

# Providing Moments of Joy

# About Alex Dobay

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 those same **acts of kindness** through the **JADE Foundation**.



# Mission

To improve the quality of life for adolescent and young adult cancer patients by providing comfort and entertainment items to relieve the emotional and physical stress of lengthy hospitalizations and treatments. We offer items such as:

- Blankets, fleecy socks, stocking caps, and snacks
- Games, puzzles, word search, crossword puzzles, Sudoku
- Art supplies

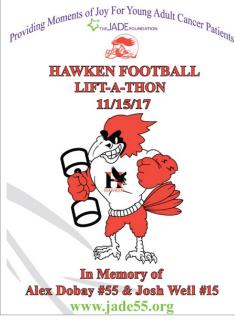
- Electronic devices such as tablets
- Learning tools such as telescopes and microscopes
- Outings and on-site patient events

Research shows that cancer patients benefit from healthy distractions as a way to take their mind off their pain and discomfort, helping them to cope with their diagnosis and treatment and promote a sense of well-being and relaxation.

# Fundraising

# Hawken Football Lift-A-Thon 11/17





Golf Outing at Fowler's Mill Golf Course 6/18



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Alfredo's At The Inn Italian Restaurant \* Farmer In The Deli Ferrera's \* Giuseppe's Pizza \* Guido's Pizza & Restaurant Pizzazz Pizzeria



# Hawken Kickball Classic Tournament 4/18

Hawken Upper School students were victorious over Gilmour in this inaugural event!



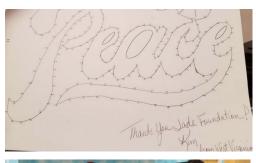
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outings and on-site patient events.



#### Patients



Dot-to-dot artwork from Cleveland Clinic patient

Snacks and drinks for the patients at UH Angie Fowler AYA Cancer Institute with Jennifer Giesel, Ph.D, LICDC-CS Clinical Psychology Doctoral Fellow



Bobbie Dobay (Alex's mom pictured on the right) delivered blankets to Cleveland Clinic patients on New Year's Day 2018

Linda and Malcolm Glazer Family Lobby



Launch of the comfort cart at Cleveland Clinic Adolescent & Young Adult Oncology Unit February 2018

# Patient Outing



Cavs game outing for a patient and his family March 2018

# JADE Foundation Board of Directors

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#### Co-Founder: Samantha Kadis

Chair: Polly Marabito Vice Chair: Suellen Kadis Secretary: Susi Meisel Treasurer: Scot Paulitsch Anjali Advani, M.D. Edward Copelan, M.D. Susan Prockop, M.D. Ann Seabright "Five years ago I was a patient on that floor. The kindness & generosity of the JADE Foundation helped my attitude so much. Keep up the wonderful work!"

Cleveland Clinic bone marrow transplant patient

#### Statements from Medical Staff

"I took care of Alex during his leukemia treatments, and got to know him and his mom, Bobbie. Bobbie takes out the cart on the leukemia and bone marrow transplant floor. She's a wonderful inspiration to the patients and their families, offers them hope and support. It's difficult for patients to leave the floor because they're weak and blood counts are low, so the cart brings them activities that they can engage in without having to leave their room. Having the interaction with the person who delivers the cart has been really helpful for their morale; it lets them know that someone cares about them. The nurses and doctors have been really supportive, and believe it's been really helpful for the patients."

Anjali Advani, M.D. Cleveland Clinic Hematology & Oncology

"It's overwhelming for them to think that someone they don't even know cares about them and is thinking about them, that they're not lost or forgotten. When they see me coming in, it usually means I'm here to talk about something medical. The cart provides an avenue to communicate with them on a different level where they open up about how they're feeling."

Amelia Baffa, Nurse Manager UH Angie Fowler AYA Cancer Institute

