

The JADE Foundation celebrates our 10-year anniversary in 2019!

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

We are currently serving patients at the following locations and units:

Cleveland Clinic

- Bone marrow transplant and leukemia floor
- Adolescent and young adult oncology

University Hospitals

- Angie Fowler Adolescent & Young Adult Cancer Center

Experts in the medical field believe 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.

- University of Rochester Medical Center
- Psychology Today
- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- Cancer Treatment Centers of America

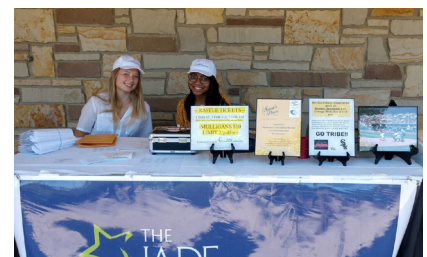
Fundraising



April 2019 ~ Hawken students win the "Gates Mills Kickball Classic" against Gilmour



June 2019 ~ Golf Outing at Fowler's Mill Golf Course



Hawken students Stephanie Shulman & Mackenzie Lee sell raffle tickets at the golf outing

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This young lady enjoyed trying out the new stereo microscope in Angie's Garden, on the rooftop of UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. The garden is a peaceful oasis where patients and families can take a break from the clinical setting and reconnect with nature. The microscope, donated by JADE Foundation, is a brand new addition to their Horticultural Therapy Program.

Alison McKim, program director and manager of Angie's Garden, says, "Sometimes a hospital stay provides a surprising opportunity for young patients to explore and discover things they may not have otherwise come across. This dissecting microscope allows us to easily look at natural items in 3-D. You just place a whole flower under the lens and zoom in to see the grains of pollen, droplets of water, and tiny bristles on the leaves. Kids and their families have really been excited to try it out! I am thankful for the opportunity for kids to learn, to enjoy the magic of the natural world, and to find something positive to think about in the midst of their treatment. We cannot know how this new experience may impact their lives, possibly even far into the future."

Thank you to our donors!

The JADE Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit public charity, and all donations are tax exempt to the extent allowed by law. EIN 26-3867964. We use donations to buy items for the comfort cart and cover expenses for patient outings and on-site patient events.



Alex's mom and founder Bobbie Dobay has been instrumental in maintaining the ongoing mission of The JADE Foundation.



AYA Support Specialist & Community Outreach Coordinator Whitney Hadley and Program Coordinator Michele Rothstein receive comfort cart items at UH



Comfort Cart items for Cleveland Clinic Adolescent & Young Adult Cancer Patients



Nurse Manager Amelia Baffa & AYA Support Specialist & Community Outreach Coordinator Whitney Hadley with the JADE Foundation Comfort Cart at University Hospitals Adolescent & Young Adult Cancer Center



Rachel Ziemba, Cleveland Clinic Child Life Specialist, with the comfort cart

Patient Testimonials

"The JADE cart is a generous, thoughtful gesture during a very uncertain and difficult time. Most of my days in the hospital were miserable, and then at just the right moment, the JADE cart would come to visit, and offer a game, a snack, cool socks, or a blanket. Honestly, it was a

bright spot in the midst of awful days. I appreciate the kindness the JADE Foundation offers to patients."

"The JADE Foundation cart was always a blessing to me. It was encouragement when I saw them coming."

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