

Welcome!

Here is the 18th edition of FundNEWS. We hope this informs as well as inspires! **WE INSPIRE YOU AND YOU INSPIRE US!!!**

HELLO JAYME'S FUND FRIENDS! We hope you and your families are well.

So many individuals, families and businesses continue to suffer as we experience the challenges and continued uncertainties during this pandemic. We are thinking of you and truly miss face to face contact with our Jayme's Fund Friends!

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE NEWS

COVID-19 AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on minorities and those in disadvantaged situations has been and continues to be significant.

Please support your community programs, and national and international organizations that are helping others, especially those in greatest need during this ongoing public health crisis.



JAYME'S BEARS IN HIBERNATION



We have suspended all Bear Making Events until it is entirely safe for us to gather again. We so much look forward to resuming bear making events as soon as possible!

Thank you to all of our amazing bear makers who participated in the bear making events in 2020!

— THANK YOU —

Healthcare and other frontline workers for your strength, courage and dedication. You are working tirelessly under adverse conditions to keep us safe. We appreciate all that you do.

To everyone else... PLEASE WEAR A MASK and follow Public Health expert recommendations!



Image from Untitled Way blog post writer Tolli Way.

STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

JFSJ is very fortunate to (have the opportunity) to employ work study students interested in community service who are attending Southern New Hampshire University. Thank you for your incredible help. We can't do the work without you and are inspired by your energy and commitment!



Courtney Campbell

Courtney graduated from SNHU in May 2020 with a degree in Justice Studies and Psychology. She moved back to her hometown of Stoughton, MA, and just landed a job at the county's District Attorney's Office. Her career plans are to advocate for victimized children.

Congratulations and thank you Courtney for your short but very sweet academic year working for Jayme's Fund!



Courtney delivers bears to director Katy Burchett at Child Health Services, Manchester NH



Kylie Grenier

Kylie is currently a junior at Southern New Hampshire University, double majoring in justice studies and psychology. She is passionate about her studies and hopes to attend graduate school to obtain a counseling degree. After reading about Jayme's Fund, Kylie was eager to get involved and to learn about Jayme's passion for social justice, to help further her own.

We are delighted to be working with Kylie who is already making her mark!

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES!

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ECKMAN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



Is 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 is **Maria Mutesi**.

Maria was born and raised in Uganda, Africa on a farm. Growing up in Uganda was laborious when it came to education, finances, and lifestyle. Often, she would sit under a tree learning with a small blackboard. Schools were far away, with no transportation or an actual building.

Her uncle was an outspoken community activist. When she was only seven years old, she spoke out about the challenge's children encountered while learning in schools and the roads. She was not taken seriously, but she felt if she didn't speak out, that nothing would change.

The school was built, but the road was still a tremendous concern. Maria said, "Most people were intimidated by the road because there were monkeys that would assault a person walking alone. I walked under a canopy of trees in the middle of the road; and I was not frightened. My dream was to show parents that if I walked thirty minutes to school, that their children could do it, too. I craved my peers to understand that silence is complicity. It was scary to speak up, yet my instinct was to assist people in the community that wanted change. Now I have experience knowing why knowledge is essential. I will never take education for granted. I have learned that it takes one person to make a difference." When she migrated to America, she focused on education for herself and others.

Maria is attending Plymouth State University and majoring in Nursing with a goal of one day becoming a Physical Therapist.

PINKERTON ACADEMY JAYME A. LIPKIN-MOORE SCHOLARSHIP

This award is 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. This year's awardee is **Katherine Peterson**.

Katherine dealt with some difficult circumstances during high school.

Here is an excerpt from her scholarship application:

"With the pain I have endured through the years, I know how to push through and keep going. I plan to carry this spirit through out the rest of my schooling and career. I want to share this positive energy with students, and plan on becoming a special education teacher."

Katherine is attending Franklin Pierce University, majoring in elementary and special education. She is described by her teachers as a leader by example, a hard worker and passionate about serving her community. Her enthusiastic character, maturity and determination makes lasting impressions on others.

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.

Harlem Taylor is a seventh-grade student at Parkside Middle School in Manchester. When he interviewed with Breakthrough Manchester in the spring, he was asked to come up with 3 words to describe himself and said, "hardworking, outgoing and goal-oriented." His math teacher concurs and describes him as "a natural leader (who) will face any challenge with a smile."

Harlem loves playing sports, especially football and basketball. He was an active participant in "The Leader in Me" program at his elementary school where students learn to take charge of their educational goals and develop life-long habits to guide them to success. Harlem cares about humanity and is interested in learning and sharing information.

On his Breakthrough application, his mother wrote, "Harlem has always faced everything head-on. He is not afraid to try again if the first time does not work out for him." This is what we witnessed during the summer of 2020. Harlem was always present, on task, and on-camera throughout our virtual summer program. He set high goals for himself and stayed engaged while encouraging fellow students to do the same. Harlem Taylor makes Breakthrough Manchester, and the world, a better place!"



EMILY'S EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN

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

Erin Murray has overcome many challenges throughout her time in high school. After the suicide of her aunt, whom she was very close with, her life changed forever. Erin became very aware that even when a person seems to have everything going for them, they could still be hiding their struggles behind a smile. She's become passionate about the advocacy of mental health and suicide prevention. Erin writes, "I had no idea that mental health and suicide would become two topics I am now passionate about. I don't ever want to see someone be driven to this point again." With a goal of helping people in her mind, Erin Murray plans to pursue a career in occupational therapy.

"Thank you SO much for the Emily's Empowerment Scholarship for Women that will serve me well in my education. I will be attending the University of New Hampshire to become an occupational therapist. I hope to inspire those less fortunate to be their best selves. I am SO appreciative for the scholarship!"



Established in honor of Natalie A. Lipkin-Amir, awarded to two college bound female seniors who are dedicated to empowering themselves by furthering their education are **Daisy Nguyen** and **Kaitlyn Andrea Pinedo**.

Daisy Nguyen not only fulfilled but surpassed the academic expectations that were put on her as a Morris Hill's High School student. She earned the Excelsior Award all four years proving herself to be an exceptional student. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Business Honor Society, and the Social Studies Honor Society. Daisy served as captain of the varsity Volleyball team for two years and volunteered as a coach and mentor with XTREME Volleyball and JR Knights Volleyball programs. She is also an active member in the FCCLA and Varsity Club. Daisy is attending University of Wisconsin, Madison, where she will pursue a degree in Biology.

Kaitlyn Andrea Pinedo has challenged herself throughout her time at Dover High School by taking the most rigorous level of classes offered including all Honors and AP classes. She's excelled in all of these classes while still demonstrating a keen desire to be an active participant in extra-curricular activities. Kaitlyn served as president of the National Honor Society, vice-president of the Student Culture Committee, and an active member in the Environmental Club. She was a member of the basketball and volleyball teams, Student Council, Key Club, Special Olympics and Peer Tutoring. Kaitlyn is attending Villanova University where she will pursue a pre-med program. Eventually, Kaitlyn would like to come back to her Dover community and establish a pediatric dentistry practice.

KUDOS!!!

Southern New Hampshire University and your awesome student volunteers and interns who we depend on, love and appreciate so much!

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THE AMAZING BEAR MAKERS!!!



Remembering Jayme

It's been a rough Spring, Summer and Fall as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of us are exhausted – fatigued in our minds, bodies and spirits. As we brave the winter months, fears, hardships and challenges persist. For some, they are worse than ever and more difficult than most.

Even before the pandemic, there was mental exhaustion and distress due to so much disagreement and discourse amongst our friends, families and communities regarding what is in the best interest of our country.

I find myself weary at times, feeling like giving up hope!

Will we ever be a united country again? Can people of differing opinions and beliefs co-exist peacefully with regard and respect? It seemed, not long ago that despite all of the problems and human imperfections in our society, a majority believed it was best and took deliberate action to treat each other respectfully and work together (hard as it might be), at least trying to improve societal problems for the betterment of the whole.

Will we ever really listen to and hear each other, especially those who have been marginalized or discriminated against? Isn't it good for humanity to advocate and care about others who may not be able to rise above systemic adversity such as racism? What if there aren't enough people who care to listen and learn? Disinformation is rampant!

Jayme would be appalled and disheartened at what is going on in our country and the world.

But...I know she wouldn't give up HOPE!

She would be out there advocating, educating, engaging in vigorous discussion and debate, and taking deliberate action including inspiring and organizing others to do so.

I know she would feel strongly about the disparities that have been further revealed due to the pandemic. She would get that in order to build our communities back better, the realities further exposed and exploited by Covid -19 need to be addressed once and for all- applying human rights standards to fight systemic, and intergenerational inequalities and discrimination!

I hope all of the Jayme's of the world are shining down on humanity, lending a firm hand and a loving heart to help humans to elevate to a higher ground of decency.

Please stay informed, treat others with kindness, give to organizations that are helping those most in need and do whatever you can to make this world a better place for everyone!

*Thank you for
your support.
Thank you for
remembering
Jayme
~Jayme's Mom*



BLACK LIVES MATTER

The global organization “*Black Lives Matter*” was founded in 2013 with a goal of supporting people of color who have been affected by racially motivated violence from law enforcement and vigilantes. The movement advocates for giving black people of all backgrounds a voice to share what they think about the criminal justice system and what can be done to reform it through civil protests, petitions, and campaigns for justice.

Jayme’s Fund stands in support and solidarity with those who have been impacted by racially motivated violence throughout the world.



**JAYME'S FUND
GOLF CLASSIC**
Monday, May 16th, 2022



STAY TUNED
We are scheduling a Virtual fundraising Walk. Stay tuned for details!

THANK YOU!

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