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JACC Summer '10 News

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From our mailbox...

I would like to thank you very much for the assistance that you approved for our family to use for respite for our son Sheharyar at Kerry's Place. He really loves going there for respite and this funding will allow him to go more often this year.

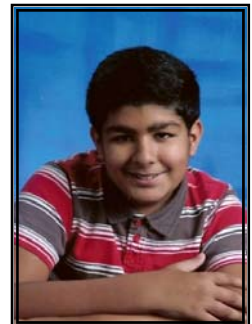
When he is there, he gets to participate in many recreational and educational activities that are good for his development.

When Sheharyar is at Kerry's Place, I am able to spend time with my five year old daughter Amana, because I am a single parent taking care of two children. This time together is good for Amana and I. We go to the library together and do other things in the community.

Once again, thank you very much for your generous support. It is very helpful for my family.

Sincerely,

Romana



We would like to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of our daughter Bianca for serial casting at Bloorview Kids Rehab.

We are so grateful to see that Bianca's foot condition has been improved following the Botox injection and the casting she had recently.

This week Bianca starts to learn to walk using a walker with her feet positioned more flatly now. We are sending you a picture of Bianca with her casts on.

Your assistance means so much to us, but even more to Bianca.

Thank you so much from all of us, to your organization and to all of your donors.

Sincerely, Gandi, Heidy & Bianca



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

JACC Charity Golf Classic—Wyndance Golf Club Wednesday, July 7th, 2010

Come on out and hit one for the kids!

It's that time of year again—our JACC Charity Golf Classic will be here before you know it! You don't want to miss out on a great day of golf at one of Ontario's most beautiful golf courses.

Sculpted with the eye of an artist, Wyndance bears the signature of its creator, world-class golfer and course designer, Greg Norman. Wyndance Golf Club has been meticulously shaped to take advantage of the sand and gravel pit that preceded it. Original features have been preserved to take advantage of the existing trees, terrain, and rock. The result is a masterpiece of landscape artistry.

Wyndance is set in the rolling hills of rural Uxbridge, within the Greater Toronto Area and an easy drive from downtown.

Last year's tournament was sold out, and raised over \$40,000 for the children of our charity! To register for the most memorable golf tournament of the season, you can visit our website to register online, or contact Danielle Hurley at 905.852.1799 Ext.25 or dhurley@jenash.org. Sponsorships are ALWAYS welcome.



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



JACC Annual Country BBQ

Our Annual Country BBQ will be held on Saturday, August 28th, 2010. This is a wonderful day when our donors and families come together for a day in the country. You won't want to miss the fun! Watch for our invitation to follow in July. **Donations of small "dollar store" size prizes for games would be sincerely appreciated!**

VOLUNTEERING: This is our largest event, which requires the help of more than 200 volunteers to run smoothly. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, or any of our other events, we would love to have you join us! For more information, please contact Michelle Plummer, Volunteer Coordinator, at 905.852.1799 Ext.22 or mplummer@jenash.org.



We look forward to another fun-filled day, and hope you can come!

Thank you so much...

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

- *Charity of Hope Foundation*
- *The Cumba Charitable Foundation*
- *Central Underwriters Inc.*
- *CIBC Children's Foundation*
- *Harmonize for Speech Fund*
- *Hitachi Canada Ltd.—Community Action Partnership*
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- *Mackenzie Financial Charitable Foundation*
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- *Shaw Communications Inc.*
- *Shaw "Season of Warmth" Campaign*
- *Sapphire Technologies Ltd. (A Randstad Company)*

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

JACC Auction & Dinner Update

Thank you so much to all who attended and/or donated to our Annual Auction & Dinner at the Hilton in May of 2010. Thanks to your wonderful generosity, this annual event raised more than \$148,000 to help the children and families that we have the privilege of assisting.

We appreciate your partnership with us to make life a little easier for seriously ill children and their families.

Thanks again for your wonderful support!



Upcoming Event in Support of JACC

Friday, September 17th, 2010: The Yellow Bus Foundation 14th Annual 100 Hole Marathon at Glen Eagle Golf Course, Bolton. For more information, contact: kim@yellowbusfoundation.com

Thank you YBF for your support!



If you are considering hosting a third party event, please contact Danielle Hurley at 905.852.1799, Ext. 25 for ideas and support.

Welcome Julie...

JACC is pleased to welcome a new member to our staff in the Program Department.

Julie Edwards Train has been a long time supporter and volunteer of JACC. Julie stepped in and helped tremendously with our auction this year, and is now working part-time alongside Karin and Michelle.



Welcome Julie—we look forward to working with you for a long time!

Volunteer Corner

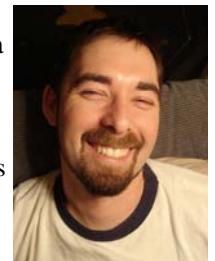
My first contact with JACC was in 2009 when a friend and fellow member of the Carpenters Union won a prize from JACC. The prize included an information package and a brief discussion around the works of JACC. I am a representative of the Carpenters Union and chair of a Membership Action Committee. As a group we volunteer our time and trade skills to assist charities on various projects. I thought that the Carpenters and the charity would be a great fit.

It was not until later that I heard the story of Jennifer Ashleigh and was struck. In April of 2001 my son Elijah was born. In the first months we noticed a delay in development and consulted the doctor. We were quickly visiting specialists and hospitals on a weekly basis looking for answers to our questions. When we got the news that my son had a rare genetic disorder, Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) we were devastated. We were told that we had a few years with Elijah but it was soon apparent that we had little time; our lives were spent sleeping at the hospital and trying to take care of our family.

My son only lived until September 4, 2001. After his death we were lost, my wife and I were young and we had three other children all under four to look after. It all happened so fast that we never even knew about JACC or other support networks. I can never be sure of the outcome but I know that my family needed the support of the community and other families that have been touched by similar events. We did not end up staying together, but slowly we have healed.

It is my hope that the small contribution that I and the Carpenters make to JACC will make a difference in the lives of other families, improving the quality of life for all and easing the burden so that they can focus on each other. I would like to thank all who give their time to the cause, JACC and the families for helping me heal a little more.

With thanks, Doug Herrington



More letters from our mailbox...

Dear Friends of the Charity:

Fifteen years ago on April 11th, we lost our beloved daughter Logan to Spinal Muscular Atrophy, and then three years later our daughter Avraell succumbed to the same disease. When my husband and I first became aware of your charity, we were surprised to find out the reason and the people responsible for this great idea. Since our family story is similar to that of Jennifer and Danica, we felt a kinship that runs deep.

To mark my 50th birthday, I wanted to do something that I would feel good about and I thought of your charity. I knew my generous friends would want to buy me gifts to commemorate this occasion, so I asked them to make a donation to the Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity instead—and that is just what they did. I am proud to say that I am sending in a total of \$600. I have many blessings in my life and I hope that these funds will bless some other lives.

Thank you for the work that you do!

Sincerely, Kim

Dear JACC:

On behalf of my wife and family, I wish to express our sincere gratitude for the contribution received from JACC.

Our only daughter continues her fight to live and survive Anorexia Nervosa. As we enter our fifth year challenged by this controlling and endless illness, we are comforted in the fact that she is in capable hands at a world class hospital. Without CHEO, we are almost certain our precious daughter would not be alive today at the tender age of 17.

Thanks to CHEO and class organizations such as JACC, this emotionally draining experience gives our entire family the gift of hope since our faith has never wavered. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your generous support to this difficult journey. I was one of many people laid off in 2009 after 33 years. Our #1 priority at present is to experience our daughter getting well.

Thank you to the Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity. You are making a difference in our lives.

Thank you, Robert

*"Life is an exciting business,
and most exciting when it is
lived for others."*

- Helen Keller

Dear Friends:

We wanted to send a thank you letter to you and your donors for the assistance to our family. You have no idea how much it has affected us to know that people really do care.

For us, medical issues have been a concern since our first child was born. Emergencies and hospitals have become our home away from home for us and our three children.

Every day is a struggle for our children, they miss out on birthday parties, sleepovers or just going out as a family can be tough. But just when you think you have had enough, all you have to do is look at our three children and see their smiles.

As parents, we are supposed to make our children better or put a band-aid on it.

We have tried everything. It is very hard to see your loved ones ill all the time.

We are not sure how they do it. Our motto is "One Day At A Time".

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much! The girls can continue to sing and Brooke is getting closer to all her braces being put on.

Thank you, John, Lori, Johnny, Jessica & Brooke



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