



2023 Impact Report

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Hello!

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your incredible generosity to our charity, but more importantly to the children and families we serve. The support you have offered allows us to plan with some certainty, and we are grateful for your thoughtfulness in giving in this way. We are honoured that you have chosen to partner with us to extend financial support to deserving families who are fiercely committed to their children but have limited resources to manage the numerous extra costs associated with their care. We trust that you will clearly see from this report that your funds were put to good use.

I am very proud of our 33-year history of impact and integrity and the over 17,000 children and families across Ontario we have helped since it all began. I am also delighted to share that, in our last calendar year, we approved more than 600 applications for more than \$1 Million of financial assistance. These funds went directly into the hands of families with limited incomes. We provided financial relief in times of crisis, and helped with the many out-of-pocket expenses not covered by OHIP or extended health benefits.

In 2023, we completed a thorough review of all internal operations and made some adjustments to improve efficiencies and reduce administration costs. We streamlined our application and fund distribution procedures and got assistance to those who needed it most in a timely and secure fashion. We tightened our screening process and re-examined our eligibility criteria to ensure our support remained impactful, filled a gap not covered by others and was stewarded with the highest accountability.

With supporters like you, we were able to help alleviate some of the economic strain families face when their child is diagnosed with a serious illness, has a traumatic accident or is born with significant medical complications. We were able to say YES and gift higher amounts to help children and their families. The ripple effect from this means that the quality of life for these families and their communities is improved. This would not have been possible without valuable partners like you and we can't thank you enough!

Adrienne Grant, MSW
Executive Director



"When Nolan was diagnosed with cancer, our world was turned upside down. Thank you for helping us along this tough journey, when we had nowhere else to turn."

Nolan's Parents

"Your actions have truly exemplified what it means to serve others in a world where so many only focus on themselves. To give this generosity without even meeting personally, to me is an even greater service. Your generosity only inspires me to one day be in the position where I too might be able to give back."

A Grateful JACC Parent



\$1,000,000+

GIFTED TO FAMILIES
IN 2023



600+

CHILDREN SUPPORTED IN 2023



200+

COMMUNITIES WE HAVE
WORKED IN SINCE 2019

REAL STORIES OF YOUR IMPACT

·David* is a single father of two, receiving no support from his children's mother. His youngest child has been in the hospital for an extended period of time, and David is travelling back and forth to the hospital while also caring for his 3 year old. On a limited income, travel and extra hospital expenses were proving too cumbersome to afford – and David faced the prospect of not being able to afford to visit his child often during treatment. JACC was able to provide funding to offset some expenses, allowing David to stay by his child's side and offer comfort and stability while he received treatment in the hospital.

·Jessica* is a pre-teen girl who was born with Cerebral Palsy and now has Scoliosis. JACC helped with the costs of physiotherapy sessions as her Mom had no extended health care benefits and was unable to afford these life-improving therapies which are no longer covered by OHIP.

·Andrea* is a single mother who gave birth to premature triplets. Weighing less than 1kg each – the babies required an immense amount of intensive hospital care. Due to how critical two of the babies were, they were transported to SickKids to receive the highest level of specialized treatment. Andrea was travelling between hospital sites in different cities, and eventually, her vehicle required repair to continue making the trips. JACC was able to provide an emergency grant for the repairs to get her back on the road to be with her babies.

*Some details have been removed or changed to protect client privacy.



CHEVY
JACC CLIENT

PERSONAL FOCUS: NOLAN



When Nolan was diagnosed with cancer, his parents' world came crashing down. Nolan's family is an average family – working parents, managing a busy household of three kids and navigating the ups and downs of everyday life. Suddenly, the hundreds of small problems each of us face every day, became just one problem – Nolan's health. Testing, hospital admission, and treatment became their new everyday routine. There was simply no way to squeeze in regular work days, while being present with Nolan. This greatly affected their disposable income. At a time when their biggest concern was Nolan's well-being – there quickly became an issue about how to maintain their existing household finances, and afford the extra costs of simply being with Nolan. Additional costs for travel, meals and other incidental expenses quickly added up with Nolan's hospitalization. JACC was able to provide financial relief to Nolan's family in the early days of his illness – so his parents could focus more on him and his care, and less on the stress of their finances. Without you, JACC could not help people like Nolan and his family.