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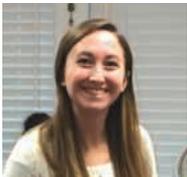
Welcome!

Here is the 14th edition of FundNEWS. We hope this informs as well as inspires!

JF is very fortunate to have the assistance of four work-study and student interns from Southern New Hampshire University working with us this year! Thank you for your incredible help. We can't do the work without you and are inspired by your energy and commitment!



I'm Melissa Melanson, a junior marketing major at SNHU from Goffstown, NH. I am also a thrower on the women's track and field team. When I first learned about Jayme's Fund I knew that I wanted to be a part of this awesome group. I found it so inspiring that Jayme had accomplished so much at such a young age. I am so excited to have such an amazing opportunity to work with Jayme's Fund!



I'm Amber Forrence, a sophomore studying psychology. After SNHU, I plan to go to graduate school and become a child life specialist where I will be able to help hospitalized children with challenges such as illnesses or disabilities. Ever since I discovered Jayme's Fund, the foundation has inspired me. I was immediately drawn to the Jayme's Bears project and the multiple other contributions that Jayme's Fund gives to children living in difficult circumstances. By working hand-in-hand with JF, I am able to see how much thought and effort goes into each program, event, and project to create the most amazing outcomes. Jayme's Fund has not only led me, but also empowered me to become the helping hand that every child deserves to have. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities that Jayme's Fund has given me and am excited to see what is in store for the years to come.



My name is Jonathan Allen and I am a Junior at Southern New Hampshire University, majoring in Marketing. I chose to work with Jayme's Fund because I deeply agree with fighting for Social Justice for everyone, and loved the Bear project which Jayme was involved with. The volunteers and organizers here at Jayme's Fund make working at this organization feel less like work, but a caring community who want to make the world a better place!



My name is Michelle Hegenauer. I started working with Jayme's Fund in the fall of 2014. The Psychology Club at SNHU brought Caren in, and we helped make Jayme's Bears. Since then I have been working with Jayme's fund by making bears, volunteering and attending fundraising events. I have done almost every step of making Jayme's Bears and it is one of my favorite things to do. I'm now president of that Psychology Club and we bring in the Jayme's Bears project every semester! Psych club is planning a major bear-a-thon event in February 2017 that is bringing in support from different clubs and organizations on campus. We're going to make a ton of bears and also inform students of the mission of Jayme's Fund!!!

WE INSPIRE YOU AND YOU INSPIRE US!!!



Jayme's Fund INSPIRES young people to get involved in their communities and provide opportunities to make a difference. In May 2016, JF helped one student's idea for a volunteer project come to life! He wanted to do a community service project for children in need. Americore



volunteer Anthony Cerasi knew about Jayme's Fund, contacted us and arranged for Jayme's Bears to visit Mrs. Barry's third grade classroom at Northwest Elementary School in Manchester, NH.

We provided 25 bears that the students, lovingly stuffed and then were ready to be sewn. Each student wrote a special note to go with the bears they stuffed. One memorable one read, "Dear friend, I love you. When you feel down, give me a hug."

Mrs. Barry's third grade class made a difference, and one boy in particular learned that his ideas matter!

After being sewn, tagged and packaged, the Northwest Elementary school bears made their way to MassGeneral Children's Cancer Center.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP MAKE, OR DISTRIBUTE JAYME'S BEARS, PLEASE CONTACT US!

Jayme's Fund Partners with STAY POSITIVE APPAREL!



CJay Prima, a student at Southern New Hampshire University and co-founder of Stay Positive Apparel joined together with JF to deliver Jayme's Bears and Stay Positive T-shirts to MassGeneral Hospital for Children at the Center for Pediatric Hematology-Oncology. CJay was a former patient there, and knows how difficult a cancer diagnosis can be. Now in remission, CJay aims to fund cancer research with the apparel sales, provide encouragement and lift the spirits of patients and families to stay positive during treatment.

Thanks CJay for organizing the trip to MGH! And, thank you for presenting at the Jayme's Fund Golf Classic this year and telling us about the incredible work that you do!

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THANK YOU

To all who attended the Fourth Annual Jayme's Fund Golf Classic held at the Manchester Country Club on October 17, 2016. The weather was exceptional, which made the day that much more special, especially since it was Jayme's birthday.



We are extremely grateful to our major sponsors **The Roedel Companies, Baron's Major Brands Appliances, Northside Grille, Spectrum Marketing Companies, Lab Rats Gifts, The Hilton Garden Inn Manchester, Spindel Eye Associates, Keller Williams Realty Metropolitan** and our tee and green sponsors, and raffle donors for making the event possible.

A very special thank you to **Rusty Gill, the Manchester Country Club, Heather Irvine, Mark Miller, Maureen Shelley, Cjay Prima, Ava McGarr, Steve Hogan, Rose Kozdra, Donna Viau, Melanie Friese, Paula Hogan, Woody Woodland, Jonny Allen, Michelle Hegenauer, and Brian Wakefield** for your assistance.

And, an extra special kudos to **JFGC chairperson Steve Rifkin!!! We couldn't do it without you.**

SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH INTO SPRING FOR JAYME'S FUND!

(in lieu of the January Jaunt this year)



Sunday, March 12, 2017, Hollis New Hampshire
Snow shoe or hike, all levels of experience welcome!

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES SPOTLIGHT

Breakthrough Manchester Jayme's Scholar



Breakthrough director Becky Berk and Lilyana

Lilyana Peralta, is a seventh grader at McLaughlin Middle School in Manchester, NH. Lily loves reading, writing, drawing, fashion design and basketball, and her teachers describe her as kind, respectful and considerate. Although Lily describes herself as shy, she is delightful in conversation with a ready smile and a twinkle in her eye. Lily works hard at Breakthrough and would be the first in her family to attain a four-year college degree. Lily was invited to participate in Breakthrough's Scholar Soiree this summer as a result of her perfect attendance and perfect record of homework completion, and she continues to grow in self-confidence and as a leader. Lilyana was a perfect choice as this summer's Jayme's Fund Scholar, given to a Breakthrough student who is intellectual, creative, expressive, socially conscious and motivated to make the world a better place.

Pinkerton Academy Jayme A. Lipkin-Moore Scholarship



This year's awardee (graduating senior who intends to major in the humanities or social sciences; a passionate learner and keen observer with outstanding communication and writing skills; who possesses compassion and a desire to understand and educate others on humanity and justice) is **Catherine Goodwin**.

Catherine is now a freshman at University of South Carolina. She is a member of a sorority that supports Autism Speaks and volunteering as a tutor at a traditional housing facility in Columbia, South Carolina. Catherine is studying international studies in hopes of pursuing a career in either law or education.

"Thank you so much for granting me the honor of being Jayme's scholarship recipient. I will try to exemplify the characteristics this award stands for, such as compassion and goodwill. I am immensely grateful to have been selected for such a meaningful award."

Central High School Eckman Award for Excellence



This year, Central High School awarded the Eckman Award for Excellence (Awarded in memory of Hal Eckman (Central High class of 1964) for a college bound graduating senior who is focused and determined to achieve academic and professional excellence through hard work and perseverance, while overcoming obstacles and challenges along the way to **Patricia Nyantakyi**. She is currently attending Rivier University in New Hampshire. Patricia moved to the

US from Ghana about 4 years ago. Life was hard but she persevered and challenged herself. Her guidance counselor describes her as one of the loveliest young people she has ever worked with. She had to overcome many obstacles with no money and resources. She is very grateful for the opportunity to receive an education in New Hampshire.

"Thank you and the Jayme's Bear Project for believing in me and giving me this scholarship. I am very grateful. The money received from you will go a long way to help me be successful in college. Thank you again for your generosity."

Natalie A. Lipkin Memorial Scholarship Awardees

Awarded to a college bound female senior student who is dedicated to empowering themselves by furthering their education.



Kiren Rizvi, from Morris Hills High School, Rockaway, NJ challenged herself throughout the past 4 years by taking honors and advanced placement courses. As a senior, she served as President of the

National Honor Society. Kiren will continue her education at Rutgers University, and plans to pursue a career in law and international affairs.



Vanessa Ballesteros, from Dover High School, NJ demonstrated a "need to succeed" attitude by excelling at the highest level possible in her high school course work. Not only did Vanessa rank in the top ten of her class, but she also demonstrated her

talents in band, theater, debate, editor of the Yearbook, and serving as both vice-president and treasurer for student council. She begins her ambition of becoming an astronomical engineer at the University of Maryland.

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A very special thank you to all Circle of Friends Members who have served through the years!



Master-minded by JF board member Melanie Friese, students from Southern New Hampshire University and teachers from Breakthrough Manchester joined together and developed a special day of learning for Breakthrough Manchester students. The educational and interactive program ended with the amazing Rob Surette performing BE SOMEBODY!

Remembering Jayme

As we come into our 15th year, it is time for reflection. Our country has changed dramatically. Technology continues to advance, and the issues and serious challenges facing our communities are complex.

Jayme was extremely well read and strongly positioned in her views. Underlying her opinions was a deep concern for humanity. Through idealistic 17-year old eyes, she saw enormous possibility. I still wonder what professional aspirations she would have attained by now. She voiced many which had to do with an intellectual approach to improving social problems and the lives of others (even the fashion designer interest, which she was very passionate about!). I wonder what action she would take regarding the current challenges that face our communities - the myriad of problems from racism and diversity to mental health and environmental issues, and how people treat each other in this complex and interconnected world that we live in.

Amidst unbearable pain is the potential for love, hope, and healing. When I reflect on those days so many years ago, the love, hope and support from family, friends and the community remains etched in my mind.

Then, remembering Jayme (and fear of forgetting) was a motivation to develop Jayme's Fund. I've since understood that my heart and mind forever hold all precious memories. Then, I cared about the causes that Jayme so deeply believed in, but I didn't have the passion and depth of understanding that she did.

Now, passion and depth of understanding for those causes continues to be an evolving process. Memories of Jayme's thoughts and actions, guide us to fundraise, educate others, award grants and scholarships, and partnership with other programs. We are providing tools for the Jayme's of the world to do the hard work that they do. And, there are many people - young and old, who are doing the work. We support those individuals and programs that

develop solutions and care to make the world a better place for everyone, especially the most disenfranchised in our communities.

These issues are not light-hearted and fun to think about.

So...who would have thought that one of Jayme's "projects" has become so much fun, as we strive to promote human rights for children?

Everybody loves Jayme's Bears! They bring inspiration and smiles to us, and to all of the children who receive them. I appreciate that we come together in small sewing circles and large community groups to have fun while creating Jayme's Bears and at the same time, know we are caring about the difficult issues that are facing the children who receive them.

I am forever humbled and continually grateful for the level of generosity and giving Jayme's Fund receives.

Thank you for your incredible support.
 Thank you for Remembering Jayme.

~Jayme's Mom



Jayme's self portrait working at the Derry News

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