

# Our Inspiration

Jared was a brave little boy who battled cancer with courage and faith that continues to inspire us all. He was only 5 years old, yet demonstrated faith and wisdom beyond his young age.

Jared maintained his sense of humor and the joys of childhood through play. He carried a backpack full of toys and games to all his appointments, and questioned why other children didn't bring toys to their exam rooms.

Jared's battle ended on November 12, 2000 while listening to his favorite song "You'll Be In My Heart."

Jared's inspiration lives on thru the kindness of others



## To brighten the day of a chronically ill child

"The hospital is a scary place for children. With efforts like The Jared Box, it can be less frightening and more like home. Your kind gesture helps us provide special diversions for the patients while they are in the hospital."

*Nancy Ramhap*

*Certified Child Life Specialist*



"Before her surgery, my daughter Emma, age 4, was very scared. The nurse gave her a Jared Box and her eyes lit up. She played with stickers and colored, and quickly forgot about her surgery. Before she went to surgery, the nurses used the chap-stick from the box and put it on Emma so she would be "pretty for her surgery." When Emma woke up, the first thing she asked for was her Jared Box. Now that we are home, she walks around with it all day. Thank you for helping her through a very difficult time."

*Emma's Mom*

"I am overwhelmed by your generosity and in awe of these incredible Jared Boxes. Play in the hospital helps kids better cope with traumatic situations because it is a natural activity in an unnatural, scary setting. Jared Boxes are like having "home away from home" in a awesome box, just for them, that they can pull out and play with whenever they want. It doesn't get any better than this!"

*Debbie Zeigler*

*Certified Child Life Specialist*



# The Jared Box Project

Lifting the spirits of chronically ill children.



Jared, age 5



# What is a Jared Box?



A Jared Box is a plastic storage box filled with small gifts, toys, cards and games. The boxes are given to chronically ill children to provide a special diversion as they receive chemotherapy or other medical treatments.


The boxes symbolize the importance of play and are filled with well wishes, hope and love. Jared Boxes bring smiles and lift the spirits of chronically ill children.


Over 25,000 Jared Boxes have been made.


Blue-shaded states indicate where Jared Boxes have been made and delivered.



# How You Can Help

 Make and Deliver Jared Boxes to your local hospital.

 Make a donation online from our website.

 Make checks payable to:  
The Jared Box Project  
129 Fenwick Drive  
Port Matilda, PA 16870  
(814) 353-9343



To learn how to start a Jared Box Project in your area, go to:

[www.thejaredbox.com](http://www.thejaredbox.com)

From our Web site, you can learn all about the project, read tips for organizing your project and getting started, get step-by-step instructions for making Jared Boxes, and view our Hospital Directory.

# How to make a Jared Box

1. Get a shoe box size plastic storage box.
2. Decide if the box you are making is for a girl or boy. Select an age group.
3. Select items for your box.  
  
Suggested items include:  
crayons, markers, coloring books, card games, puzzles, dollar-store items, silly-putty, stickers, costume jewelry and small toys.
4. Personalize and decorate your box.
5. Deliver your boxes to your local hospital.
6. Visit our Web site for more information.

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