



JDJ Foundation
C H A R I T A B L E

Q4 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Dear JDJ Family,

2020 has been an incredibly difficult year for all of us, and I hope this note finds you preparing for a peaceful holiday.

Even though most of our events for 2020 were canceled, including our 2nd Monte Carlo Night, we still managed to have a successful year.

Here are some quick highlights from our Foundation that I am proud to share. In total, we gave out \$275,000 to charitable causes and took in \$115,000 from our generous donors.

We provided our 16th pediatric wheelchair and reached a milestone of over \$315,000 donated to leading cancer research since 2017.

The JDJ scholarship was awarded to 10 more students, and we launched the JDJ Cancer Financial Support Program which provided 5 cancer families with \$2,500 in food and gas gift cards to help with expenses outside of the hospital.

We led 3 Loving Heart Society volunteer experiences before the pandemic hit and then shifted focus from volunteering to helping our nonprofit partners with their COVID-19 relief efforts. We even purchased and delivered 1,100 face shields to our hospital partners and The Brooklyn Hospital Center.

Most recently, we were the lead sponsor of the CHOP Buddy Walk and sent a \$25,000 grant to support their Trisomy 21 Program. Our virtual team of 40 participants helped raise awareness for Down Syndrome and became one of the top fundraising teams.

I would just like to take a moment and thank you for staying engaged with us especially during this tough year. We have seen such growth and could not have gotten this far without your support.

Most importantly, your time and donations are having a direct impact. You can see it in all the families and people we are helping, and I know it continues to make my parents proud that we are making a difference in their honor.

I look forward to 2021 when the world will be better healed, and we can start hosting in person events again. Until then, stay safe and be proud of your impact this year.

Happy Holidays to you and your families. We wish you a happy and healthy 2021.



Sincerely,
James Blauvelt

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JDJ WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM UPDATE



CHAIR 1

Many of you may remember this tough racing champion, **Aadil**. Last year, we provided him with a push racer, but due to the pandemic, all of his races have been canceled. In response, we decided to provide him with a hand bike. Thanks to a recommendation from our friends at **Mount Sinai**, he will be able to use this new chair more for more general exercise and sports activity. It will allow him to be active during the pandemic which is so important.

CHAIR 2

We were fortunate to be the lead sponsor of the **CHOP Buddy Walk** this year, and we decided to tie in our wheelchair program by gifting a chair to a patient family. Meet **Kevin**. We are providing him with a new Rodeo stroller and couldn't be happier to be helping this wonderful family.



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This is an incredible gift and it will make a world of difference for Kevin, and for us. It is also exceptionally well timed, as his existing chair is five years old and really on its 'last leg.' This equipment is such a substantial investment, which makes it really difficult to keep up with everything. This will make a huge impact on what we are able to continue doing with him on just a day-to-day basis.

We are incredibly grateful and cannot begin to tell you just how much it will help us, and what the generosity from you and your organization means to our family.

-KEVIN'S FAMILY

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CHAIR 3

Our most recent recipient is a young woman who I had the pleasure to meet while volunteering at **“Night to Shine”** earlier this year. Her name is **Johanna**, and she is absolutely awesome! We sang and danced and enjoyed a fun night of celebration back in February. Her family asked if we could help get a new chair for her. We will be providing her with a stroller to help her go distances and navigate easily inside and outside of their home and in the healthcare environment. **Johanna** is truly a compassionate and inspirational soul, and we are so excited to be able to help her in this small way.



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OUR IMPACT

If you have 10 minutes, please watch these two incredible videos. Listen to the direct impact we are having in the cancer space through grants and our Cancer Financial Support Program.

This video is from our research doctor at Dana-Farber. Hear how her team is using our grant and learn what the JDJ Charitable Foundation Research Fund is focused on.



This video is from the patient care services team. Hear firsthand how our new JDJ Cancer Financial Support Program helped 5 cancer families with expenses outside of the hospital.



BUDDY WALK RECAP

During the height of the pandemic, we were worried that we weren't going to be able to be a part of the CHOP Buddy Walk. Luckily, we were still able to play a key role in raising awareness for Down Syndrome. Here is a summary of our efforts:

- Sent a **\$25,000** grant to assist CHOP's Trisomy 21 Program
- Kicked off the fundraising with our **JDJ match video**
- Organized and walked with our team of **40 participants**
- Became one of the **top fundraising teams** for 2020
- Featured in an interview during the main virtual program
- Tied in our pediatric **wheelchair program** by granting a stroller to a patient family

We are hoping to be a part of this event in the future and would love to get our volunteers involved when it is safe. It is such a special experience getting to meet the families and seeing firsthand how you are helping.



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#GIVINGTUESDAY CAMPAIGN

This year's #GivingTuesday campaign was a huge success. Thanks to the kindness of **60 donors**, we raised **over \$6,500** for our **pediatric wheelchair granting program**. We are beyond grateful for their generosity and really appreciated all of the support. What an incredible way to begin the holiday season.

GIVING TUESDAY



LOVING HEART SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT



For those of you who attended our Monte Carlo Night in 2019, you will remember that we gave out two awards for outstanding volunteerism. Unfortunately, we were not able to hand these out at our gala this year, but we still would like to highlight our winners.

These two individuals volunteered at our most events before the pandemic hit. They are always willing to give back and make volunteering fun. We would like to officially congratulate **Leigh Ann Boyle** and **Bao Ngo**. We sincerely appreciate your support of our Foundation and your kindness to others. Thank you for always offering to help when it is much needed.



CHARITABLE SPOTLIGHT



Check out this cool nonprofit. **Team IMPACT** tackles the emotional trauma and social isolation experienced by children facing serious and chronic illnesses by matching them with a college athletic team. Through their two-year therapeutic program that complements their medical treatments, children develop relationships and skills that help them complete the full circle of healing.

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2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Led our first **JDJ CHALLENGE** where 60 participants **"SWEAT FOR GOOD"** to help raise money for our pediatric wheelchair program



Funded **12 WHEELCHAIRS** for children in need. Totaling **16 CHAIRS (OVER \$90,000)** since just last year



Reached a milestone of **OVER \$315,000** donated to leading cancer research since 2017



Launched the **JDJ CANCER FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM** which provided **5 CANCER FAMILIES** with **\$2,500** in food and gas gift cards



Awarded **10** deserving high school students the **JDJ SCHOLARSHIP**



Organized a **PREP HAPPY HOUR** to support the **JDJ MARAUDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



Donated **\$8,000** to help our nonprofit partners with **COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORTS**



Purchased and delivered **1,100 FACE SHIELDS** to our hospital partners and **THE BROOKLYN HOSPITAL CENTER**



Led **3 LOVING HEART SOCIETY VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES** for 20 members before the pandemic hit



Delivered **60 CARE PACKAGES** to pediatric cancer patients for our 2nd year of **MIRACLE MUSTACHES**



Were the presenting sponsor of the **CHOP BUDDY WALK** and sent a **\$25,000 GRANT** to support their **TRISOMY 21 PROGRAM**



Led a **VIRTUAL TEAM** to raise awareness for **DOWN SYNDROME** and became one of the top fundraising teams

THIS YEAR ALONE

RAISED \$115,000
from our fundraising events
and generous donors

GAVE OUT \$275,000
to our nonprofit partners and
relative charitable initiatives

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IN THE NEWS



ISRAELI SCIENTISTS: NEW CANCER TREATMENT LIKE USING 'TINY SCISSORS' TO HIT CELLS

In recent years, molecularly targeted inhibitors and immunotherapy have greatly improved cancer responses with reduced toxicity and adverse reactions. However, the high recurrence rate and the development of drug resistance for most types of cancers highlight the need for new therapeutic modalities. [READ MORE](#)

IMMUNOMEDICS ANNOUNCES FDA ORPHAN DRUG DESIGNATION OF TRODELVY™ FOR ADULT AND PEDIATRIC GLIOBLASTOMA

Immunomedics, Inc., a leading biopharmaceutical company in the area of antibody-drug conjugates, today announced that the Office of Orphan Products Development of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted Trodelvy orphan status for the treatment of adult and pediatric patients with glioblastoma. [READ MORE](#)

INGO MELLINGHOFF NAMED CHAIR OF MSK'S DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY

Neuro-oncologist Ingo K. Mellinghoff, MD, has been appointed Memorial Sloan Kettering's (MSK) new Chair of the Department of Neurology. Dr. Mellinghoff currently holds the Evin Family Chair in Neuro-Oncology and runs a research lab in the Human Oncology and Pathogenesis Program. [READ MORE](#)

principal investigator for
JDJ FOUNDATION GLIOBLASTOMA FUND

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS



SHARE THE LOVE

Post a photo on social media saying why JDJ is important to you & tag us



CHESS TOURNAMENT

Virtual fundraiser



POKER TOURNAMENT

Virtual fundraiser



PELOTON TAKEOVER

Hop on your bike or get on a friend's bike for a virtual ride fundraiser



MIRACLE MUSTACHES

Grow a mustache to support pediatric brain cancer patients

More details to come!