



Mission

The JADE Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for young adult cancer patients by providing items for their entertainment and comfort that hopefully help alleviate the emotional and physical stress of long hospitalizations and treatments. The JADE Foundation was created in 2009 to honor the memory of **Alex Dobay**, who resided in Burton, Ohio and graduated from Hawken School in 2008. Alex battled lymphoblastic

lymphoma and leukemia for several years before succumbing to the illness in 2008 at the age of 19. JADE stands for Jeffrey Alexander Dobay Entertainment. Alex believed in spreading a positive message to everyone with whom he came in contact, and very much appreciated the kindness of others. We hope patients feel that same kindness through the **JADE Foundation comfort cart**, which provides games, puzzles, art supplies, blankets and snacks.

"Last year when we were here the soft blanket from The JADE Foundation was so comfortable we brought it as a "must have" when I relapsed. Thank you so much for the thoughtful snacks and toys that make this experience more tolerable on a day-to-day basis."

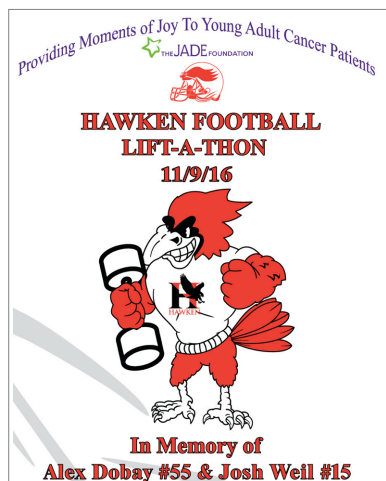
"When the cart came with the blanket my counts were at their lowest. The blanket gave me the comfort I needed to get through a really trying time. Thank you again!"

Fundraising



Golf Outing 6/17

Hawken Football coaches, alums, parents and friends participated in the second annual golf outing.



Raffle Tickets 12/16

Hawken football players Zach Elenin and Jonathan Kutash sold raffle tickets at the Hawken Wrestling Tournament.



Hawken Football Lift-A-Thon 11/16

Members of the Hawken Football team participated in the 3rd consecutive Lift-A-Thon.



Hawken House Week Activities 4/17

Hawken Upper School students participated in an obstacle course and mud run to honor the memory of Alex Dobay and his idea to create the House System to foster a sense of community and school spirit.



Launch of UH Comfort Cart 1/17

We are very excited to announce that we launched the comfort cart at the Angie Fowler Adolescent & Young Adult Cancer Institute at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital Seidman Cancer Center at University Hospitals.



Spreading Holiday Cheer at the Cleveland Clinic 12/16

We delivered 40 blankets to the Cleveland Clinic bone marrow transplant and leukemia unit for the holidays to bring comfort and joy to patients confined to the hospital during the holidays.

Patient Outings



Cavs Game Outing 3/17

Thank you to The JADE Foundation from the Norris Family for these great seats at the Cavs game! Pictured right to left are Sean, wife Rachel, brother and bone marrow donor Rich, and mom Michele.



Indians Outing 7/16

A young man and his family attended an Indians game thanks to the JADE Foundation. "On behalf of my son, myself and my family, I would like to thank you and the JADE Foundation for extending this wonderful invitation to us. We are so very appreciative and honored. It was a very special day for all of us."

How We Use Donations The JADE Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit public charity, and all donations are tax exempt to the extent allowed by law. We use donations to buy items for the comfort cart as well as cover expenses for patient outings. The JADE Foundation is listed on Guidestar.



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"Thank you for providing a telescope. I was able to enjoy the view and "get out of my room"."

Statements from Medical Staff

"The comfort cart, or as we fondly call it, the "cart of fun" has become a mainstay for our adolescent and young adult inpatients/outpatients and their families at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital and the Angie Fowler AYA Cancer Institute. The JADE Cart provides them with activities, snacks, and items that bring them comfort, such as a warm soft blanket, or a journal or coloring book. When we roll the cart in their room, you see a smile creep over their face. Even if they are not having the best day they'll often say "please come in". More times than not whatever they need seems to be on that cart. They are truly grateful for being thought of. Some patients have less than others; it means so much to have creature comforts when you can't be at home with the things that make you...well you. We are so honored to have been selected to be a part of this program; our patients and families are the ones that benefit and we do too by seeing the joy it brings them."

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*"Very kind and thoughtful!
Made a dreary day bright.
Thanks so much."*