

Volunteer Corner

My name is Sandy Parsons and I am very proud to be a volunteer with the JACC family.

My first introduction to the charity was at the annual Auction and Dinner in 1995. The speaker that night was the parent of a young girl whose life had been touched by the kindness of the Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity. The impact it had on me was unforgettable.

Over the past 15 years I have been a member of the Advisory Board, chaired the Auction committee and volunteered at many fundraising events. The Annual BBQ in August is my favourite event. It is the coming together of everyone who has been touched by this great charity. It's a family reunion of over 1500 people and a reflection of what JACC is all about. The people whose paths I've crossed through my involvement with JACC have enriched my life. They are united in their compassion and dedication to making life better for families who are faced with incredible day to day challenges.

JACC is my charity of choice and I am honoured to represent it in whatever capacity needed.



We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the support you have given us, making our trip to Ability Camp possible. Intensive therapy is very beneficial as Mischko continues to take steps towards increased independence.

During this time, we saw many good changes like improved walking using his walker, walking with quad-canes for a short distance and even independently climbed a ladder.

His posture improved, he got better with self feeding, and we see improvement in his endurance. He became more independent in changing position and place, his balance improved, and his feet became more flexible. Yes, all those things that we healthy people take for granted. Mischko worked very hard to accomplish in those few weeks and thanks to YOUR support we were able to witness a miracle in progress.

Thank you very much—we will never forget it.

With our sincere gratitude, Mischko's family





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!

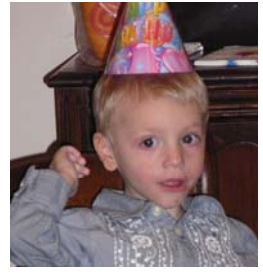
"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it"
 - Helen Keller

My name is Landon and I have a special story. I am not easy to figure out and most of my doctors are still finding me a mystery. In the beginning of my diagnosis, the doctors told my parents I was dying and there was nothing that could be done. This diagnosis changed thankfully. There are other kids diagnosed with the same thing as me but no one seems to be just like me!

Everyone has 23 pairs of chromosomes. For healthy development, chromosomes should contain just the right amount of material—not too much and not too little. I have a deletion in one of my two 18th chromosomes. This means that I have one intact chromosome 18 but the other is missing a piece which affects my learning and physical development. No one knows why this happened to me as no one else in my family has any genetic problems.

The biggest problem I currently have is that my brain is slow to myelinate. Myelin is the substance that covers the nerve cells, much like the plastic coating covers the wire in an electrical cord. Myelin helps transmit electrical signals to and from the brain. This is why sometimes it takes me longer to think about things before I do it. It appears that I will have less myelin than most people. It is important to remember that even though my age is a toddler I am still a baby in my brain sometimes. People expect me to do things my age when my brain hasn't gotten there yet.

The financial assistance we received from the Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity has allowed me to have special education and physical and occupational therapy which has made such a difference in me! Thanks for helping me learn with your financial support—it has changed my life forever! Landon xoxo



*Landon is almost 3 years old. He learned to crawl recently, but is unable to walk and is non-verbal.

Thank You to PwC for your leadership support!

PricewaterhouseCoopers is inspired and excited by the terrific work that charities are doing in communities across our country. They have taken an active role in offering managers and leaders of charities, a chance to increase their skills, expertise and experience. As a result, I was chosen by PwC from 260 applicants across Canada to receive a Leadership Grant in 2010. This will enable me to attend the Association For Fundraising Professionals annual conference this spring so I can draw from the combined experience and knowledge of fundraising professionals from all over the world.

I'm very fortunate to be working in this field, a job that I look forward to every day. Thank you PwC for recognizing the need for development and education and for valuing the work we do. Ultimately, we can better serve those in need.

Jane Sleep, Executive Director

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