

Jack H. Marston II Melanoma Research Fund E-mail Newsletter

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'Somehow not only for Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others, is the joy that comes back to you.' - E.B. White (American writer, humorist, 'Charlotte's Web')

A Holiday Note from the President

It is the season for miracles. With the holidays upon us, we would like to take a moment to extend a very special thank you to all the children, the "little miracles", sharing their generosity and compassion by helping to support the cancer research efforts of Jack's Fund.

Since the inaugural 2004 5K race, children have contributed not only from their pockets, but also from their hearts. Some of the innovative fundraising ideas these young philanthropists have used include:

- Selling water bottles at local football games by Jack's Rainbow Kids (children Jack coached).
- A summer garage sale organized by Myles and his cousins, with profits going to Jack's Fund.
- In lieu of birthday presents, Emma, Jack, Michaela, Gabriella, Brendan, and Peter requested monetary gifts be sent to support the cancer research at Jack's Fund. Similarly, at 13-years-old, Nate chose to designate a percentage of his Bar Mitzvah gifts to Jack's Fund.
- Junior High Students hosted a "Backyard Science Fair" for younger classmates and siblings, grades K-3. This group of 7th grade boys and girls, led by Will and Patrick, named themselves the Nerd Herd/CFCC (Cure for Cancer Club) and continue their good work year-round throughout the community.
- Teens at Glenbard West High School volunteer along the 5K course each year, stuff race bags with goodies and help with registration. Proceeds from pumpkins sold at the race by the J. Kyle Braid Group are donated to Jack's Fund.
- Glenbard West's Class of 2006 voted to contribute to cancer research as a way of giving back to their community. As part of







the graduation ceremony, each senior crossed the podium and handed their principal a dollar. A total donation of over \$600 was sent to Jack's Fund.

• Then there is Kate ... who auctioned off "chances" to pick from a calendar the day her first tooth would fall out and, at a local soccer tournament, she pulled a decorated red wagon from gameto-game, selling beautiful hand-painted rocks (paper weights) with all the proceeds going to Jack's Fund.

This is the season for giving and it is the simple acts of the children that teach us about the importance of charity and the true meaning of selfless love.

To honor the philanthropic efforts of these children and because melanoma is a cancer that strikes all ages, Jack's Fund has pledged \$2000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital where progress against cancer is made everyday.

With warmest regards for a joy filled holiday,

Sharon Marston and This Jack H. Marston II Board of Directors





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