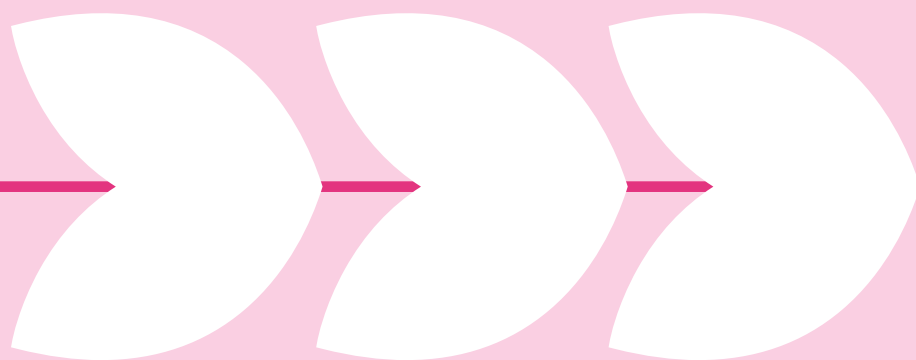




2025

IMPACT REPORT





JUNE JESSEE

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The June Jessee Memorial Foundation (JJMF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting children with complex neurological conditions and their families, aiding their physical, emotional, and financial needs.

By providing services and support to children with these conditions, the JJMF affords families the ability to have more time to love their child with fewer worries.



Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am proud to share our 2025 Impact Report with you, highlighting another year of meaningful progress in our mission to support children with complex neurological conditions and the families who care for them. Because of your continued generosity and belief in our work, June Jessee Memorial Foundation (JJMF) has expanded its reach, strengthened its programs, and deepened its commitment to the families we serve.

Since our founding, JJMF's guiding vision has been thoughtful, sustainable growth. In 2025, we built upon that foundation by further enhancing our organizational practices and refining our programs to ensure we are delivering the highest level of support possible, both today and well into the future. We remain committed not only to expanding our impact, but doing so with excellence, stability, and heart.

Within this report, you will find powerful stories of resilience, courage, and hope. These stories are a testament to the families we serve, and to you. Your support through donations, volunteerism, advocacy, and community connections makes tangible relief possible during some of life's most challenging moments.

Thank you for standing with us and for being an essential part of this mission. Together, we are building a stronger, more compassionate future for these extraordinary children and their families.

Thank you for being a part of this important mission. We couldn't do it without you!

With heartfelt gratitude,



Executive Director and Co-founder



Our mission is inspired by the bravery of June Jessee, a young girl who fearlessly faced the challenges of a life-limiting complex neurological condition, and the courageous journeys of many children like her.

Community Statement

The JJMF community is a compassion-filled space where families find understanding and encouragement amid multifaceted challenges.

At the heart of our programming is a clear belief: families caring for a child with a complex neurological condition need a community that truly understands their journey. We create intentional spaces for connection, building relationships rooted in empathy and shared experience.

As our programs grow, so does the strength of the community surrounding each family, helping them move forward with greater resilience, confidence, and hope.

Building on this stability, our strategic partnerships extend the reach and depth of support for the families we serve.



Partnerships Strengthen Our Impact

Through purposeful collaboration with mission-aligned organizations, JJMF expands its reach, deepens community engagement, and strengthens the support available to families.



St. Louis
Children's Hospital's
Tri My Best
Adaptive Triathlon



Screening of Disney's
Out of My Mind with
St. Louis Children's Hospital's
Cerebral Palsy Center



Ranken Jordan
Pediatric Bridge Hospital's
Caregiver Nights In

Washington University's Rare Disease Day: In honor of Rare Disease Day, the JJMF team attended Washington University's annual Rare Disease Symposium. Genny Jessee served as the keynote speaker and shared seven suggestions that have helped her and others while trying to find peace with the unknown.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Namaste Yoga

As part of our commitment to supporting parents and caregivers' well-being, JJMF collaborated with Namaste Yoga to host a series of events designed specifically for mothers of children with complex neurological conditions. These gatherings offered a peaceful, renewing space for moms to relax, unwind, move, and breathe while connecting with others who share similar journeys. Each event combined a restorative yoga session with community-building moments, meaningful conversations, and a floral bouquet activity for participants to bring home.

More than an afternoon of self-care, these events reinforced an essential truth: when caregivers are supported in mind, body, and spirit, families grow stronger. Through our yoga events we are building a community where no caregiver feels alone and where strength is cultivated not only individually, but collectively.

“It was nice to connect with moms who are in similar situations and moms who have been through where we are at now. I also felt more relaxed after the yoga session!”

JJMF Community Mom



Take Part Foundation's Skate Under the Stars



7 Tips for Navigating the Unknown

- Focus on the present.
- Find support & community.
- Make caring for yourself & your family a priority.
- Learn about pediatric palliative care.
- Adopt a gratitude practice.
- Find books or audiobooks that help you cope.
- Find your advocate.

COMMUNITY & PARTNERSHIPS

COMMUNITY & PARTNERSHIPS SPOTLIGHT

Conquer Therapy Services

JJMF was proud to join forces with Conquer Therapy Services to expand educational and hands-on support opportunities for families. As part of our *Navigating Neurological Conditions* webinar series, JJMF team member and physical therapist Lauren Breen, PT, DPT, delivered an engaging presentation on Dynamic Movement Intervention (DMI). This therapy technique, first introduced in 2021, was designed to provoke active motor responses, stimulate neuroplasticity, and help children with neurological conditions or movement delays develop gross motor milestones. Through Lauren's comprehensive and informative session, participants gained a deeper understanding of how DMI supports children with motor delays in progressing toward key developmental milestones.

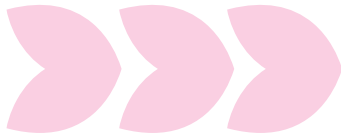
Building on this collaboration, JJMF launched the first event in our new CareSTRONG series, Training for Strength and Support. Lauren and fellow physical therapist Missy Ruffino deepened caregiver support by teaching safe and effective transfer techniques. Caregivers also participated in a guided exercise class focused on building strength and preventing injury. A special highlight of the day was individualized mini DMI sessions for each child, providing families with hands-on experience and practical strategies they could carry forward at home.

Families left the event feeling empowered, equipped, and strengthened, both physically and emotionally.



Family Connections and Support

JJMF programs bring families together to connect, learn, and grow. Through social gatherings, educational workshops, and peer support groups, families build meaningful relationships, gain practical tools, and draw encouragement from others who truly understand their journey. These shared experiences create more than community; they foster resilience, increase confidence, and cultivate hope. Each program deepens the bonds within our JJMF family, empowering parents and caregivers to navigate complex challenges with greater strength and support.



275 BIRTHDAY CARDS

Sent to children in our community, celebrating incredible milestones and moments of joy.

Music Therapy

Music therapy is more than engaging — it is evidence-based and transformative. Research¹ shared by Brain Injury Association of America shows that music therapy can support neuroplasticity, improving overall functioning and quality of life. For children with complex neurological conditions, it strengthens cognitive connections, enhances motor and communication skills, promotes relaxation, and provides a joyful outlet for self-expression.

JJMF's music therapy programming is produced in partnership with Maria Carron, a specially trained neurological music therapist and owner of Midwest Music Therapy. Maria and her team of experienced music therapists create meaningful opportunities for growth while fostering connection and confidence.



This year's summer, fall, and holiday sessions were especially vibrant gatherings for families. In 2026, we expanded the program with quarterly group sessions that continue to build strength and community through the power of music.

¹Thaut, Michael, and Volker Hoemberg. Handbook of Neurologic Music Therapy. Oxford University Press, 2014.

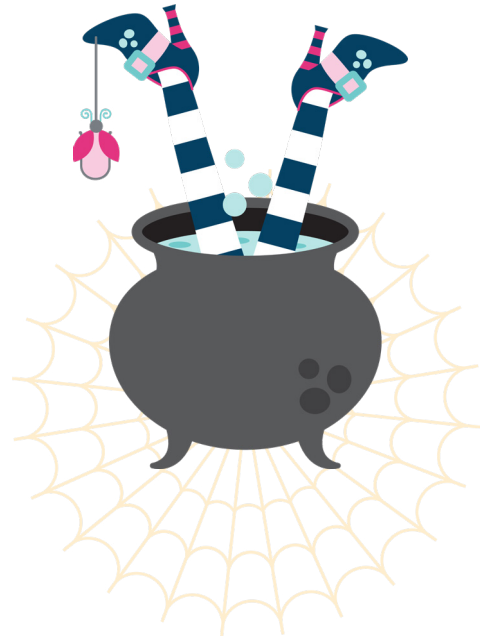


“Not-So-Haunted House” Halloween Party at The Magic House

Our annual Halloween Party once again brought together medically complex families for an evening of festive fun in an inclusive and supportive setting. Children proudly showed off their creative costumes and trick-or-treated throughout the museum’s interactive exhibits in a space designed so they could fully participate and explore.

For families raising a child with complex medical needs, holiday celebrations can often feel overwhelming or isolating. JJMF’s Halloween Party provides something different: a fun, safe, and welcoming environment where barriers are removed and connection takes center stage. Parents and caregivers have the opportunity to meet others who truly understand their journey, while children experience the simple joy of celebration alongside peers and siblings.

The Magic House
St. Louis Children's Museum



Children delighted in special appearances by **FREDBIRD®** and Louie. New this year, we incorporated a special map to help point people in the right direction to enjoy a variety of trick or treat items, including sensory toys selected especially for children with neurological conditions.

Valentine's Day: Family Event

JJMF families gathered for a Valentine's Day celebration hosted by our Youth Board. Children with complex neurological conditions and their siblings enjoyed crafts, games, and festive activities in an inclusive environment, leaving with decorated Valentine's boxes filled with treats.

Equally meaningful were the connections formed among parents and caregivers, who shared conversation and encouragement with others who understand their journey. Events like this turn a holiday celebration into an opportunity for belonging by strengthening families and reinforcing that we are truly stronger together.



Valentine's Day: Moms' Event

JJMF moms came together for a special Valentine's Day gathering designed to celebrate and uplift caregivers. Led by JJMF Youth Board member and small business owner Charlotte Kittner of Char's Sweet Spreads, participants created their own festive charcuterie boards while enjoying an afternoon of creativity, conversation, and connection.

Beyond the treats, the true impact was renewal. By providing space for moms to recharge and build supportive relationships, JJMF continues to strengthen the heart of each family we serve.



Genny Jessee and
Charlotte Kittner



Events like this transform a simple holiday celebration into something deeper:
A space where families feel seen, supported, and stronger together.

Celebrating the Month of June

Each year, June holds special meaning for JJMF as we use the month as an opportunity to honor June's legacy and the courageous children like her who face complex neurological conditions. The impact of her legacy grows through the families we serve and the community we continue to build together.

Family Picnic & Music Therapy

Families gathered at the park for a music therapy session followed by lunch and connection time. Children engaged through rhythm and movement while parents shared conversation and encouragement.

Events like the Family Picnic create space for children to thrive and families to celebrate without barriers, strengthening the community through shared joy.



Members of the medical community joined us in a non-clinical setting, fostering meaningful relationships beyond hospital walls.

Care Packages: Meeting Families Where They Are

In addition to gatherings, JJMF extended support directly to families in the hospital through curated care packages. Delivered to inpatient families at St. Louis Children's Hospital and Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, we included items designed to help caregivers reflect, recharge, and find moments of calm while supporting a child in treatment.

Each care package included a meal gift card, white noise sound machine, power bank and charger block, journal and pen, sleep mask, hand lotion, and chapstick. These small but purposeful gifts serve as a tangible reminder that no family walks this journey alone.



Parent & Caregiver Connection Night

Later in the month, parents and caregivers gathered for an evening out. This special evening offered caregivers the opportunity to step away from daily demands and connect with others walking a similar path.

Through conversation, laughter, and mutual encouragement, supportive friendships continued to blossom. By investing in caregiver connection, we reinforce the heart of every family we serve, because when caregivers feel supported, families grow stronger.



Mental Healthcare

Our mental healthcare program offers parents and caregivers direct support for their emotional well-being. We provide financial grants for individual and couples therapy as well as access to a convenient, free virtual support group that meets monthly. Through these initiatives, parents develop and strengthen their coping skills, resulting in lessened symptoms of anxiety, depression and stress.

The JJMF's Community Engagement team, Karlita Blackwell and Susan Leigh, work together to foster authentic connections with parents and caregivers. Karlita, who holds a master's degree in counseling, and Susan, a licensed clinical social worker, are also parents of children with complex neurological conditions, giving them firsthand insight into the importance of protecting your own mental health. Through their personalized approach, Karlita and Susan provide one-on-one support to individuals seeking connection, helping them feel comfortable joining a JJMF virtual support group session or taking the next steps toward ongoing therapy.

“A medically complex child needs a strong support team, and parents are often the central part and heart of that team. When parents have support, rest, and space to care for their own well-being, they are better able to be present, patient, resilient, and emotionally available for their children and family. Protecting a parent’s mental health helps protect the entire family’s ability to continue caring, advocating and loving through very demanding circumstances.”

Susan Leigh, MSW, LCSW

Community Engagement Co-Manager



“Attending a virtual support group provides parents a brief reprieve from the chaos of daily life. It’s a place where you can come as you are, without expectations, and connect with other caregivers who are experiencing the same things. An hour can go a long way in providing a boost to get you through the week. It’s always refreshing to know that you are not alone.”

Karlita Blackwell, M.A.

Community Engagement Co-Manager



MENTAL HEALTHCARE SPOTLIGHT

Sprehe Family

When Kavina Sprehe and her husband welcomed their second son, Izaak, in October 2019, they unexpectedly entered the world of navigating disabilities. Since then, life has become a constant balance of work, parenting, medical appointments, and learning how to advocate fiercely for their child while still showing up for their entire family, including Izaak's older brother, Kam.

After a difficult diagnostic journey that lasted nearly three years, Izaak's family learned that he has Cornelia de Lange syndrome (CdLS), a rare genetic disorder, along with seizures and autism. His diagnoses impact many aspects of daily life. Izaak experiences developmental delays, particularly with communication, and requires a high level of support for safety, learning, and daily routines. Because he understands more than he can express in words, he thrives with structure and caregivers who understand his unique needs. Kavina shared, "He's drawn to familiar people and has a strong bond with his family."

Despite the challenges, Kavina says Izaak continues to teach their family the importance of patience, resilience, and celebrating progress in ways they never imagined. While his communication skills are still developing, he finds meaningful ways to connect with those around him. "Our journey has shaped me into a stronger, more intentional parent, and I'm always looking to connect with others who truly understand this path," said Kavina.

"Because CdLS is so rare, I didn't know anyone else in the area navigating this diagnosis, and there aren't local support groups for CdLS. My son's preschool social worker recommended JJMF, and I was immediately drawn to the idea of connecting with other parents who truly understand this life. I was hoping to find a space to learn, share, and feel supported, especially around things like coordinating IEPs, balancing self-care, and managing the extra layers that come with raising a child with complex needs."

Through JJMF's virtual support group, Kavina found a community of parents walking similar paths with their children. The group's themed discussions create space for important conversations on topics that matter deeply to families like hers, while also providing encouragement, understanding, and connection along the way.



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Kavina Sprehe

JJMF Community Parent and
Virtual Support Group Participant



Family Financial Assistance

Families face incredible financial demands in caring for their children's needs. This can be daunting, overwhelming, and tremendously difficult to manage. The JJMF provides grants to help pay for essentials that are not covered, or only partially-covered, by insurance. This relieves some of the stress associated with accessing these crucial items, and allows families to focus on what is most important — loving their children.

50 financial assistance grants were extended to families in 2025, including a year-end bonus round of four \$2,500 grants.



\$816
AVERAGE
GRANT
AMOUNT

Families receive assistance for expenses such as

- Medical care
- Medications
- Home medical equipment
- Respite care
- Therapies



65%
INCREASE

in average grant amount
over previous year

“While it may seem like something small, the wagon JJMF helped us fund has given George the ability to see things that he wouldn't otherwise be able to enjoy to the same capacity. The joy on his face in enjoying and participating in all of the same activities as his brothers and cousins has truly been amazing. As parents we also have the added security of knowing that in the event of a seizure or accident, we have a safe space to give him his privacy. Words cannot begin to describe how appreciative we are for the JJMF for allowing George and our family the ability to make these lifelong memories.”



Kara Amann

JJMF Community Parent

George Amann

Keefer Family

Before Eloise was even born, Megan and Chris Keefer learned their daughter would face medical challenges. During pregnancy, they discovered that Eloise has translocation Down syndrome, which occurs when an extra piece of chromosome 21 breaks off and attaches to another chromosome. When Eloise was born in July 2023, she was not breathing, resulting in hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy (HIE), a serious brain injury caused by reduced oxygen and blood flow to a baby's brain. Additional diagnoses followed, including chronic respiratory failure, structural brain differences, cortical visual impairment, hearing loss, and cerebral palsy. Together, these conditions mean Eloise faces lifelong neurological challenges. Through every step of this journey, Megan and Chris remain deeply committed to ensuring Eloise's life is filled with love, support, and every opportunity to thrive.

As she has grown from an infant into a toddler, Eloise has begun to develop her own interests and personality. She loves swinging and any toy that plays loud music and lights up. She also loves snuggles, hates to be put down, and gets excited when she sees her 11-year-old big brother, Oliver. Eloise's family is dedicated to helping her experience the world around her by engaging in a variety of activities both at home and in their community, and they are frequent attendees at JJMF's family connection events.

Participating in these activities, however, requires significant planning and coordination to ensure Eloise is safe and comfortable. She relies on medical equipment such as a trach, ventilator, and G-tube, all of which require extensive supplies. Like many children with complex neurological conditions, Eloise also depends on a network of therapists, medical specialists, and supportive services to help her grow, learn, and engage with the world around her.

To make transporting Eloise to appointments and outings easier, Megan and Chris applied for financial assistance from JJMF for a rotating car seat. They shared, "As Eloise has gotten bigger, it has become increasingly difficult to get her in and out of her car seat with her trach/vent/g-tube and low muscle tone as well as her hip contracture. A rotating car seat would make it much easier to go places as a family, take her to doctor's appointments and to her multiple therapies."

After installing the seat, Megan and Chris shared the difference it immediately made in their daily life: "We have just installed it and used it on two outings. It has made loading Eloise into the car with all her 'accessories' so much easier! We are so thankful to JJMF for granting us the car seat!"



JJMF was thrilled to grant Eloise a rotating convertible car seat that will grow with her up to 65 pounds.



FAMILY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SPOTLIGHT

Rogers Family

In the first few weeks of Yojiro Rogers' life, his parents, Jericho and Kahiau, noticed differences compared to their three older children as infants. Breath-holding spells, feeding difficulties, a lack of communicative cues, and other developmental concerns caused high stress and significant worries. At around eight weeks old, Yojiro was hospitalized after his pediatrician noticed he was experiencing seizures. This marked the beginning of a long diagnostic journey, with Jericho and Kahiau eventually learning that Yojiro has KCNQ2 Developmental and Epileptic Encephalopathy (KCNQ2-DEE), a rare and severe neurodevelopmental disorder caused by a genetic mutation.

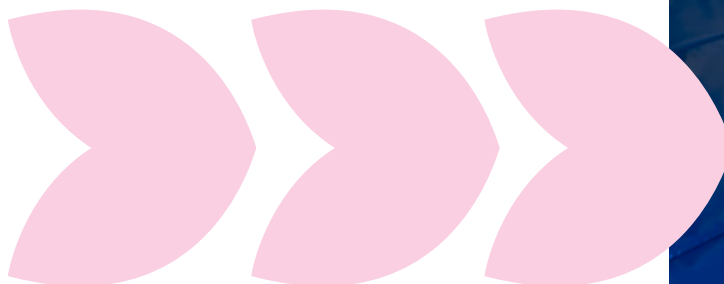
Now three years old, Yojiro continues to grow and learn while navigating the challenges of his diagnosis, including hypotonia (low muscle tone), developmental delays, and motor impairments. He loves going to the beach with his family, especially his siblings, watching movies like *Ratatouille* and *Migration*, and playing with bubbles and interactive games. Yojiro is also learning to explore and express himself using special communication devices that utilize eye gaze.

To continue providing Yojiro with every opportunity for development, Jericho and Kahiau enrolled him in a three-week intensive therapy session at NAPA (Neurological and Physical Abilitation) Center. Financial assistance from JJMF helped fund the session's wide variety of supportive services, including occupational therapy, physical therapy, dynamic movement intervention, and speech and feeding therapy. Yojiro's parents shared that the intensive was a "monumental time for Yojiro to receive care from very skilled therapists who have supported him in unimaginable ways."

Following the session, Yojiro has demonstrated meaningful progress in several areas, including head control, purposeful movements, eating, and increased use of his eye gaze communication device. Because Yojiro is nonverbal, developing these communication skills makes an incredible difference in his ability to interact with the world around him. For Jericho and Kahiau, watching him intentionally move his body, bear weight, and build new motor skills is a blessing. With each new milestone, Yojiro continues discovering new ways to explore and connect with the world, and most importantly, his family.



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Advancement in Medical Care

Families are best supported when medical care is not only excellent, but also compassionate, thoughtful, and responsive to the realities of their daily lives. Through its work with medical providers and trainees, JJMF helps elevate the voices and experiences of parents and caregivers for children with complex neurological conditions, offering perspectives that can shape more informed and family-centered care.

JJMF's annual medical lectureship at St. Louis Children's Hospital provides an opportunity to advance care for families. By educating physicians, including medical residents and others early in their careers, the lectureship helps current and future providers better understand the needs of children with complex neurological conditions and the many ways they can support the families who care for them.

In 2025, JJMF was honored to welcome Dr. Jori Bogetz, M.D., a Pediatric Palliative Care Physician at Seattle Children's Hospital and a respected expert in caring for children with severe neurological impairment, as the lectureship speaker. Dr. Bogetz shared research and clinical insights on improving care through stronger communication, better connection, and a more holistic understanding of each child and family. Her presentation highlighted the emotional complexity experienced by both physicians and parents when a child's medical challenges cannot be easily resolved, while offering practical ways providers can build trust, honor family perspectives, and create more compassionate care experiences.

In connection with Jenny Hoffman and Becca Williams at Therapy and Wellness Collective, JJMF also hosted a session for mental health therapists to learn from Dr. Bogetz, extending this important conversation beyond the hospital setting. Through opportunities like this annual lectureship, JJMF continues to elevate patient care by equipping physicians, trainees, and care professionals with meaningful perspectives that help families feel more seen, supported, and understood.



Dr. Jori Bogetz, M.D.
Pediatric Palliative Care Physician,
Seattle Children's Hospital

Scan the QR code to read
more about the lecture



“ Learning from Dr. Bogetz shed light on the emotional layers that therapists themselves navigate when working with caregivers of medically complex children. This opportunity encouraged open and honest dialogue about the best ways to support caregivers and enhance connections with families. ”

Becca Williams, MSW, LCSW
Therapy and Wellness Collective



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PROGRAMMING

\$381,000
TOTAL RAISED
in donations and pledges



412 TOTAL DONORS



200
NEW
DONORS

212
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Give STL Day

\$9,000+ raised • 2× more donors than 2024 • 5 family-led fundraising pages

During Give STL Day, a regional day of generosity powered by the St. Louis Community Foundation, the JJMF community rallied to expand support for children with complex neurological conditions and their families.

Supporters not only gave generously but also amplified the campaign by creating five personal fundraising pages and inviting their own networks to join the effort, helping to expand our circle of support. Together, these gifts strengthen programs that provide connection, resources, and encouragement for JJMF families.

Grapevine Wines Tasting Event

Supporters gathered at Grapevine Wines for an evening of wine and beer tasting, conversation, and community. The relaxed setting provided a wonderful opportunity for both longtime supporters and new friends to learn more about JJMF's mission and the courageous children and families we serve.

Guests sampled wines from around the world while hearing about our signature fundraising event, An Evening of Joy, helping expand our circle of supporters and build excitement for JJMF's largest annual fundraiser. Events like this facilitate connections with new audiences, deepen existing relationships, and enable growth within the community that makes our work possible.



JJMF Youth Board's Pickleball Tournament

The JJMF Youth Board's Pickleball Tournament returned for its second year with exciting growth and even greater community engagement. What began as a fun new fundraising event quickly grew into a beloved tradition.

Led by the creativity and dedication of our Youth Board members, the tournament continues to showcase new ways for the community to get involved with JJMF by strengthening support, building relationships, and demonstrating that we are stronger together.



Participation more than doubled from 16 teams to 34 teams in 2025.



New this year, the tournament also welcomed youth teams, creating an opportunity for even more families and supporters to join in the fun. Players of all ages came together for friendly competition, connection, and a shared commitment to supporting children with complex neurological conditions and their families.

An Evening of Joy

Each year, An Evening of Joy reminds us why JJMF's mission matters. As our signature annual fundraiser, this special evening celebrates the moments of joy, love, and connection that families experience while caring for children with complex neurological conditions.

At the heart of the 2025 event was a special video featuring Andrea and Jake Schimke and their son, Maximo. Their story beautifully reflects the extraordinary love within their family, the joy found in everyday moments, and the daily challenges that many JJMF families know so well.

The evening also included the presentation of JJMF's annual Legacy Award, which honors individuals who carry forward June's legacy through their care, compassion, and commitment to children with complex needs and their families. This year's award was presented to our team member Allison Reichart in recognition of her thoughtful compassion and commitment to supporting families in the JJMF community.



An Evening of
JOY

Save the date to join us in 2026!
Friday, November 6, 2026
The Reverie, Chesterfield, MO



We are incredibly grateful to the sponsors, donors, guests, volunteers, and friends who made this year's event possible. Because of your generosity, An Evening of Joy continues to provide the majority of JJMF's annual funding, helping us grow and sustain programs that bring connection, support, and hope to families throughout the year.

AN EVENING OF JOY IN-KIND DONORS

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FUNDRAISING SPOTLIGHT

Hannah and Dan Hufford Huffords Jewelry

Hannah and Dan Hufford, owners of Huffords Jewelry, are longtime friends of the Jessee family and have been involved with the JJMF since its founding in 2016. Through the privilege of knowing June while she was alive, they saw firsthand the struggles the Jessees faced while caring for June. That experience inspired them to help carry on June's legacy through involvement with the Foundation's mission.

In addition to Hannah serving as a founding Board member, she and Dan support the JJMF every year by sponsoring An Evening of Joy and donating a beautiful piece of Huffords Jewelry to the event's high-end raffle. Additionally, this past July they ran a special "Ring in the Summer" raffle for a stunning custom 14 karat yellow gold multi-color gemstone band, designed to showcase the beautiful JJMF colors. This exciting raffle partnership not only raised significant funds to impact JJMF's programs, but also highlighted our mission through social media and in-store campaigns.



RING RAFFLE FOR THE JUNE⁺
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Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who help bring our mission to life through their incredible commitment of service.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Friends in Service:

Karen Bumb, Robyn Lane, and Jane Quernheim

For more than 40 years, Karen, Robyn, and Jane have shared a close friendship built through many shared experiences. Today, they continue to nurture that friendship through monthly lunches, traveling the country together, and volunteering side-by-side at JJMF.

With backgrounds as a retired pediatric operating room nurse, a retired CPA, and a retired adult operating room nurse, this trio knows the value of dedication and hard work. That spirit shines through during their volunteer shifts, where they are always ready to lend a hand wherever it's needed.

Jane, Karen, and Robyn have become familiar faces at JJMF's Month of June Care Package assembly and at the organization's annual fundraiser, An Evening of Joy, where they have played a pivotal role for several years.

JJMF is incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and friendship they bring to our community and for the many ways they help support the families we serve.



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