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## Upcoming Events 2023

- FEB 4** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
**Annual 3V3 Basketball Tournament**  
Xaiver
- MAR 11** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
**Cycle for Survival Team**  
Equinox
- MAR 19** All day  
**NYC Half Marathon**  
New York City
- JUN 22** All day  
**2nd JDJ Golf Outing**  
Richmond County



Is anyone interested in running for our charity in the NYC Half Marathon? We would love to have you as a part of Team JDJ.

[Contact us](#)

## Wheelchair Recipients

Meet **Zach**, a 14 yr old who saved his sister from getting hit by a bus and lost part of his foot, in his new basketball chair.



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A dynamic **sit ski** made possible by the fundraising success of **Alex and Cait Martin**.

Thanks to **Gerald Castaldo** for his unrelenting support over the years and for securing a **\$25,000** corporate grant to make Harry's new push racer possible.



Meet **David** who is in the US from Vietnam for an experimental intervention and whose chair was made possible by **Bao Ngo** and his family.



Volunteers were able to watch **Nymair** and **KK** receive their strollers that we granted.



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## Gala Recap

Back in September, we relaunched our gala, where we hosted researchers & wheelchair families to highlight our impact. It was a spectacular evening that raised **\$100,000** for our nonprofit. Thank you to all who attended and donated to this special event. We are so grateful.



## Marathon Recap

We are incredibly proud of our first NYC Marathon Team. All **11 runners** survived the heat and crossed the finish line. The icing on top was that we raised **\$50,000** for our nonprofit.

Thank you to everyone who donated and followed along with our effort. Thank you, most importantly, to Team JDJ for pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and crushing 26.2 miles.

## Fundraising Success

**Alex and Cate Martin** have been skiing since they were small. They came to us with an idea to lead a fundraiser to provide a **sit ski** for their local mountain. They raised **\$5,000** and allowed us to purchase a dynamique sit ski for the Ski Sundown Program in Hartford, CT. We are so thankful for their compassion and inspired by their generosity. Thanks to everyone who donated to their fundraiser.

[Learn more](#)



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## Loving Heart Society Volunteering

We led our first volunteer event since before the pandemic. A group of JDJ volunteers packed **59 grocery bags** for cancer families.

We also donated **\$3,000** to cover the costs of these bags as well as pies for the upcoming holidays. Special shout out to **Marisa Romeo, Ariella Romeo, Giavanna Gennuso, Sal Santuccio, and Joe Gucciardo** for volunteering.



## 5K Recap

Year 2 of the Nicky Cass 5K was once again a success. We had a great time running with the **Kimpact Foundation** and fundraising for both of our nonprofits. Major shout out to **Nicky Cass** and his family for all their help in raising awareness about JDJ and this incredible effort. Together we raised \$25,000. Thanks to all who donated and participated!

## Cancer Music Recap

We recently purchased **\$6,000** worth of headphones and speakers for **50 pediatric cancer patients**. Thanks to the unrelenting support of **Supermutt**, these speakers will help brighten kids' spirits.

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## Patient:

*“The Integrative Medicine fitness instructors instill trust, educate with compassion, and lift the spirits. They are my continued lifeline in the next steps of change! How I love them for bringing a unique combination of science, common sense, and mindfulness.”*

## Integrative Medicine Tour

This year, we donated another **\$10,000** to support Dr. Mao’s research which is focused on using acupuncture and other therapies to **improve the quality of life for lung cancer patients**. We also had a great lunch and discussed how we can benefit his research even further.

### Surgeon:

*“The patient had a very long and difficult course and I know there are many people I have not met who brought her to where she is now. She went from demoralized and in pain to a person without pain and a spirit full of life. The patient could not say enough about the tremendously positive impact integrative medicine had on her recovery and wants to make that more well-known to our patients. Thank you for providing truly game-changing services, especially for patients undergoing a tough recovery.”*

## Do You Need a Manual Wheelchair?

A generous donor has offered an unused adult manual wheelchair.

Message us if interested

## Venmo Charity



Check out our official nonprofit profile on Venmo.

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## Good Humor Award

Our friend, **Anthony Greco**, was honored by the Children's Brain Tumor Project at their annual gala and given an award for his stand-up show. Congratulations Ant, keep on laughing!

## In the News

[The children's brain tumor network \(CBTN\) - Accelerating research in pediatric central nervous system tumors through collaboration and open science](#)

*Honored to be part of this published study.*

[New MACHETE Technique Slices Into Cancer Genome To Study Copy Number Alterations](#)

[FDA Approves Oral MEK Inhibitor Cobimetinib for Histiocytic Neoplasms, Research Led by Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center](#)

*Eli L. Diamond, MD, was actually my dad's doctor when he was treated at MSK. A true rockstar!*

[White House Details Progress from the Cancer Cabinet and Private Sector During Cancer Moonshot Week of Action](#)

## Charity Spotlight



The NY Rolling Fury is the only **wheelchair basketball club** in NYC, Long Island and NJ for young student-athletes ages 18 and younger. Our Giving Tuesday campaign helped us raise **\$6,500** for their team's upcoming tournament travel expenses. Thanks to everyone who donated.

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