

Welcome!

Here is the 15th edition of FundNEWS. We hope this informs as well as inspires!

STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

JF is very fortunate to have the assistance of two 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!

Amber Forrence



I'm Amber Forrence, a junior studying psychology and child development at SNHU. After receiving my degree, I intend to become a child-life specialist where I will be able to help children in hospitals overcome any challenges they are facing. I have been involved with Jayme's Fund for just over a year, but it feels like I have

been a part of the Fund forever! I have been able to experience the joy of delivering Jayme's Bears to children in-need, plan events that make the JF story resonate with all those who participate, and witness the difference a small action or contribution can truly make! The opportunities I have been given from being involved with Jayme's Fund are overwhelming, and I cannot wait to see where they take me next!

Devin Murray



I'm Devin Murray, a graduate student at Southern New Hampshire University studying business management and marketing. When I first heard of Jayme's Fund and its purpose I was amazed at how much work Jayme's Fund has done for children throughout the community and its impact on them. Jayme's Fund truly makes a difference.

This year I will be focused on assisting Jayme's Fund with its social media presence and connecting more with the community and its followers through all social media outlets. I am very grateful for the opportunity Jayme's Fund has given this year to be a part of something special and help take this great cause to new levels. I hope to see you on our platforms!

Windham High School Students Making A Difference!



The Windham High School chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) is working with Jayme's Fund to organize a Jayme's Bears Event to be held in February 2018. Led by chapter President, Scarlett Souter, and Vice President, Samantha Jezak, NHS will be creating bears to be given to the Dominican Republic Mission

Team through St. Matthew's Parish in Windham, NH and St. Michael's Parish in Exeter, NH. The bears will accompany the team on their annual mission trip and be given to the children who live in the Dominican mountains. NHS is also working closely with Windham High School's Spanish Honor Society to translate "Jayme's Bears", a storybook that is distributed with Jayme's Bears, into Spanish so that the love and inspiration of Jayme's story may reach the Dominican Republic. *Thank you Scarlett and Samantha for embodying the mission of Jayme's Fund!*

WE INSPIRE YOU AND YOU INSPIRE US!!!



In February 2017, Jayme's Fund collaborated with the Southern New Hampshire University Psychology Student Association (PSA) to host one of the largest Bear-A-Thon's yet! PSA President and Jayme's Fund intern, Michelle Hegenauer worked diligently to put together an amazing event that brought together over 80 students from various clubs and organizations across campus. Students were involved in the entire process of making bears from the cutting to sewing, stuffing, and packaging; along with, spreading the word about Jayme's Fund and the difference they made in the community. Over 100 bears were created and sent to children across the state and the world!



Jayme's Bears continue to make their way into the arms of children! Some of the 2017 program delivery partners were: The Jimmy Fund at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Manchester Child Health Services, The Quincy Community Action Program (QCAP), and Watoto World (watotoworld.org) where founder Simmi Isenberg brought Jayme's Bears to the orphans that she cares for in Kenya!

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

TWENTY Years of Jayme's Bears Inspiration by Jayme



Of course they weren't always JAYME'S BEARS then. Well, maybe they were...but we didn't know that in the fall of 1997 when Jayme crafted and delivered 40 fleece teddy bears to the Jimmy Fund Clinic in Boston, that in 2017, we would be making the same soft cuddly bears for children to feel the love. **Since we started the project in 2008, over 800 bears have been distributed!**

After numerous requests, we are pleased to announce that **Jayme's Bears are available for purchase** to anyone in the community who would like a bear to give away or keep for themselves:!) *Contact us if interested.*



THANK YOU



to all who attended the Fifth Annual *Jayme's Fund Golf Classic* held at the Manchester Country Club on October 16, 2017.



We are extremely grateful to our major sponsors **The Roedel Companies, MVC Eye Care, Baron's Major Brands Appliances, Northside Grille, Spectrum Marketing Companies, Spindel Eye Associates, Keller Williams Realty Metropolitan**, 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, Maureen Shelley, Steve Hogan, Amber Forrence, Emily Chapdelaine, Donna Viau, Melanie Friese, Paula Hogan, Woody Woodland, and Devin Murray** for all of your assistance!

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

The 15th Anniversary Concert Event at Tupelo Music Hall



Entrain



Audiophiles

featuring Entrain was a huge success! The opening act Audiophiles, an acapella group from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, left the audience with no choice but to sing along! Special thank you to Dylan Mahalingam, past JF Advisory Board member, for organizing the group to venture up to Derry, NH for the show. Entrain, a nation-wide touring band from Martha's Vineyard, energized the crowd while sending a positive message with their music! Thank you to all who attended!

Very special thank you to **Scott Hayward of Tupelo Music Hall** and Sponsor **Zach Woodward of Lobster Tail Restaurant** in Windham, NH for making the event possible!

SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH INTO SPRING FOR JAYME'S FUND!

**Sunday, March 11, 2018
Hollis, New Hampshire
Snow shoe or hike, all levels of experience welcome!**

www.jaymesfund.org to SIGN UP!



CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES!

Central High School Eckman Award for Excellence

This year Central High School in Manchester NH awarded the **Eckman Award for Excellence** (in memory of Hal Eckman- Central High class of 1964) to TWO students who are *"focused and determined to achieve academic and professional excellence through hard work and perseverance, while overcoming obstacles and challenges along the way"*, **Munyaneza Ange and Kiluba Ngila**.

Munyaneza is currently attending University of New Hampshire. She moved to the United States in 2008 and has developed into a bright young woman who works very hard in everything she does. She is the only English speaker at home and a strong athlete at school.

Kiluba, also awarded the Eckman Award for Excellence, has only been in the United States for two years. Kiluba has overcome the toughest obstacles with strength, having lived in a refugee camp in Africa before making her way to the States. She is now attending Manchester Community College working toward receiving a degree in nursing, and then plans to attend the University of New Hampshire to earn a Masters Degree in nursing.

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. Currently a seventh grader at Southside Middle School, this year's recipient, **Ricky Truong**, is a straight-A student who aspires to become a doctor working with international populations. Quick to smile, Ricky has an exceptional work ethic and is equally quick to use his gentle humor, charisma, and care for others to brighten someone's day. His favorite subject is math, and he has a keen ear for music. The son of Vietnamese immigrants who work as technicians in a nail salon, Ricky speaks Vietnamese at home, plays the violin and is teaching himself to play piano. He would be the first in his family to achieve a college degree, yet his teacher says he is one of the brightest and most diligent student she has ever taught. At Breakthrough this summer, his teachers worked with him on using clear, concise language in writing, participating thoughtfully in class discussions, becoming less reliant on his teachers for external validation and becoming better organized. All of these skills will be key to his success in the most challenging course of studies in high school and ultimately, college. He was an easy choice for recognition as this year's Jayme's Fund scholar.

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 **Patrick Linehan**. Patrick is now a freshman at Syracuse University studying Public Policy, Economics, and Civic Engagement.

"Thank you so much for selecting me for the Jayme A. Lipkin-Moore Scholarship. Having read about Jayme, I see that her vision for social justice and reform strongly correlate with my dream to reform social systems of oppression such as criminal justice. I am inspired by her story and will work hard to continue her dream. I am very grateful for that as I start my own journey."

Natalie A. Lipkin Memorial Scholarship

This year's awardees for the Natalie A. Lipkin Memorial Scholarship (Awarded to a college bound female senior who is dedicated to empowering themselves by furthering their education) are **Destiny Lyle** and **Paulina Leon**.



Destiny Lyle, from Morris Hills High School, played an active role in both Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Habitat for Humanity throughout high school. She served as manager of the wrestling team and was active in her church. An excellent student, Destiny is now attending the University of Maryland seeking a degree in biological sciences.



Impressive, expressive, passionate, intelligent, hardworking and concerned for others - these are the words and phrases used by her teachers to describe this year's Dover High School NALMS recipient, **Paulina Leon**. Paulina, a native of Ecuador, attends Morris County Community College where she is pursuing a nursing career.

A BEARY SPECIAL STORY



I was the proud recipient of a Jayme's Bear, handmade by Michelle Hegenauer. She told me the special significance of the bear, the love that was put into the craftsmanship, and the reason she chose me to be the owner of the bear. I was so moved by this wonderful gesture. The bear was kept right on my desk in my classroom as a reminder of its importance. My students often questioned why the bear was really special to me, and the bear immediately became special to them. They would ask to read to "Teddy", and would also ask for Teddy to sit on their desk.

As the school year ended, I thought about Teddy and how he could make the most impact, and immediately thought of a student who abruptly moved to the United States from Haiti, not knowing any English. His whole world changed almost overnight. He had also recently

lost his father. I thought about all the change that he had undergone in such a short period of time. In my heart, I felt that Teddy could be the one consistent thing in his life. On the last day of school, I presented "Teddy" to the young boy, in the same way that Michelle presented it to me. He had made so much progress learning English and doing his best to be a great student and friend to other students. He was overjoyed and kept hugging the bear intensely. I am happy to know that the bear will be a source of comfort and strength for the boy, and he will pass it along when he feels he no longer needs it.

Jayme's Bears are a powerful and inspirational tool for people of all ages, and all walks of life! Thank you to Michelle Hegenauer and to Jayme's Fund for the huge impact that one bear had in my life!

*With Gratitude, Stephanie Case, 3rd grade teacher
Robertson School, Manchester CT*

Remembering Jayme



So, what is good about remembering a 15 year anniversary of a horrific tragedy and loss?

I can't think of anything.

Except one thing.

Jayme's Fund for Social Justice.

I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to develop a legacy of love in Jayme's memory. The experience fills my world with joy and inspiration from the many people that cared about Jayme, and for those who never knew her and possess the caring and compassion to help us do the work that we do. I am inspired and guided by Jayme and all of the people that have joined together with us to make a difference in her name.

Some of you have heard this story:

Jayme amassed a vast list of accomplishments, award and honors, but she was humble and uncomfortable with personal recognition. So, I was surprised by what she said to me during a flight to Washington D.C. where she attended a week-long Media and Democracy program in February, 2002. With a deliberate tone and beaming smile she said "Mom, I've decided that I'm going to be famous, but I don't want my face to be famous, just my name. I'm going to make a difference in the world".

Forming Jayme's Fund for Social Justice was a lifeline that was thrown to me, surprisingly (now as I think about it) without my even knowing that I may have drowned without it. As I reflect on 15 years (impossible!) four words sum it up for me:

Goodness. The love, caring and compassion that my family received from those near and dear and so many others who never even knew Jayme, which formed and still is the heart and soul of this organization.

Generosity. I'm so humbled by the generosity that has been bestowed upon Jayme's Fund. To witness such a level of generosity from so many individuals and businesses is gratifying and inspiring!

Giving. Whether its monetary donations, in-kind donations, or the countless ways that individuals have volunteered their time, talents, ideas and energy – inspiring, amazing and all so appreciated!

Grateful. I'm so filled with gratitude for all that you do! I am forever humbled and continually grateful for the level of generosity and giving Jayme's Fund receives. It's an honor to try to do some of the things that Jayme would have done.

What's ahead for Jayme's Fund?

Increasing our fundraising efforts – making a greater impact!

Making and giving away more Jayme's Bears!

Awarding more scholarships!

Developing more educational events!

Staying connected with our community through community events and social media!

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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Warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season! May your lives be blessed with as much love, kindness, and compassion that you have so generously given!

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