



FUNDRAISING NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2018



Jordan's Guardian Angel's first annual gala was held at the Hotel Zaza in Memorial City, Houston, Texas, on April 7th, 2018.

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The giving spirit was on full display on a night that surpassed even our most optimistic hopes and dreams. We are so incredibly excited and grateful to announce that thanks to our global community, the first annual C3P-Go Gala in Houston **raised hundreds of thousands of dollars** to help fund our research into finding a cure for Jordan's Syndrome. **In all, \$365,000 was raised**, which will directly support the groundbreaking research that may bring answers for our children and potentially millions more. The event was organized by the Huber family, or Team Huber, as they are affectionately known. Their two-year-old son Hutton was diagnosed with Jordan's Syndrome.

Attendees bid on everything from timeless sports memorabilia to sparkling jewelry in a silent auction. There were games and raffles aplenty. Inside the ballroom, we kicked off the evening's festivities with a warm welcome from our lovely MC, KHOU meteorologist Chita Craft.

A live auction was held, where partygoers anted up for five-star getaways and more. One of our researchers, Dr. Ghayda Mirzaa, explained the potential behind the project, examining how Jordan's Syndrome (a newly-discovered mutation in the gene PPP2R5D) is linked to autism, intellectual disability, Alzheimer's and cancer.

In an inspiring moment for all, Jordan's Guardian Angels co-founder Joe Lang was joined on stage by several of our families as he spoke to the audience about the need to help. What happened next was nothing short of stunning. (Cont'd on page 2)



Since launching our AmazonSmile fundraising initiative we have raised \$77.80 for our children!

If you have an Amazon account, sign up to make JGA your charity of choice on AmazonSmile.com. .05% of your eligible purchases will be matched by Amazon and donated to JGA quarterly!

SPECIAL THANKS TO
DARRAN, EMMA, AND
NANCY FOR PUTTING
ON FANTASTIC
FUNDRAISERS!

- I'm sure you have been following Darran's extraordinary effort as he prepared for the Belfast Marathon, but did you know he and the Esdale family \$4,400 dollars?! We can't thank Darran enough for the funds and awareness he raised throughout Ireland.
- Dylan Dunlop- Barrett, a friend of Emma's, put together a Bingo Night in honor of George and JGA. Over \$800 was raised at the Home Good Bar in NZ, and attendees were thrilled to win great local prizes!
- Thank you Nancy and Jabz Boxing of Central Phoenix for putting together a special class benefiting JGA research! \$600 dollars was raised and Avianna got in a good workout! You go girls!



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Our live auctioneer asked those in attendance to consider making a charitable donation – simply in the spirit of generosity. The response was as immediate as it was overwhelming, as dozens raised their paddles to contribute to our mission. By the time it was all said and done, we'd far exceeded our goal for the evening.

“As I sat by the stage admiring all the clapping hands and the loving eyes fixated on our children, it became very clear that there is nowhere else I would rather be,” said parent Carole Bakhos. “If Jordan's Syndrome wasn't part of our lives, what could I possibly be doing at that exact moment that would have had any sense of achievement and belonging? [I am] thankful every day for the meaningful life this journey has put us on.”

Internationally-known performance painter Michael Israel thrilled the crowd, turning blank canvases into beautiful art in a matter of minutes – a spectacular way to cap a night that we won't soon forget.

-Nick Janes

LOOKING TO 2019 GALAS

Jessica and Jeff Laliberte are also hosting their first dinner gala this year in Fargo, North Dakota! The Diamonds and Denim theme will be sure to dazzle all of the guests on March 2nd, 2019. If you have any family or friends who would be able to donate silent auction items, please contact Brittany or Jessica. More info on the right-hand sidebar.

In April 2019 Candice and Tim Huber plan to host another gala, this time with a Derby theme! The event will be held Saturday, April 27th, at the Red Oak Ballroom in Houston, TX. Jordan's Guardian Angels will be selling raffle tickets leading up to the event.



Since a donation button was added to our public Facebook page in December of 2017, our families and friends have raised \$7,183! Thank you for sharing our posts and creating your own fundraisers! In order to continue that momentum we are asking families to add a donation button when they share their child's JGA birthday video post that Nancy and Carole put together. (See sidebar for directions to add a donation button.) If you are having a fundraiser and a loved one cannot attend, but would still like to help, ask them to donate on the Facebook page.



CALL TO ACTION:

How can you help fundraise?

- Encourage friends and family to sign up for AmazonSmile.
- Donate exciting silent auction items to the Diamonds and Denim Gala. We are looking for items that you might buy for yourself- items from previous silent auctions included oriental rugs, signed artist prints, scratch-off lottery tickets, etc.
- Set up a Facebook Fundraiser! When sharing a post from JGA selected share, write post, add donation button, and then search for Jordan's Guardian Angels, Jordan's Syndrome.
- Contact Brittany for help starting your own event! Ideas on every scale and donation level are appreciated!