

Friend to Friend

JAKE'S CREW IPAD FUND AWARDS 100TH IPAD

June 28, 2016 was a very memorable day for the Franzel family and Jake's Crew iPad Fund.

Sue and Bekah Franzel (Jakes mom and sister) along with the Friends staff and Fox 2 News made a surprise visit to 10-year-old Will at his home and presented him with iPad # 100! Will's response was, "Awesome, awesome, awesome!"



At the age of 15, Jake Franzel was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer, osteosarcoma. Having spent his high school years in treatment, Jake racked up more stats and hours undergoing his medical procedures than doing things he loved, playing football, lacrosse, and flying planes. During treatment, Jake had to be very creative to find ways to entertain himself. You could find him flying his remote control helicopter on 4 North at Cardinal Glennon, drawing on white boards in his room, or startling his 3:00 a.m. nurses with a scream during rounds. After Jake received an iPad from his grandparents, he was able to keep in touch with his friends and family, play games, and complete schoolwork.

While his disease may have consumed his health and time, Jake's character, generosity, and desire to always help others left a legacy that four years later is still inspiring Jake's Crew and Friends of Kids with Cancer to help other teens like him. Jake was always a kid who wanted to give back and hosted fundraisers for Friends. Jake's friends and family have continued to honor this part of Jake's legacy by hosting their trivia night, raising close to \$100,000 to date.

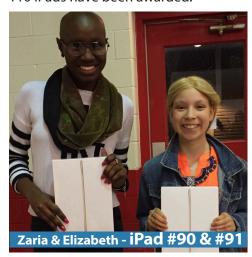
Being a teen in cancer treatment is easily compared to being in jail; excluded from the outside world. Jake's iPad became his new friend and the only constant in his roller coaster of a life. The program Jake designed presents iPad packages (64GB iPad Air, 2-year warranty, case, and iTunes card) to teenagers in treatment for cancer. Shortly after Jake lost his battle on January 27, 2012, iPad #1 was delivered to his friend, Joey, who was also a senior at Lindbergh High School.



"Friends and Jake's Crew provided me with more than just an iPad. They gave me a way to break the barrier of a grueling hospital isolation and kept me connected with friends and family. They've offered a way to distract me before scary procedures; but most



importantly, they reminded me that I'm not fighting this battle alone," said Joey. Four and a half years and lots of smiles after delivering the first iPad to Joey, 110 iPads have been awarded.



"We are honored to have this partnership with Jake's Crew as it is such a special way to keep Jake's legacy alive. It's very difficult to define what this gift of an iPad means to these kids. They light up with excitement! I know how very proud Jake is that his program continues to help so many kids like him. Thank you to the Franzel's and all those who support this incredible way to help kids with cancer...be kids," said Judy Ciapciak, Executive Director.

To see photos of the deliveries, please follow Jake's Crew iPad Fund on Facebook.



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OUR MISSION

Friends of Kids with Cancer is devoted to enriching the daily lives of children undergoing treatment for, and survivors of, cancer and blood-related diseases. Our mission is to be an advocate for these special kids and provide them and their families with the Educational, Emotional and Recreational support needed as a result of the long hours of chemotherapy, illness, and isolation.

OUR PROGRAMS



Our Educational Programs engage our patients' minds and enhance their self-esteem.



Our Emotional Programs instill confidence in our patients and help form therapeutic relationships, which assist in releasing built-up emotions.



Smile Our Recreational Programs keep smiles on our kids' faces every day despite their illnesses.

"TOM THE TUTOR" HONORED BY CARDINAL GLENNON

We are very proud and excited to announce that Tom Mulvihill, our Educational and Motivational Director, received the Cardinal Glennon 2016 Ambassador Choice Award in the Exceptional Service category. "Tom the Tutor" was nominated by one of his star patients, Aly Bauman and her mom. It is an incredible honor just to be nominated. The winners were announced at the Cardinal Glennon **Children's Foundation** "Academy Awards" where they received the royal treatment!



Unfortunately Tom was not able to attend the ceremony as he was vacationing with his wife, children, and seven grandchildren. However he did send a heartwarming message. "I have had the honor of representing FOKWC by offering educational services in the Costas Center for the past 20 years. During that time I have grown to understand two things about Cardinal Glennon. First, the strength of this organization is with its people. Secondly, the families of Cardinal Glennon patients

are what make this place so special. Every patient I work with holds a special place in my heart, and Aly is right there on top. Aly is a funny, smart, and determined individual. I have truly enjoyed helping her with her schoolwork as I do with all the kids. When you combine the strength, character, and faith of families with the strength of everyone connected with Cardinal Glennon, something very special happens. Thanks so much Aly and Connie and all my friends," said Tom.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: SURVIVOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2016-2017 school year is record breaking for Friends of Kids with Cancer. We gladly presented 29 recipients with the Young Survivors' Scholarship Award; the most we have ever given. Each applicant showed incredible courage, perserverance, and survivorship through their journey and we are thrilled to support their future in this way.

JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING OUR 2016 YOUNG SURVIVORS' SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

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BOBBY ORF #17 FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Bobby Orf #17 Foundation Scholarship is granted to an applicant who possesses strength, courage, and determination, the three characteristics that definded the life of Bobby Orf. This year, two deserving applicants, Marik Lingo and Ethan Koch, were each awarded the \$5,000 privately funded scholarship.







7th Annual ART FROM THE HEART

Support Friends of Kids with Cancer's Art Therapy Program

Thursday, Sept 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm

at Mungenast Lexus of St. Louis 13700 Manchester Road Manchester, MO 63011



- A wonderful evening of live music, wine and art
- 100% collected benefits
 Friends of Kids with Cancer
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CORPORATE SPOTLIGHT: C.H. ROBINSON

C.H. Robinson began their campaign to find a 'charity of choice' in 2014. **Ryan Hegger**, Senior Sales Executive, and his wife had been active with Friends for a few years and felt passionate about the cause, thus nominating our local organization. The wonderful employees chose Friends and began brainstorming ways to fundraise.



Their efforts have been incredible. They hosted two huge toy and snack drives, very generously sponsored and participated in our Walk/Run and Golf Tournament, raised \$6,800 by hosting a Trivia Night, and company matched donations for volunteer hours! Even the employees' kids are getting involved by volunteering and donating their birthday toys. Friends of Kids with Cancer is truly grateful and delighted to have benefited from C.H. Robinson's community outreach. Special thanks to **Toni Sears**, Administrative Support, for spearheading their campaign. All of their efforts have done so much to help kids with cancer... be kids!

"C.H. Robinson is very pleased to give back to a local charity that does such great work enriching the lives of children going through treatment. Extending services to their families is something we are very grateful and proud to be a part of," said Toni Sears, Administrative Support, C.H. Robinson.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: DEVOTED TO THESE KIDS



Ann Waldschmidt has always loved kids; she even has eight of her own. It was that love of kids that brought her to work as a nurse for Mercy in **Dr. Bergamini's** office, and what kept her volunteering for Friends of Kids with Cancer after she retired.

Ann has been a volunteer for Friends since the organization began in 1992, traveling with us as we outgrew each location. She has stuffed and mailed many years'

worth of invitations, filed stacks and stacks of papers, and so much more. Ann told us, "I would have cleaned the floors if they asked me to. Volunteering for Friends means helping families." At Friends of Kids with Cancer, we are so lucky to have someone as devoted as Ann by our side all of these years.

KIDS HELPING KIDS SPOTLIGHT: KIDS THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE

We are so grateful for the support of these young kids making a big difference in their community by helping kids with cancer...be kids!



PARKWAY WEST HIGH SCHOOL "CASH FOR CANCER" **RAISED \$1,400**



FRANCIS HOWELL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL "MR. FHC" **RAISED \$2,800**



WYDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL "GIVE BACK NIGHT" **RAISED \$5,986**



KIRKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL "KIRKWOOD KICKS FOR CANCER" **RAISED \$1,800**



"ZUCKER/DOUGAN HOT WHEELS AUCTION" **RAISED \$11,000**

"ANDREW SHAH SWIM-A-THON" **RAISED \$1,069**

"ZAC EPLIN MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT" **RAISED \$4,100**

HATS ON DAY 2015/2016 RAISED \$33,057!



Hats on Day is another great fundraiser for Friends. Thank you for helping to bring smiles to all children with cancer and blood-related diseases. Our program has also extended into local churches and companies this year. We are truly thankful for the wonderful commitment to Hats on Day.

A special thank you to **Dave Fanning, Image Label Corporation**, for the kind donation of 53,000 Hats on Day stickers!

Please keep us in mind if your school, organization, business, or church would like to take part in sponsoring a Hats on Day fundraiser this year. To register online, visit www.friendsofkids.org, click on 'Events' and then 'Hats on Day'. For more information, call our office at 314-275-7440.



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12 BARS OF CHARITY Ballpark Village

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VOODOO IN THE LOU MASQUERADE BALL Fabulous Fox Theatre

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OUR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP

We are young professionals and with the joys of childhood still fresh in our minds, we support Friends of Kids with Cancer in exciting and unique ways.

Our mission is to provide an enthusiastic and energetic base of young professional supporters and future leaders for Friends of Kids with Cancer.

2016 EVENTS

FAMILY PARTIES AT THE MAGIC HOUSE



For our families, this summer was filled with magic! Young Friends hosted two events at **The Magic House** for patients to enjoy with their friends and families. Nearly 500 guests attended the June event, featuring face painting, balloon art, a scavenger hunt and raffle. In July, over 400 guests joined for the 'Back to School' Family Party where more than 300 kids received backpacks and school supplies. Both events provided recreational fun for our patients and their families, allowing the kids to truly enjoy being kids.





2016 FUN WITH FRIENDS AT THE CITY MUSEUM



The Young Friends hosted a unique event where the board was given the rare opportunity to meet and mingle with 78 patients, parents, and siblings. Patient families had a great time exploring the **City Museum** and enjoyed dinner at no expense. In addition to the patient families, Young Friends board members, along with their friends and family, attended and raised \$1,200 to restock Friends' toy closet. A special thank you to our generous sponsors: **UMB, Belhman Automotive, F&B Financial and Pablo's Catering**.

12 BARS OF CHARITY

Saturday, December 17 Ballpark Village 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM



12 Bars of Charity is St. Louis' largest pub crawl attracting over 13,000 attendees and raising over \$120,000 for local charities in just four years!

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

\$10 donation to Young Friends Official 12 Bars Navy Team sweatshirt 1/2 priced drink specials during event Shuttle pass

Register at friendsofkids.org under "NAVY TEAM."

18TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISED \$205,000!

The 18th Annual Golf Tournament and Auction was held on Monday, May 23 at Whitmoor Country Club. This fundraiser is unmatched by other local golf tournaments. Friends of Kids with Cancer ensures that all participants are treated like a close "Friend" of the organization, knowing that their support truly touches the heart of a child with cancer. The weather couldn't have been better, Russo's gourmet breakfast was delicious, 360 Vodka teed up cocktails, and Waste Management provided BBQ lunch.

"It was really warming to see everyone who came out to support such a great cause and organization. It's definitely an honor to be involved with something this great," said Ethan Saake, a patient who played in the

tournament.



Following a sold out scramble of 288 golfers was a filet mignon

dinner, cocktails sponsored by Jarrell Contractors, and wine donated by LaChance Vineyards. Thanks to the golfers' generosity, the oral and silent auctions raised over \$40,000!

A special thank you to our major sponsors, Information Technologies, Inc., Waste Management, Dave Sinclair Buick - GMC, and Dave Sinclair Ford - Lincoln. Thank you to the Golf Tournament co-chairs, Rick Lommel

and **Bob Nuelle**, auction chair, **Tracie Nolting-Ehlert**, committee members, and volunteers who make this tournament a great success each year. Save the date for the 19th Annual Golf Tournament on May 22, 2017.

16TH ANNUAL WALK WITH A FRIEND WAS A "SUNSHINE CELEBRATION!"



The sun was not the only thing shining! The smiling faces from kids, families, volunteers, and supporters prove that Friends of Kids with Cancer has a positive effect on not only kids with cancer, but the community as well.

On April 23, over 1,500 participants came out in support of their loved ones and together helped raise \$50,000 to help kids with cancer! First Watch got everyone fueled with a delicious and healthy breakfast. Friends of Kids with Cancer is grateful to have many 'friends' who support our mission and help kids with cancer... be kids!

"Vanderbilt Office **Properties** has been pleased to 'carry the

torch' once carried by **Duke Realty Corporation** in supporting Friends of Kids With Cancer by raising funds and providing games for the kids at this event," said **Deborah Patterson**, Senior Property Manager, Vanderbilt Office Properties. "Since the staff at Vanderbilt Office Properties are mostly prior employees of Duke Realty, naturally we wanted to continue fundraising and supporting this great cause. We look forward to our continued involvement in years to come."

Thank you to our major sponsors, Vanderbilt, Bender, First Watch, and all of our family and corporate teams!



KAYAKING FOR KIDS WITH CANCER



This past July, **Logan W. Sims** traveled 340 miles by kayak on the Missouri River while raising nearly \$5,000 for Friends! The Missouri American Water MR340 is a grueling kayak race that exposes racers to extreme heat, wind, bugs and rain. Hundreds of people participate in the 88-hour race which begins in Kansas City and ends in St. Charles.

Logan was introduced to Friends through his friend whose niece was diagnosed with neuroblastoma and benefited from our programs. "My goal was to find a charity that focused on kids. After researching and calling numerous local charities, I contacted Friends. Within the first minute of the first conversation, I knew I had found the right charity," said Logan.

This was the second year Logan participated in this race, yet it was apparent that his endurance and mentality was tested like never before.

"We had an amazing ground crew comprised of my father and wife, who met us at every checkpoint. The trip without them would have been nearly impossible," says Logan. "We would paddle anywhere from 18-20 hours a day and went over 100 miles per day for the first three days. What little sleep we got was in the back of a truck bed."

Logan and his family are wonderful people, eager to give back in any way they can. "Raising money for Friends meant more than I ever dreamed it would. The money goes to the kids and their families to provide educational, emotional, and recreational support from the reality of the everyday struggles they endure," said Logan.

Logan attributes his strength during the race to all of the kids battling cancer. "I thought of the pain those kids and families go through while on my trip. When I started to feel weak mentally or physically, they strengthened me. I would say that I wept on this trip on a few occasions from all of the support for the kids," said Logan.



WELCOME JAMIE



Jamie Schuette joined Friends of Kids with Cancer in May as the Administrative/Volunteer Coordinator. She graduated from Missouri State University with a degree in Film. After working on a film set, she quickly realized she wanted a job that was more meaningful

and aligned with her passion for philanthropy. Jamie first learned about Friends when her family's company sponsored a team for "Walk with a Friend". She was moved by the mission and quickly realized how wonderful the organization is. Jamie is so grateful to be a part of community of such wonderful people. Not a day goes by where she is not humbled by an experience at work.

NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Brandy Bimslager has been with Friends of Kids with Cancer for five and a half years. Previously, her position as the Associate Director and Volunteer Coordinator entailed office, volunteer and fundraising duties.

Recently, our incredibly perceptive Board of Directors, along with the Executive Director, **Judy Ciapciak**, recognized the need for a full-time Program Director. **Margie Sedlack** has been managing the Friends programs while being a part-time employee and Board Member. Margie has done an incredible job and as our organization has grown, she also emphasized the need to expand our staff. Brandy humbly accepted the new role of Program Director and is charged with oversight of everything we do for our patient families.

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We thank you for thinking of Friends of Kids with Cancer to honor your loved ones.

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APRIL	23	WALK WITH A FRIEND Maryville Centre Raised \$50,000	MAY	07	AARON HUBBELL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT Pevely Farms Raised \$10,000
MAY	23	GOLF TOURNAMENT Whitmoor Country Club Raised \$205,000	MAY	21	C.H. ROBINSON TRIVIA NIGHT St. Elizabeth of Hungary Raised \$7,050
JULY	09	FUN WITH FRIENDS City Museum Raised \$1,200	JUNE	12	SEAMUS MCDANIELS CHARITY COOKOUT Seamus McDaniels Raised \$14,000
SEPT	17	MOUSE RACES Sunset Hills Community Center	AUG	20	BLACK SHEEP GOLF TOURNAMENT Forest Park Raised \$25,000
SEPT	22	ART FROM THE HEART Mungenast Lexus of St. Louis	SEPT	17	CDS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT Quail Creek Golf Course
NOV	10	FASHION SHOW & BOUTIQUE Ritz-Carlton St. Louis	SEPT	18	KELLY HAGER GROUP 2ND ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL Rombach's Farm
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