



Mission

The JADE Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for young adult cancer patients by providing items for their entertainment 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.

“To The JADE Foundation, I just want to thank you for your kindness shown to me by having little gifts of love available at the Cleveland Clinic bone marrow unit. Thank you for caring. This brought sunshine to my day!”

“Dear JADE Foundation, Your gifts given to me while I was in the hospital were a welcome treat. Thank you.”

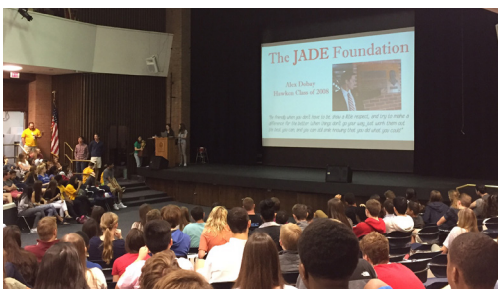
Fundraising



Members of the 2015 Hawken Football team conducted their second annual Lift-A-Thon in November, 2015. They raised over \$2,300.



Hawken Football Mom Karen Canitia and football players Logan Lair and Michael Christopher sold raffle tickets at the Hawken basketball game on February 20, 2016 and raised over \$300.



Hawken Upper School students held an assembly for the House System on April 18, 2016 to kick off a week of fundraising activities, culminating with a talent show. They raised over \$600. We are so appreciative that Hawken students have embraced the JADE Foundation.

Thank you to everyone who made donations in memory of **Josh Weil**.

We raised over \$21,000.

Through your generosity, we

will continue to honor Josh’s commitment to the mission of The JADE Foundation.



2015 Annual Fund

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2015 annual fund; we raised over \$7,000.



Thank you to Steve Alexander and his foundation “Ride For a Purpose” for donating items for the comfort cart.

How We Use Donations:

We use donations to buy items for the comfort cart and occasionally for patient outings such as local concerts and restaurants, as well as pay for administrative expenses.



Patients

Last summer we treated a young man and his wife to an evening out for a concert at the House of Blues and dinner at Trattoria in Little Italy. He was very appreciative for this opportunity to enjoy himself before returning to the hospital for his bone marrow transplant.



Cleveland Clinic – Currently our comfort cart serves approximately 400 patients annually on the bone marrow transplant and leukemia floor.



We plan to expand the comfort cart to University Hospitals as soon as their adolescent and young adult inpatient facility is completed. For more information about UH or for a tour of their AYA facility, please contact Patricia Swenson at (216) 844-0412.

“I have gone through two bone marrow transplants at the Cleveland Clinic. When the comfort cart comes into your room, you feel like a kid in a candy store! You feel like it is so generous for a foundation to do something like that. I am so thankful for it beyond words.” -Tracy

“I would like to say thank you very much for giving my son Andrew so much joy when you see him at the Cleveland Clinic hospital. He’s been fighting cancer for a year now and he still cherishes the blanket he got from you guys a year ago. What you do is very important to everybody who needs someone (like you) just to walk in and say, “Hello, I care and know what you are going through. I’m here to help make your day by giving you something to get through your pain today.” You may think you’re doing a small part but no, it’s way bigger than that ... the joy my son gets when I get there and he tells me look what I got today. . . and seeing the joy in his face is heartwarming. When I can’t be there for him all day I know someone (like you) is there to help him out. Thank you for everything... God Bless you all.”



Patients and the Comfort Cart
Bobbie Dobay, Alex’s mom and JADE Foundation founder, delivers fleece blankets and goodies to patients at the Cleveland Clinic.

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