



Fund NEWS

Inspiring and Supporting Human Rights for Children

Welcome!

Here is the Eighth edition of "Fund News," the Jayme's Fund for Social Justice Newsletter. We hope this informs as well as inspires...



John and Jessica take a bow after their stunning performance.

Lisa Jane Lipkin opens the evening with "Jayme's Song."



Juan replied... Straight A's!

Thank you to John and Jessica for your warm and uplifting presence, for your ongoing support of Jayme's Fund, and for a truly special evening. Thank you to **Jim Roach** of JJR Productions for your exceptional production leadership, host **Heather Bishop** of WZID radio, and to **Matthew Cahoon** and **Pinkerton Academy** for the use of the lovely Stockbridge Theatre. Thank you to **Lisa Jane Lipkin** for opening the evening so beautifully with Jayme's Song. Thank you to **Dylan Mahalingam** for enlightening us with your speech highlighting human rights issues. Much appreciation to **Kevin Harkins** for photographing the event.

Our deepest gratitude goes out to our sponsors for, without their support, the evening would not be possible:

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And a very special thank you to the Jayme's Fund advisory board, benefit committee and wonderful student volunteers who make it all happen and run smoothly!

Thank you for supporting the 2010 Benefit Event!

John Pizzarelli and his lovely and talented wife, **Jessica Molaskey** brought the house down during our annual benefit concert on April 11th. John and Jessica are masterful singers and musicians who delighted and charmed the audience throughout the performance. They were accompanied by the acclaimed John Pizzarelli Quartet featuring Larry Fuller on piano, Martin Pizzarelli on bass, and Tony Tedesco on drums.

A highlight of the evening was the youth chorus led by music teacher **Jill Deleunt**, of Campbell High School and Manchester Music School.

We were especially proud of our **Jayme Scholar Juan Zamudio** who, along with the students from **Campbell High School**, accompanied Pizzarelli and Molaskey to the memorable song from the Broadway show South Pacific, "You Have to Be Carefully Taught." The entire audience applauded when, while developing rapport with Juan on stage, Pizzarelli asked, how he did in school,



Congratulations to Scholarship Awardee Amelia Garza-Mattia!

Bravo to the chorus!



(Photography donated by Harkins Photography)

January Jaunt for Jayme's Fund

Please join us for an invigorating snow shoe hike and then warm up inside with Paul's famous chili!



**Saturday,
January 29th, 2011**

**Time: 9am-1pm
Registration: 9:00-9:30am
Hike: 9:30-11:30
Place: 22 Farley Road, Hollis, NH 03049**

For more information and registration, go to www.jaymesfund.org!

Remembering Jayme

This year on October 17, I remembered Jayme's birthday quietly. It was in stark contrast to the year before when we held the Speak Truth To Power Play on her birthday. I often think of the human rights defenders faces boldly displayed on the enormous theatre screen as we listened to the disturbing dialogue that was passionately delivered by the talented cast. It was a bold and thought-provoking educational experience for all who attended, and for me personally an incredibly meaningful way to honor Jayme's birthday. She would have appreciated the Speak Truth To Power for its blending of the creative mediums of writing, journalism, photojournalism and stage production, all for the purpose of educating the public regarding human rights issues.

As a board member and representative of the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice (Speak Truth To Power is based on the writings of

Kerry Kennedy and an initiative of the RFK Center), Thomas McPherson was instrumental in helping us create the event. Recently, he kindly invited Jayme's Fund to attend the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights Ripple of Hope Awards Ceremony.

While the evening was filled with the ambiance of a gala event, what struck me most was the gathering of 1200 influential and talented individuals who were there for one reason-*human rights*. Robert F. Kennedy's family and supporters are making a significant difference advancing human rights around the globe. The effort is decisive and successful. The well presented educational component of the evening reminded me just how much one person can make a difference, and how important it is for me to continue to further Jayme's mature understanding and desire to help the lives of those who are affected by the serious nature of these issues.



Jayme's self portrait while working at the Derry News

I didn't mind spending Jayme's birthday quietly this year. The quiet doesn't last for long. I know that little (big 😊) voice in my head is always Jayme...nudging me...guiding me...to continue to develop Jayme's Fund...keeping hers and other's voices heard...to promote human rights for children!

— Caren Lipkin Rifkin

Thank you for your support...Thank you for remembering Jayme

2010 GRANT AWARDS

Breakthrough Manchester

is a year-round, tuition-free program devoted to academic excellence, leadership, creativity, and diversity for under-served youth in the Manchester NH middle schools. Breakthrough educates middle-school students and trains high school and college students in the art of teaching. Jayme's Fund has endowed the **Jayme Scholar**, a scholarship which is given annually to a **student who is "intellectual, creative, expressive, socially conscious and is motivated to make the world a better place."**

*Congratulations to this year's Scholar, **Damion Neth**, a sixth grader at Hillside Middle School. Damion was named the Jayme Scholar because of his dedication, perseverance, and genuine enthusiasm for learning with like-minded peers. Damion approaches every new challenge with a smile. Damion comes to Breakthrough every day, homework in hand, and ready to learn. He takes advantage of all opportunities, and does so in a way that encourages and inspires his peers to achieve, as well.*

Child Health Services

Manchester NH, is dedicated to **improving the health and well being of disadvantaged children** in the Greater Manchester area. CHS is a fully-integrated system of bio-psychosocial health care, social service and nutrition services. Their advocacy work and community education efforts complement direct services by helping to bring statewide attention to important issues that directly affect the well being of children.

Youth Action International

is an international nonprofit working to rebuild war-torn African communities. The organization **promotes the well-being and development of children**. YAI also works to provide economic empowerment for war-affected youth.

Pinkerton Academy

in Derry, New Hampshire, offers a scholarship for a **college-bound student interested in pursuing a career in journalism and who possesses a desire to understand and educate others about humanity and justice**. The scholarship was initially established through the generosity of The Derry News in honor of Jayme. Jayme's Fund also awards a scholarship to a **college-bound student who has been active in the Amnesty**

International Club and is planning to study an aspect of human rights issues as part of her or his educational pursuits.

*Congratulations to Amnesty International Scholarship Awardee **Amelia Garza – Mattia** and to the Journalism Scholarship Awardee **Lauren Rose!***

Brothers of the Poor –

Tsunami Aid to Sri-Lanka

provides **food, clothing and housing for children** in Eastern Sri-Lanka who were orphaned after the 2004 tsunami. The organization also provides tuition assistance for educational services to the children.

Rani Roberts Memorial Foundation

administers the Babies Need Food Foundation which provides **nutritional support for babies up to 18 months old** in Chennai, India.

James Mastricola Upper Elementary School

Merrimack NH, hosted the **special assembly "Be Somebody"** by Amazing Hero Art.

January Jaunt a Huge Success!

Many thanks to Carolyn and Hisham Hafez for hosting our 2nd Annual Snow Shoe Hike and for all of the volunteers and participants who made this such a successful, and fun event!!!



Jonathan and Suzanne Beck



Zach and Josh Lipkin-Moore



Lelah Holloran and Amy Ireland

KUDOS!

Scott Hayward and Tupelo Music Hall for donating the hall for Songs and Skits.

Sheila Lambert, Jet Goldberg and the NAPSA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education Committee for selecting Jayme's Fund as the recipient of their annual auction charitable giving!

Southern New Hampshire University SERVE program for providing our work study students Maryna Demitri and Kristine Nicholson and for the awesome job they do!

Professor Ashlyn Labree and the University Of New Hampshire School Of Law Clinic for providing legal assistance!

Kate Harper for all of her talented contributions to the book/bear project!

Kevin Harkins for donating his excellent photographic talents!

Josh Boynton and Boynton's Taproom for donating the wonderful venue for Songs and Skits!

All of our dedicated and generous volunteers!!!



THE MISSION OF JAYME'S FUND IS TO PROMOTE INITIATIVES THAT SUPPORT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL CHILDREN, AND TO INSPIRE AND EDUCATE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE ISSUES.

- Funds initiatives that deliver basic human rights for children through empowering children and their communities.
- Sponsors educational programs that promote understanding of human rights and the inspiration to do something about improving these issues.
- Awards scholarships to college-bound youth to pursue a course of study that contributes to improving human rights for children.
- Inspires young people to get involved in our organization, providing opportunities to learn about non-profit development, fundraising and promoting the Fund's mission.
- Creative fundraising through concerts and programs that provide community enrichment and entertainment through the arts.



Rob and Brianna after the show



Rob and JFSJ SNHU Intern Kristine Nicholson

Amazing Hero Art Inspires Students to BE SOMEBODY!

Jayme's Fund sponsored another AMAZING performance by Amazing Hero Artist Rob Surette. Rob educated, inspired, and entertained over 600 children at James Masticola Upper Elementary school, Merrimack New Hampshire through his artistic and educational speed-painting performance, BE SOMEBODY! Students responded enthusiastically and were inspired to make a difference in the world.

Brianna Shelly, daughter of Maureen and Jerry Shelly, opened the show by introducing Mr. Surette to her fellow students. Brianna reflected on her experience that day.

"I was really excited to find out that AHA was coming to my school. My friends and I were so impressed by his art that started with splattered paint and ended up being amazing pictures like Mother

Teresa. I also really liked the messages he shared with us about being respectful to everything and everyone. He also told us that we could be anything we wanted to be. My whole school was so impressed by AHA that the 6th grade class bought one of his paintings for the school and it will soon be hung up. This is an experience that I will never forget. Thank you Jayme's Fund for bringing it to me."

– Brianna Shelley

Thank You

Jamie Feinberg & the Cast of Songs & Skits

In the Spring of 2010, a group of local performers, led by Jamie Feinberg, presented Songs and Skits You Never Learned from Mom: An Evening to Benefit Jayme's Fund. The cast featured local rock band The Fitted Shirt, members of the Granite State Theatresports improv troupe, and many other local performers and musicians. In addition to the cast donating their time, Tupelo Music Hall, Londonderry, NH and Boynton's Taproom, Manchester, NH provided a sound board operator and a free venue!

Many thanks to all who were involved and who came out to support the evening!



Anja Parish with Bryan McGrath (from band The Fitted Shirt), Ross Boyd and Justin McLean.



Youth Making a Difference!

Scholar 2010 Scholar Damion Neth and 2009 Scholar Irean Ali

Jayme's Scholars at Breakthrough Manchester Make a Difference!

Our past Jayme's Scholars continue to take advantage of every opportunity at their schools and in their communities. Juan Zamudio just began his school year as a new ninth grader at The Derryfield School, where he is taking challenging classes and singing with Encore, the auditioned singing group on campus. Maria Cervantes attended the Phillips Exeter Academy Summer School 2010 to participate in the Charles J. Hamm '55 Leadership Program. The program is an immersion learning environment designed to challenge students to both build their own leadership skills as well as reflect upon the characteristics and contexts that enable effective leadership. Rooa Abdelrahim, the first named Jayme's Scholar, is embarking on the final step in her career as a Breakthrough student - she is busy applying to college! In addition to visiting campuses and writing essays, Rooa is looking for a challenging and encouraging musical environment so she can continue her career as a violinist and musician.

Additionally, many Jayme's Scholars volunteer to assist our fund-raising efforts. We truly appreciate their involvement and their contributions!

Lil' MDGs Happenings



Lil'MDGs continues to experience a lot of excitement and growth and receive national and international recognition and visibility! Led by founder Dylan Mahalingam, LilMDG's engages children locally and worldwide, empowering youth to make a difference! The Lil' MDGs uses the power of digital media and the internet to educate, inspire, and empower youth to learn about the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set forth by the United Nations... and to take action!



Dylan meeting with Farah Pandith, Special Representative to Muslim Countries, from Senator Clinton's office to discuss ideas to engage youth in activism



LilMDGs led educational workshop, Derry, NH to promote peace and make origami peace paper cranes



Dylan conducting a workshop at the United Nations MDGs Review Summit in NYC

Natalie's Scholarship Fund

The Lipkin Amir family extends their deepest appreciation for all donations that are made to Natalie's Fund. A scholarship to assist underserved women to pursue education will be awarded next year.

If you are interested in donating to Natalie's Scholarship Fund, please visit www.jaymesfund.org.

"We all struggle to transcend the cruelties and the follies of mankind. That struggle will not be won by standing aloof and pointing a finger; it will be won by action, by those who commit their every resource of mind and body to the education and improvement and help of their fellow person."

-Robert F. Kennedy

We sincerely appreciate your support and generosity!

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Jayne's Fund for Social Justice supports human rights for children through grant giving, educational programs and scholarships. Annual grants and scholarships are awarded to nonprofit organizations that support children in our communities and children in impoverished countries. Jayne's fund also inspires and encourages young people to get involved! To make a donation, please visit www.jaymesfund.org.

At this holiday time of year and always, we extend our sincerest wishes that your lives be blessed with the kindness and goodness that you have so generously given.