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SUMMER 2025

THROUGH A MOTHER'S EYES: WHY YOUR GIFT MATTERS

14 MONTHS & 450+ KMS FROM HOME



Last year, while our baby Leonidas was hospitalized at SickKids, we received financial assistance from Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity. It was truly a lifesaver during one of the most difficult times in our lives, and we are incredibly grateful.

Leonidas has a very complex medical condition, and we ended up spending 14 months at the hospital in Toronto so he could receive the specialized care he needed. Since we're from Ottawa, we had to continue paying rent there to keep our home while also covering the cost of temporary housing in Toronto to stay close to our baby. The help we received from Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity allowed us to stay near our son and support him without the added stress of financial instability. We are incredibly thankful for the support you provided during such a critical moment.

We're so happy to share that we've finally returned home to Ottawa with our beautiful baby, and we're filled with hope for the future.

Berlinda, Leonidas' Mom

HOME AT LAST: CHARLOTTE'S STORY OF HOPE

Meet Charlotte Marie — our fierce little warrior who came into the world on June 8th, 2024, at just 27 weeks and 6 days, weighing 1105g. From the moment she arrived, Charlotte showed us the true meaning of strength. She was diagnosed with a grade 3 brain bleed at birth, which has led to a brain injury, epilepsy, and a possible diagnosis of cerebral palsy. Charlotte spent an incredible 152 days in the NICU at McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton, Ontario, before finally coming home on November 13th.

Thanks to the generous support from Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity, our family received critical assistance during this difficult journey. The charity helped lift the financial burden of bills, transportation, and the purchase of essential medical equipment — including a special wedge and crib that allowed Charlotte to come home safely and comfortably. Your help made it possible for us to focus on caring for our daughter instead of worrying about how we'd make ends meet. Today, Charlotte is a bright and energetic one year old who has already moved mountains.

We are endlessly grateful to the donors— your kindness truly changed our lives. Thank you for being part of Charlotte's story.

Sarah, Charlotte's Mom

THEN & NOW: THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT

You might recognize Charlotte from our Holiday Appeal last December. The contrast between these photos show how far she's come thanks to your support. You can help more children like Charlotte by donating today.



NORM CLEMENTS - 2025 KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL

On May 1, 2025, at our Annual Dinner & Auction Gala, Norm Clements was presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal, recognizing him for his contributions to our community, including his role as founder of Jennifer Ashleigh Children’s Charity. Norm’s generosity is boundless. He is known for his ability to see the best in people & to give selflessly, often quietly, without seeking recognition. His willingness to help others is matched by his hands-on approach, whether it’s welcoming those in need into his community or ensuring families receive the financial help they desperately need. Thank you Mayor Dave Barton, Mayor Iain Lovatt and Bruce Garrod, Regional Councillor, Township of Uxbridge for honouring, Mr. Clements and presenting him with this prestigious medal on behalf of retired MP Jennifer O’Connell.



UPCOMING EVENTS - SUPPORTING JENASH

FUSION FEST - JULY 12TH

MEMORIAL PARK, STOUFFVILLE

DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS FOR LADY GAGA

LET’S RALLY FOR KIDS - OCT 18TH

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STOUFFVILLE CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR - NOV 7/8

WATCH OUR SOCIALS FOR VENDOR & TICKET INFO

SHOUTOUTS & SMILES



Celebrating Tess Bardikoff: A Compassionate Voice for Families in Crisis

At our recent Gala, we were proud to welcome Tess Bardikoff as our keynote speaker, a dedicated social worker at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital and a long-time ally of Jennifer Ashleigh Children’s Charity (JenAsh). For over seven years, Tess has referred families to our charity, helping them access critical support during times of crisis. On the inpatient brain injury unit, she works with children recovering from traumatic injuries, strokes, brain tumours and more, supporting families facing unimaginable change. In her heartfelt speech, Tess shared how JenAsh helps ease the overwhelming stress these families endure and how our support allows parents to remain close to their child so they can be actively involved in their child’s rehabilitative care. With compassion and deep commitment, she ensures families are treated with dignity and supported every step of the way. Tess reminds us that behind every donation, big and small, is a family holding on and a frontline worker helping to make that possible. Thank you, Tess, for being the bridge between crisis and care.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

I would like to donate a monthly gift of:

☐ \$15 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 or I Prefer to Give \$_____

Donations are processed on the 15th day of each month (or next business day)

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☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 or I Prefer to Give \$_____

☐ Enclosed is my cheque payable to **Jennifer Ashleigh Children’s Charity**

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