

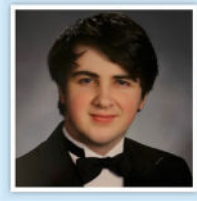
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UPCOMING JDJ 2024 EVENTS

FINAL CALL TO SIGN UP!

- FEB 17** 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Fr Keenan 3V3 Basketball Tournament
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- FEB 24** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Toddy Trail Asbury Park: Have A Toddy, Help Somebody!
Asbury Park
- MAR 17** All day
NYC Half Marathon
New York City
- MAY 5** All day
Five Boro Bike Tour Team
New York City
- MAY 30** All day
JDJ Golf Outing **NEW DATE!**
Richmond County Country Club
- AUG 10** All day
Annual Softball Tournament
Belmar, NJ

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University of
Massachusetts
Amherst

“I am honored to be a JDJ Charitable Foundation scholarship winner. Such a generous scholarship will help fund my education and future at my first-choice college, and I couldn't be happier.”

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JDJ Cancer Scholarship

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2nd annual raises another **\$10,000** for our scholarship program. Thank you for an amazing turnout. Major thanks to **Murf, Kristen, John & Brian** for their help.

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New Wheelchairs

We donated a new stroller to help **Miles** get around easier when his wheelchair broke. Unfortunately, he fatigues easily and is too heavy for his mother to carry after a seizure. **\$2,700**



Ella was in desperate need of a new racing chair as her's was outdated and didn't fit appropriately. We were able to provide this incredible 16yr old with a new racing chair to reach her potential on the track. **\$5,400**



Wheelchair racing is such a positive part of my life. When I'm racing, I feel powerful! I work hard to do my personal best every time I am on the track. Having a racer that is the right size for me, will let me continue to work towards competing at Move United Nationals. I love that I can be part of a wheelchair racing team. I've made friends on my team and on other teams that are just like me."

– Ella

Wheelchair Community Highlights



Congrats to **Max** on another milestone win. **Read all about it.**

We donated **\$4,450** to the **NY Rolling Fury** wheelchair basketball team to help them travel to a tournament in Atlanta.



"Your donated ski is well-used. It gets a lot of use on the weekends since that is when most of the sit ski lessons are given. It is my "go-to" ski.

You would need to see it on the slopes to truly understand how user-friendly it is for the participant and the instructor. Loading the ski on the chair lift is a dream compared to the "old school" skis. Also, the seat that was chosen for the ski is so comfortable for the athlete using it. Unlike the old skis, where two instructors have to lift the ski onto the lift, your ski locks in a load position.

I can literally ski with the participant by myself. the other skis require two instructors to load it."

– David, ski instructor

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Wheelchair Community Highlights

"My daughter received a grant from another nonprofit for a day chair. She was approved last January and we just received an invoice for \$580 yesterday for shipping as the chair is finally ready.

While I'm so grateful for a grant, the level of simplicity and speed from JDJ made our experience 100x better. And the personal experience of JDJ and actually working with a group of people who are involved daily gives that experience an even sweeter touch.

Seriously, what you and the team are doing is so impactful and the relationship you seem to develop with all of the recipients is a huge difference maker. Thank you!"



In 2020 I connected with James Blauvelt and the JDJ Charitable Foundation through Hospital for Special Surgery, however our friendship developed through LinkedIn. The JDJ Charitable Foundation is traditionally focused on funding cancer research. However they've since evolved into also focusing on providing mobility to pediatrics with day wheelchairs or adaptive sports chairs.

In 2020 James and the team provided Lucy with her first racing wheelchair. For most children, the cost to run track is the cost of a pair of sneakers, however for Lucy and her teammates, the cost to participate in track is \$3,500-5,000+ for a racing wheelchair. In the past 2 years Lucy and her teammates have taken home 20+ gold medals at Move United Jr. Nationals. Not only has James and JDJ Charitable Foundation provided the chairs for Lucy and some of her teammates on the New York Road Runners team, but they also paid for the travel for the families to go to Colorado and Alabama for the races. It was an honor for me when James and the team asked me to speak about our experiences and why Lucy races.

– Tom Shannon

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Cancer Support



We donated **\$15,000** to support patients at Lenox Hill.

\$8,000 to provide patients in need with free access to wigs, prostheses, and clothing. \$7,000 to provide nutrition supplements (such as Ensure) for patients, as well as videos of healthy cooking and grocery shopping during and after cancer treatment.

We paid **\$3,500** in mortgage, gas and utility bills for a family whose daughter is fighting a **brain tumor**.



My daughter Leah was diagnosed with DIPG last year. Since then my husband and I both have been on and off working taking turns with both girls and fighting with Leah against cancer. Just recently my daughter MRI showed growth and has left us with very little options in the state we reside. I was online helplessly looking into organizations that support families during tough times like this and came across JDJ Charitable Foundation. I reached out and received a tremendous amount of support from them. I felt a sense of relief knowing that my living expenses will be taken care of while we are trying to navigate through the changes and finding the next treatment that can hopefully help my daughter. I truly appreciate knowing that there are organizations like JDJ Charitable Foundation that can give families some relief as they are battling cancer."

– Blanca V

We paid **\$5,000** of stressful credit card debt for a 34yr old battling **stage 4 breast cancer**.



Finding out that I have cancer was one of the worst days of my life, and it has been a whirlwind of bad news ever since. It's been a strange experience, to say the least. However, I think the strangest part about all of this has been how this seems to also have been one of the best things that's ever happened to me, because I've been experiencing such an incredible outpouring of support and love from every corner of my little world. One such example of that support has been the JDJ Foundation and James Blauvelt, who just happened to see a post I made on LinkedIn about my experience, and instantly reached out to me wanting to help. The JDJ Foundation's unbelievably generous donation has helped me in such a huge way, and has allowed some serious weight to be lifted from my shoulders. I am so immensely grateful for their absolutely unprecedented and incredible generosity. It's something I don't feel words can adequately express. In the face of the greatest challenge I've ever experienced, I've been able to find kindness and support that has made this impossibly difficult journey much easier. I am so grateful for the JDJ Foundation."

– Maya

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Helped a stage 3 **brain cancer** warrior with grocery, water, gas and electric bills for 6 months which totaled over **\$8,000** in support.

CHOP Impact



Over the past nearly seven years, JDJ Foundation has generously supported research, programming, and capital at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). The myriad of ways in which the organization has impacted the patients and families for whom we care is both meaningful and vast. Between research within the Neuro-Oncology Program, COVID-19 emergency responsiveness, the Trisomy 21 program, Children's Brain Tumor Network, Music Therapy, the Adaptive Equipment Clinic, and Young Leadership Alliance (YLA), JDJ Foundation's impact at CHOP is widely felt."

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Success of S'mores Donut

Major thanks to **Alfalfa** for featuring a permanent JDJ donut on the menu which donates \$1 per donut sold.

In the News

JDJ Article Mention: [Meet Harry and Lucy, NYC's Tween Wheelchair Racers](#)

NYRR JDJ Highlight: ["Racing is a great way for these children to learn sportsmanship and how to train hard for their goals."](#)

What is 80/20 running?

Ford Bronco: [all-terrain, electric-powered Track Master S2 series wheelchair](#)

CBTN: [the journey of donated tissue](#)

Alfalfa blog post: [The JDJ Foundation: Spreading Joy and Support](#)

MSK Article: [made possible by our support](#)

The article features Dr. Mao and the benefits of at-home exercise.

Charity Spotlight



For 45 years, **NYJTL** has been changing lives through tennis and education. Today, it is the largest nonprofit youth tennis and education program in the nation. Through tennis, academic enrichment, healthy living and character development programs.

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