



Welcome!

Here is the 17th edition of FundNEWS. We hope this informs as well as inspires!

WE INSPIRE YOU AND YOU INSPIRE US!!!

STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you and Congratulations to Amber Forrence!



Many of you were fortunate to meet Amber during the 3 years she worked for Jayme's Fund. If you didn't meet her, you heard from her directly or indirectly since she managed our social media, as well as countless other office and fundraising responsibilities. We were truly fortunate to have her help. Amber's passion and dedication furthered our mission significantly, leaving an indelible mark on Jayme's Fund.

Amber is currently working as a Development Assistant in the Division of Philanthropy at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. We wish her all the best and know that she continues to help so many people, by way of her strong work ethic, kind heart and infectious smile!

Courtney Campbell, this year's SNHU student intern will be working with us for one school year since she is a senior. She jumped right into the job, is a fast learner and contributing her outstanding abilities and passion for social justice.



Courtney is obtaining a degree in Justice Studies and Psychology.

Upon graduation in May, she will be pursuing a Masters degree in Social Work and plans to become a Victim Witness Advocate. "I have a passion for helping children and adults who are in tough situations. I love helping people and making sure they feel safe. I also love learning about the law and our justice system and explaining to others. Becoming a Victim Witness Advocate will be the perfect start for me."

Fay Nyansarora, worked with us for a semester and over the summer. Fay did an awesome job helping with administrative tasks and was instrumental in the success of a SNHU Jayme's Bears event. She is obtaining her degree at SNHU and working in the office of International Student Services. Thank you Fay for all of your contributions!!



We are very appreciative of our Southern New Hampshire University work study partnership. SNHU students are the best and we can't do the work without you!!

SPECIAL BEAR MAKERS!!

Thank you to our Jayme's Bears Makers.

The hand-crafted bears are made with a lot of effort and a lot of love! We so much appreciate our bears makers! We cannot do the work without you. This year, we held 11 major events that engaged passionate and energetic individuals and organizations, forming a community of Jayme's Bears friends and supporters. We look forward to more of the same in 2020.

You made a BEARY SPECIAL difference!



CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES!

Central High School Eckman Award for Excellence

Central High School in Manchester NH awarded the **Eckman Award for Excellence** (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 **Maria Corniel**.

Maria has endured through substantial challenges throughout her life, persevered and overcome obstacles through hard work and a positive attitude. She found education and writing to be her salvation. A freshman at UNH Manchester, she plans to write books that will help people through difficult times. **"Stories have the power to move mountains, inspire an entire generation, and give hope where there is none. That is what it did for me."**

Breakthrough Manchester Jayme's Scholar

The Jayme's Scholar is given to an incoming Breakthrough Manchester student who is intellectual, creative, expressive, socially conscious, and motivated to make the world a better place. **Malayzia (Mazy) Hernandez**, a seventh grade student at Parkside Middle School in Manchester is this year's recipient. Although facing some very challenging life events, **Mazy** was able to focus on her education and not only succeed at school, but also score in the top ten of the Manchester Water Works ecology project contest! As Vice President of the YMCA Teen Center, Mazy is an impressive role model for younger students. **Mazy Hernandez makes Breakthrough Manchester and the world, a better place!**

Pinkerton Academy Jayme A. Lipkin-Moore Scholarship

This year's awardee (given to a college bound 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 **John Marineau**.

John's high school teachers describe him as hard working, intelligent, driven, musical, athletic and overall an exceptional individual.. He was involved in numerous extra curricular and community activities, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. He is continuing his studies at Gordon University in Wenham, MA majoring in Music Composition and Spanish. **"A desire to serve others where needed is one of my ambitions; I will use my talents of music, language, athletics and humor to help others. Laughter brightens everyones day!"**

Natalie A. Lipkin Memorial Scholarship

This year's awardees (in honor of Natalie A. Lipkin-Amir, awarded to college bound female seniors dedicated to empowering themselves by furthering their education) are **Emma Dolase** and **Nayeli Zenaida Alvarado Flores**.

Emma Dolase, Morris Hills High School, NJ is compassionate, confident, driven, engaging, hardworking, intelligent and humorous. **Whether in the classroom, volleyball court or theatrical stage, Emma radiates energy, spirit, and leadership skills.** She impresses teachers with her creative and articulate writing style. Emma is attending St. Andrew's University in Scotland where she will concentrate her studies in English and Psychology.

Nayeli Zenaida Alvarado Flores, Dover High School, NJ was enrolled in honors and advanced placement courses throughout high school and received a 4.0 average. How Nayeli ever found time to serve as president of Key Club, Math Club and Tigers for Charity, as well as a peer monitor and Editor and Chief of the Yearbook committee all while working two jobs outside of school is beyond comprehension. Her dedication to improve her stature in life through hard work, education, and commitment to family is truly impressive. She is attending the County College of Morris. **Nayeli fully embodies the spirit of why the Natalie Lipkin scholarship award was established.**

Emily's Empowerment Scholarship for Women

Emily's Scholarship is awarded to a Merrimack High School student, in memory of Emily Sunshine Gagnon (Merrimack High school class of 1997) for young women facing their own unique difficulties and challenges on their path to higher learning. This year's awardee is **Rachel Caliguri**.

Rachel overcame enormous challenges since her childhood when she was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and was told she should be institutionalized. She and her family did not accept that fate! **"As a result of difficult circumstances, I have learned that even when a thought in the back of my mind says I can't do something, it doesn't mean I won't if I work exceptionally hard and stay optimistic. My experiences have inspired me to become a psychologist, so that I can use what I've learned through my struggles to help other people and make a positive impact on the world through my profession."** Rachel is attending Nashua Community College, majoring in psychology.

THE JAYME'S BEARS PROJECT



Illustration by Ashley McCarty

The **Jayme's Bears Project** was launched in 2012, inspired by the mitzvah ("good deed") Jayme undertook when she was 12. She hand-made 40 fleece teddy bears for hospitalized children at the Jimmy Fund Clinic in Boston, MA

Today, The Jayme's Bears Project provides hand-sewn bears for children living through difficult circumstances locally and around the world. Volunteers, who generously dedicate their time, energy and talents, create the bears.

Community sew-a-thons are held throughout the year. Local schools, universities, businesses and community groups are involved.

To carry on with Jayme's tradition, each bear is uniquely crafted and carries a positive message. Each Jayme's Bear come in a tote bag, donated by the Timberland Company, and includes the book *Jayme's Bears*, meant to comfort and provide encouragement to children in-need.

To date, more than 1,200 Jayme's Bears have been sewn and distributed! The program also raises money for our scholarships for success program.

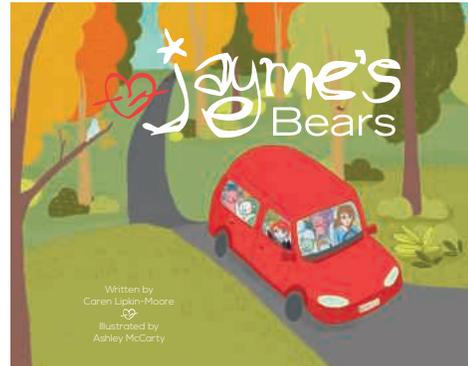
Thank you to 2019 partner agencies who distributed Jayme's Bears to children. If you know an agency that would like to distribute JBears, please let us know!

**Manchester Police Athletic League
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The Way Home, Manchester NH
Epping NH Police Department
Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center
Boston Children's Floating Hospital
Orphanages in the Dominican Republic
Hampstead NH Fire and Rescue**

Jayme's Bears

The Jayme's Bear's book is here! Thank you to Ashley McCarty for all of her hard work and awesome illustrations! Thank you to Alisa Andrusiak of Spectrum Marketing for graphic design work and set up, Spectrum Marketing for printing services and to the many Jayme's Fund friends who gave feedback and suggestions. The book replaces the booklet that was previously in the bags with the bears. We know children will love this colorful storybook!

THE BOOK



SAVE THE DATE!

JAYME'S FUND GOLF CLASSIC

MAY 18TH 2020

The Atkinson Country Club, Atkinson, NH



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THE AMAZING BEAR MAKERS!!!



Three generations making Jayme's Bears!

Rose Kozdra, Jayme's Bears co-founder (middle) with daughter Layla and 9 year old granddaughter Lilly. Lilly sewed 14 bears all by herself at this day long event at Timberland. Way to go 3 generations of caring and giving!

Remembering Jayme

Sometimes I forget. I forget a lot over 17 years. I'm happy to forget the pain, but not the memories. Still, they fade over time. That was a driving force behind the desire to establish Jayme's Fund. I recall worrying that I/we might forget her over time.

I'm taking a moment now to remember. I just came back from a lovely walk, enjoying the two feet of freshly fallen snow that fell in New Hampshire. Jayme loved the snow, skiing, sledding and making forts and playing in the snow, especially with her brothers. Great memories! And, I recently joined a sewing class with Rose Kozdra at her Main Street Sewing studio.- sewing in the same place and using the same machine that Jayme sewed on- over 20 years ago. Sewing class is fun and I think of Jayme when I am there and how much fun she had sewing her outfits, making gifts for our family, making the bears for Jimmy Fund Clinic patients, and generally expressing her vast creativity. Ahh yes, I remember very well!

The people we miss are easily remembered if we take time to cherish and honor them in our hearts, minds and actions. For those who's physical presence is in our lives, how wonderful it is when we approach each other with understanding, respect and appreciation especially during difficult times. It's fairly easy to appreciate the people who we care about and get along with easily, and much harder when we experience conflict or misunderstanding with others.

Jayme wrote about, and worked deliberately encouraging people to have conversations about difficult issues, and she loved a good debate. She encouraged listening and learning and understood at a young age

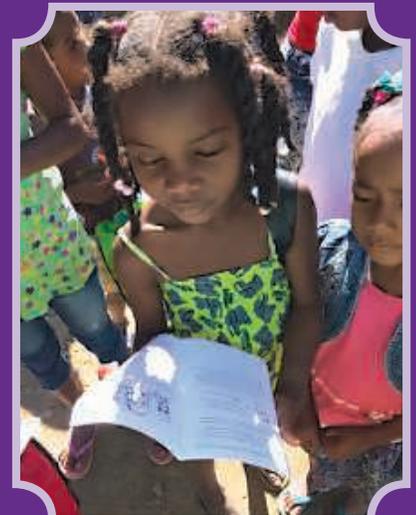
that although one might hold differing beliefs or opinions, everyone had something of value to say. It seemed so simple a concept to her, that encouraging a dialogue would allow for healthy expression, conversation and understanding. She found out it wasn't easy at all. Still, she never gave up trying.

That I remember well!

Her youthful and passionate beliefs and efforts to promote justice and understanding are just as important, if not more relevant today. As I think of Jayme now... in this moment, I am reminded to intentionally invest effort engaging in difficult conversations, to listen and hear another's viewpoints and perspectives, and to do my part to contribute positively to those conversations. That would bring a smile to Jayme's face 😊

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity, and joining with me to do some good in the world in Jayme's name. Thank you for your unwavering support!

Thank you for Remembering Jayme.
~Jayme's Mom



Reading the Jayme's Bears story in the Dominican Republic

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