

*“Working to bring smiles and hope to others”*

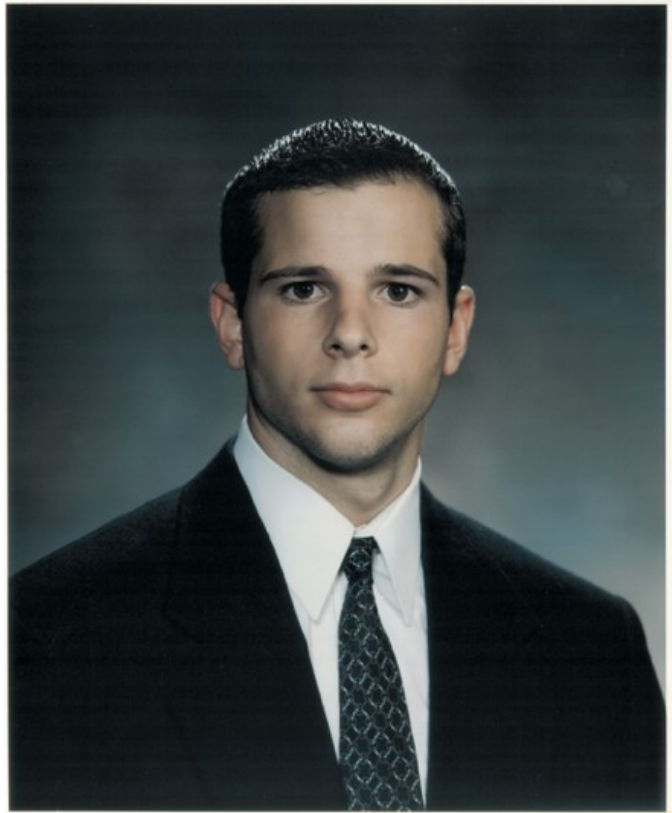


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# Joshua Harr Shane Foundation

## *Brighten Someone's Day*



*Our original intent* was to help Joshua carry on and fulfill his dreams of becoming a doctor and helping others. We hope and know that he is proud as he helps us with these tasks. We thank you for helping to keep our dreams alive and our son right next to us. It is with the help of everyone that the Joshua Harr Shane Foundation has been able to make a difference.

If someone asked me almost 14 years ago where I would see myself today, I would have never guessed that in all the tragedy that has surrounded our lives we would be fortunate enough to be involved in this Foundation. I have had and continue to have the opportunity to meet and work with so many wonderful people and families.

*And most of all to know the joy of helping.*

*Although this will never replace our son, it will always help to keep him by our side. We thank everyone for allowing us to continue this journey. We do not know where it will lead next, but we are always ready to lend a helping hand to make a difference.*

*-Judith Harr Shane*



Joshua  
Harr  
Shane



# ***The Joshua Harr Shane Foundation***

***helps many families each year care for ill  
& special needs individuals***

We have provided financial support for doctor bills, mortgages, utilities, gas and food cards, experimental treatments, additional programs, and lessons such as; horseback riding at Blue Riders Stables, theatrical lessons at the Columbia Theatre for the Arts and ski lessons through STRIDE adaptive Sports. We also provide necessary equipment, special schooling, and other additional costs not covered by insurance. These are just some of the exciting programs that the Joshua Harr Shane Foundation is proud to sponsor. With your participation, the possibilities are endless.

These costs are astronomical for all families and most families today require two incomes. When illness strikes, it not only creates a difficult situation emotionally, but it also creates havoc in everyday living.

***No cash is given.  
All bills are paid directly.  
Each case is carefully investigated.***

***It is a heartwarming experience to have been able to help as  
many families as we have.***

***With you we can make a difference!  
We thank you for your continued support!***



## ***Helping to Brighten Someone's Day***

The Joshua Harr Shane Foundation was recently contacted by a single mom in need of aid for her 15 year old son. He was born with Proteus Syndrome, which is an overgrowth of bone and soft tissue. This is a similar syndrome to the boy in the movie "The Elephant Man". Her son had been unable to wear regular clothing for a long time due to a large mass on his back. He had not been able to attend school for 2 years because his classmates made him feel alienated. His leg was operated on this past summer and he was able to return to school in September. He will be undergoing many more surgeries to remove the tumor on his back.

In hopes of creating a positive start to the new school year, the JHSF took this young adult on a shopping spree with the help of Kohl's to buy him the necessary clothing he needed and was unable to afford. A second trip was taken to help build his wardrobe upon the changing of the seasons.

A computer was also purchased for him. We felt that this will help him with his studies as well as assist him with day to day accomplishments. It will enable him to connect and make friends both in and out of school. He is a brave young man with a long road ahead of him to reach recovery.

### ***A word from his Mother***

In 2011 my son started being bullied in school so he became depressed and always gave me a hard time going. I decided to home school him and have been for two years now. I was let go from my job back in December 2013 and collected unemployment (which has now run out...I am still unemployed and seeking employment). I took advantage of this time.

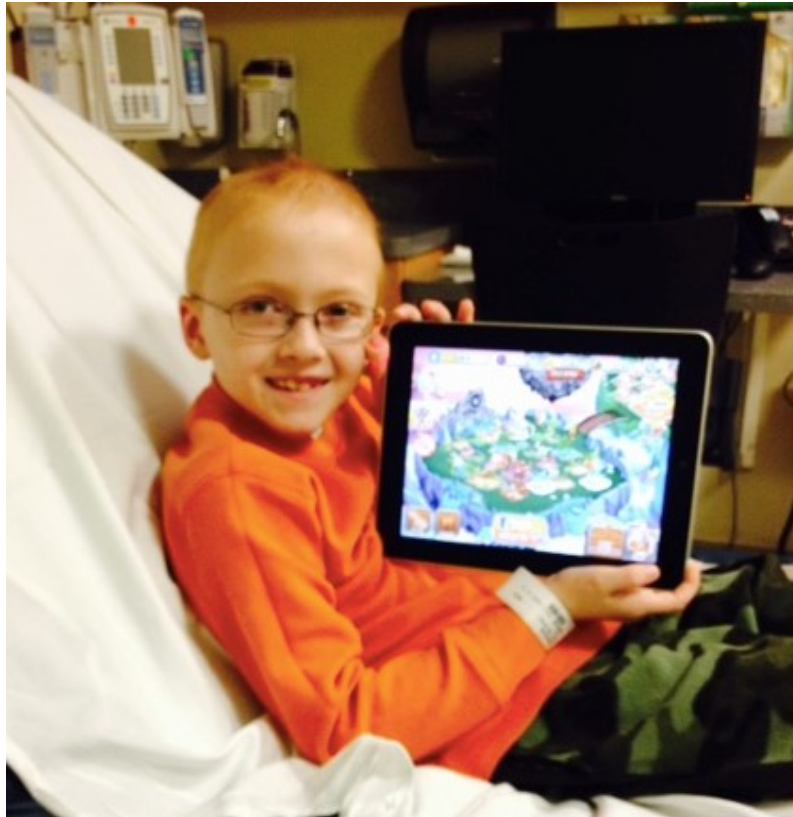
I spoke to his orthopedic doctor about lengthening his left leg which was almost 6 cm shorter than the other leg. Tyler had this surgery back in January 2014 and still has the fixator on his left leg. My son had to turn a screw each day for 52 days to separate his bones. He is so brave and never complained! His left leg is now 5.2 cm longer and he will no longer need to wear a lift on his shoe! The fixator removal is scheduled for the end of this month. Tyler will for the first time in his life, be able to wear regular shoes!!

I had an ache in my heart for what he was going to have to go through in life...I thank God for the strength he has given me. Tyler has always just wanted to fit in but unfortunately was always singled out...I am asking, if there is any assistance your foundation could provide, it would be so greatly appreciated.

He has adjusted very well to school, has friends, and is happy.

# MEET JAKE

## *A Seven Year Old Boy Fighting a Brain Tumor*



*This is Jake with his iPad provided by JHSF .  
The iPad was donated to help fill the time with fun activities while he is preparing for and receiving treatment.*

### ***A word from Jake's Mom***

Dear Friends at Joshua Harr Shane Foundation,

Today I had my first opportunity to meet the Joshua Harr Shane Foundation at work. I am the mother of a 7 year old little boy who suffers from a brain tumor and JHSF has been a breath of fresh air and we just met. I am looking forward to a long term friendship with the Foundation and most of all to my son getting better each day with his treatment.

It sounds like the organization does a tremendous job! feeling blessed.

## **A WORD FROM JAKE'S MOM...**

My name is Joanna and I am a single mother of two boys. Jake who is 7 years old and Kyle who is 11 years old. Jake has been diagnosed with an optic nerve glioma which is a type of a brain tumor. Gliomas are found in the optic chiasm, where the nerves cross, or surround the optic nerves. This is a very rare kind of cancer found mostly in children, usually slow growing. In Jake's case, the tumor is inoperable because of its location, so chemotherapy is the only treatment at the moment that can kill the cancer cells. As the tumor presses against the nerves some of the common symptoms include: balance problems, vision disturbance, headaches, memory impairment, involuntary eye movement, growth delays and many others. Our hopes are that the tumor gets smaller so it does not spread to the other eye, where it would cause total and permanent blindness.

I work full time and also attend school at night. It has been very difficult to try and make ends meet, even before I found out that Jake had cancer, just because the boys' father hasn't been meeting his financial obligations. My family lives in Poland, therefore I don't have much of any support system here in the US. I am employed by an outside vendor that's stationed onsite of the Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in Hamilton and while the hospital was sponsoring a fundraiser for my son, I ran into Kim Pollard who's told me about your foundation and asked me to speak with the Joshua Harr Shane Foundation and ask for your help as you have helped many other family's before.

My son is currently treated at the St. Christopher's Children's Hospital in Philadelphia and it has been since September of 2013. He began his chemotherapy treatment on September 5, 2014 and is predicted to end it in December of 2015. We drive to the hospital each week on Thursday, which is a huge burden for me, as it takes me 45 min (35miles) each way and gas is pretty expensive. On top of those appointments he has MRI's, vision checks, etc.

## **JHSF HELPS...**

The Joshua Harr Shane Foundation will be sending monthly gift cards to cover gas and tolls to and from treatments for the next year. We also provided a \$200 gift card to ShopRite and will continue to do so when possible. Holiday gifts for the two boys were provided to help defer the costs for the family. Tickets to Disney on Ice were also made available as will other tickets in the future for events we are sponsoring.

# ***EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENT***

## **MEET ARI**

We are writing to give our sincere thanks to the Joshua Harr Shane Foundation for the ways in which it has helped our dear son, Ari. Ari is a beautiful 6 year old boy who lives with severe autism. Last year, we came to the Joshua Harr Shane Foundation asking for help in funding a type of sound therapy for Ari. It is a well-researched therapy that is very effective. Unfortunately, it is expensive and not covered by insurance. The Joshua Harr Shane Foundation said that it would be their pleasure for the Foundation to fund a portion of the therapy. We were then able to begin the therapy for Ari. Weeks into it, everyone noticed a change in Ari. He would actually now respond when called. He would start pointing to things he wanted. He even started writing his name and writing other letters and numbers, even a happy face. His teachers, and therapist noticed a huge increase in attention span and focus. Above all, Ari became happier because he could better process what was going on around him. Our Ari started smiling and laughing again. He now enjoys hugs from his family and responds to positive praise!!! We can't thank the Joshua Harr Shane Foundation enough for helping to make all of this possible.

Nonetheless, even with all of those great changes and improvements, Ari remains nonverbal. We know that he is so smart but yet he can't speak. We found out about another treatment that is very promising for autism. Stem cell therapy is a cutting edge treatment for diseases and disorders that were once thought of as hopeless. Stem cells, once injected into the body, have the capability to go in and repair damaged tissue anywhere in the brain and body. They also help increase oxygen to the brain, which is a common issue in autism. Stem cell treatment is very promising, especially when a child is young, like Ari. It just might be the missing piece of the puzzle that brings our little boy closer to healing and enabling him to speak. However, like most promising treatments, it is extremely expensive and not covered by insurance for autism treatment. The cost is \$18,000 for the treatment.

We are once again appealing to the Joshua Harr Shane Foundation to help us help Ari so that he may one day utter the words "thank you" too.

Very sincerely,  
Clara and Danny



# ***EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENT***

## **ARI**



The Joshua Harr Shane Foundation donated \$1000 towards Ari's treatment. Experimental treatment is usually very expensive. This family, like most, are trying to give their child the best life possible.

*Could this be the answer?*

*If they do not try they will never know...*

*We were proud to be apart of this.*

*We will continue to help this family , hoping that we can make a difference.*

***Experimental Treatment can make a difference!***

## ***MEET JOHNNY ...***

One of our families has double the heartache of most. Having endured the worry of a rare heart defect that surfaced in their son at infancy and was dormant until it manifested at age 14, this New Jersey family went through the rigors of a heart transplant which saved the life of their son but rendered the family financially destitute in the process. On the heels of this event, the boy's mother was diagnosed with colon cancer. Unable to work, she is attended to by her husband who is currently on leave from his job to administer her constant medical needs. Financial support will help with the stress of meeting day-to-day obligations and allow this brave mother to battle the cancer that now threatens her life.

Johnny was born with an extremely rare congenital heart disease -- Corrected Transposition of the Great Vessels. For his first 14 years, Johnny led the life of a normal active boy, which included playing baseball. In the summer of 2011, his parents' worst fears came true. Johnny began to experience shortness of breath, episodes of passing out, chest pain, palpitations and extreme fatigue. Upon a visit to a cardiologist, the family was told that Johnny was very sick.

In the summer of 2011, Johnny underwent two surgical procedures. He had pulmonary banding done in hopes of taking some of the strain off the right side of the heart. Johnny also had a pace maker and defibrillator put in. Unfortunately, over the next eight months, Johnny's condition deteriorated. His doctors decided that Johnny's best hope was a heart transplant. At that point, he was on intravenous medication 24 hours a day as well as several other medications. On March 30, 2012, Johnny was listed as a Status 1A with UNOS for a heart transplant.

On June 12, 2012, the long awaited news finally arrived. The family received a call from the Mount Sinai Transplant Coordinator that they had a donor heart for Johnny. After countless hours of prepping for surgery, his new heart finally arrived on June 13th, 2012 at about 1:00pm. By 4:15PM, Johnny had his new heart. Johnny was in the hospital for 25 days after his heart transplant. As with any surgery, there were complications. Right after his transplant, Johnny needed a temporary pacemaker because his new heart was suffering from what is known as donor sinus node dysfunction which means his new heart was not able to beat well enough on its' own. This resolved itself over time. He also developed atrial flutter which made his atrium beat irregular and in order to get a normal heart rhythm again, they had to shock his heart. It is called cardio conversion. They had hoped it would be able to be removed, but unfortunately he must have it permanently. Furthermore, Johnny, now 18, needs to take a significant amount of pills each day so that his new heart will not be rejected. He had weekly appointments for the first two months and now he goes for periodic appointments. Johnny also has heart biopsies that must be done often to check for any signs that his body is rejecting his new heart. Since the transplant, Johnny has been in and out of hospital with various complications and issues related to his new heart. He worries about what his illness has done to his family financially. Some medications are extremely costly and he cannot go without any of them or he will die.

The family is chronically behind on rent, utilities, car payments, and insurance --not to mention outstanding catastrophic medical bills for both Johnny and his mother.

***Johnny is now 18 years old and in college.***

The family has since contacted JHSF again for help with Rita's difficult situation. She has stage 4 colon cancer. We helped bring their car payment current, paid for additional payments, helped with their rent for several months and provided a food card.

***JHSF will continue to do what we can to help this family.***

The Joshua Harr Shane Foundation is helping this family to collect funds to help remove some of the stress of their daily lives at this time of crisis. Bills are paid directly by JHSF for the family.

# MEET KELAN

Kelan has arthrogryposis multiplex congenita. No use of his arms and little muscle mass in his legs.



Kelan has had multiple surgeries on his feet and his legs, and has another big surgery coming up next year. In addition, he has joint contractors in his elbows and knees. In order for him to walk, he has to wear KAFOS, braces that go all the way up his thigh.

He is 4 years old and has hit a growth spurt. Kelan must have the braces adjusted. New braces must be molded and fitted. If he does not have the necessary adjustments made he will have to stop walking and could lose muscle mass. Since he doesn't have much muscle mass to begin with he must be kept active!

*The Joshua Harr Shane Foundation pays for transportation each time Kelan travels to Shriners for treatment. There are times when Shriners pays these bills and the family uses the funds towards other necessary items for Kelan.*

# *Embrace Kids Foundation*

## *Palliative Care Program*

Joshua Harr Shane Foundation has worked with the Embrace Kids Foundation since our inception. This past year, \$15,000 was donated to their Palliative Care Program which has always been near and dear to our hearts.

Embrace Kids Foundation's Palliative Care Program provides the same nursing staff that a terminally ill child had in the hospital, when they are sent home. The nurse knows the child; the family knows the nurse; and most of all the nurse knows the case which thereby makes the most difficult situation of a lifetime a little bit more palliative.

*Each year the Joshua Harr  
Shane Foundation does its best  
to help this program.*

*Embrace Kids  
Foundation*

*New Brunswick,  
New Jersey*





# Working with our military

*They will always be close to our hearts!*

*We ship care packages to soldiers when they are deployed.*

*When they are redeployed we will continue to ship if another soldier takes charge of receiving and distributing them. We must have a point of contact at each camp and they must confirm receipt of the packages in order for us to continue to ship.*



***Mandeep Singh  
Kunsan Air Base  
Spring of 2014***

*Singh has worked with JHSF for many years while stationed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix, Lakehurst. He was deployed to Kunsan Air Base in the Spring of 2014. He now accepts our packages and helps distribute them throughout his camp.*

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH KOREA**



Today we received a huge box of Halloween candy and snacks at Kunsan Air Base in South Korea. Everyone was surprised and very happy to see the package and thanked the JHSF! Thank you very much-

Kunsan Air Base

South Korea

*Working with our military will always be close to our hearts.*





# **Joint Base McGuire-Dix**

**Lakehurst, New Jersey**

## **& Coast Guard Station at**

**Barnegat Light LBI**



We were shipping to Camp Mike Spann in Afghanistan for the past 3 years. Camp Mike Spann closed in April of 2014 and we are now shipping to Camp Marmal. Camp Mike Spann consisted of about 300 to 400 soldiers. Camp Marmal consists of 3,000 to 4,000 soldiers.



# Better Beginnings

## Hightstown, New Jersey



### *A nonprofit daycare facility*

Thank you for your generosity and for providing our children a joyful experience. They were so happy walking in with their pumpkin in hand and not a one, forgot to take them home in the evening. They chatted excitedly with their parents about their experience.

We are so fortunate to have you as a friend. Keep Warm!

*"Each one of us must come to care about everyone else's children. We must recognize that the well being of our children is intimately linked to the well being of all other people's children. After all, when one of our children needs life saving surgery, someone else's child will perform it. When one of our children is harmed by violence, someone else's child will commit it. The good life for our own children can be secured only if it is also secured for all other people's children. But to work for the well being of all children is not just a practical matter -- it is right!"*

-Lillian G. Katz, PhD, Director, ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education Friends,

### *In October they enjoyed a hayride*

The Joshua Harr Shane Foundation supports Better Beginnings by sending children to area events. We try to offer experiences that they would not necessarily have the opportunity to be exposed to.

They attend a Trenton Thunder Game every year and participate in different games between innings.

The children attend many different shows at Sun National Bank Center in Trenton, New Jersey.

We also donate school supplies, clothing, and other assorted items.

JHSF was presented with *The Mayors' Shining Star Award*.

“ in recognition of their high degree of commitment to the welfare of others, their impact on the community and lives of others, and demonstration that services to the community can make a difference.”

*We hope to continue to brighten their days & put a smile on their faces.*





# 2014

## HOW The Joshua Harr Shane Foundation HELPED

### NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

- \$7500 in November and December to help special needs children with additional expenses not covered by insurance;
- Supplied a computer to a young adult undergoing treatment for the removal of massive tumors so he can remain connected to his school work and his friends;
- \$1000 used to provide a young adult with clothing after recovering from surgery. The recipient was unable to wear normal clothing prior to this;
- Donated an I-Pad to a child undergoing weekly chemotherapy treatments for a brain tumor;
- \$600 paid in November and December for transportation for 2 children for medical treatments;
- \$400 gift card to ShopRite donated to a family with a parent recovering from cancer;
- \$518 donated to a family for their car payment. The car is the family's main form of transportation and the car is needed to go to and from chemotherapy appointments;
- \$1000 donated to a family towards their mortgage. A parent is undergoing treatment for lung cancer and has suffered many obstacles in his road to recovery;
- JHSF shipped 11 large boxes to our military troops. We are starting early

in hopes of helping to send a little bit of home to our soldiers overseas for the holidays. Eight packages were shipped to Camp Marmel in Afghanistan. This camp has between 3000 and 4000 soldiers at any given time. Three packages were shipped to Kuanan Air Base, Republic of Korea;

- \$200 gift card to ShopRite donated to a family with a child recovering from cancer;
- Hats were donated to a family to distribute to children being served Thanksgiving Day dinner;
- \$1000 to cover additional expenses for stem cell treatment for a child.

JHSF donated brass bells to be distributed to patients with cancer by their health team. The ringing of the bell is significant moment—a point in time that signals the end of active treatment and the beginning of a life free of cancer

- A new program was added bells were donated to patients upon completing their chemotherapy treatment the ringing of the bell is a significant moment – a point in time that signals the end of active treatment and the beginning of a life free of cancer.
- \$1500 was donated towards the purchase of a trailer to be used for special needs activities as well as other events

### SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

- The Hamilton Girls' Softball Association donated equipment which was sent overseas by JHSF to Camp Marmel in Afghanistan;
- \$2000 donated to the Palliative Care Program at the Embrace Kids Foundation. This program allows a terminally ill child to have the same hospital nursing staff continue to visit at home;
- \$7500 donated each month to pay for programs for special needs children not covered by insurance;
- \$1050 donated to pay necessary bills for a family in need;
- \$15,000 paid by JHSF for bills to help families with special needs children;
- \$1200 donated to pay for October's rent for a family with an ill parent;
- Better Beginnings Daycare and children from Newgrange School went to see Sesame Street Live at Sun National Bank Center. Newgrange is a school for special needs children.
- 4 packages sent overseas to Camp Marmel. JHSF tries to ship packages to our military every 3 to 6 weeks.



# this is... most but not all that we did in... 2014 looking forward to your support in 2015

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## AUGUST

- \$445 scholarship awarded to a student at Beth El for continuing education;
- \$585 scholarship awarded to a student at Beth El for continuing education.

## JUNE AND JULY

- \$300 donated to a family with a special needs child for transportation to and from Children's Hospital in Philadelphia;
- \$80 donated to an ill adult for doctors bills;
- \$1000 scholarship given to a senior at Hightstown High School for continuing education;
- Two large cartons of clothing and ten pairs of children's shoes donated to Womanspace;
- \$7500 donated each month to help special needs children with additional expenses not covered by insurance.

## APRIL AND MAY

- \$212 used to purchase a table and chairs for a family who lost everything in a house fire;
- \$7500 donated each month to help special needs children with additional expenses not covered by insurance;
- Purchased a therapy bike for a four-year-old child;
- \$1000 donated to help a family with an ill individual. JHSF will be paying a total of \$2000 towards her rent while she undergoes treatment;
- \$1000 donated to help a little girl with rheumatoid arthritis;
- \$5000 donated to a special needs child for Tomatis Therapy, an experimental treatment;
- Every 3 to 6 weeks packages are shipped to Camp Mike Spann in Afghanistan.

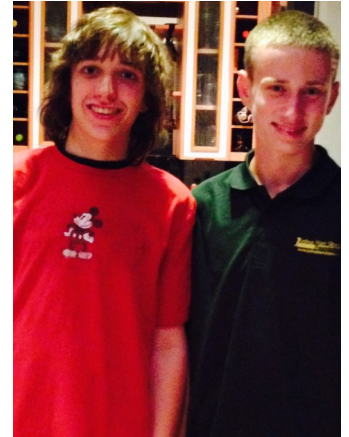
## FEBRUARY AND MARCH

- \$500 gift card to ShopRite donated to help a family with a child being treated for cancer;
- JHSF made arrangements with Sun National Bank Center to have the Harlem Globe Trotters do a Meet and Greet for children at Newgrange School;
- \$300 donated to pay for travel expenses for a family with a special needs child's treatment;
- JHSF paid a \$500 gas bill for a family with a special needs child;
- School shirts donated to Newgrange School's students. Since all of the children are bussed, there are no after school activities and JHSF is trying to build school spirit by providing assemblies and trips;
- \$7500 donated each month to pay for programs for special needs children not covered by insurance;
- Coloring books and a battery operated car was donated to the children at Better Beginnings Daycare;
- Coats, journals, underwear, make up, and hair products were donated to Womanspace;
- Four packages shipped to Camp Mike Spann in Afghanistan.

## JANUARY

- JHSF sent children from Better Beginnings Daycare and Newgrange School to see Disney on Ice;
- JHSF paid \$300 for a family's gas and electric bills. This family has two children who have been in the hospital for nine months recovering from bone marrow transplants. They have since returned home;
- \$7500 donated to pay for programs for special needs children not covered by insurance.

## **Josh's Young Helpers Giving back at an early age...**



**Special Needs  
Horseback Riding  
Lessons**

**Blue Riders Stables**

**JHSF helps where insurance  
falls short...**

We purchased this Therapy Bike.  
A necessary piece of equipment for  
a young boy facing many  
challenges.

