

Little Star Foundation “Your Example”

Summer 2024

2024 marks 39th Year Helping Children with Cancer, Families, Caregivers & Communities

Happy Summer to You and Little Star Foundation News

Across the country, college graduations have proud parents and hard working students looking to make their way into post college career life. Current college students are also looking to make a difference in the world.

Thanks to the heart filled efforts of Max and his Mom; and Sydney Jo and her Dad, and other college students, Little Star Foundation is connecting even further. A Mom sent me this Little Star Foundation banner that has been displayed proudly at Max's University of Redlands California and Garner Webb University in North Carolina. Max is hitting home runs for Little Star Foundation.



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Every special heart filled thank you Little Star Foundation receives from children with cancer, their families and caregivers is for you too. Of the many received here are a few recent thank you's to shine in your life.



Thank you for fixing my dad's car, love, Winston

Andrea,

Thanks again for your kind and generous donation to our family. I looked into your foundation and I am very impressed and intrigued. I didn't realize that you started as a professional tennis player - at such an extremely young age! My fifteen year old son, Maxwell, adores tennis. He plays on his high school varsity team. Thank you again.

I hope to pay this forward as things improve for our family.
Much love, Erica



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Thank You!

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Proud Dad shared Sydney Jo's story. Sydney was born and grew up in Kodiak, Alaska with her parents. When Sydney was a little girl her Dad loaned her \$5,000 to develop a t-shirt company about two of her favorites - Kodiak, Alaska and surfing. Sydney Jo put that money into good work designing, creating and selling t-shirts so successfully she made enough money to pay for her college.

Wanting to share her success with kids less fortunate health wise, crates of brand new t-shirts arrived for free at Little Star Foundation. Sydney connects to waves, good grades and goodwill!

Both Max and Sydney Jo, grew up on completely different sides of the country, followed their passions with determination and reached successfully many of their teenage and college age goals, all while giving back and caring about boys and girls with cancer at Little Star Foundation. Thank you, Max and Sydney Jo and your supportive families. Love to you all and grateful for your help and for every passionate supporter of Little Star Foundation!

We all have reasons why life takes on a continuous precious reminder. Working with children with cancer and children with life threatening diseases and life altering conditions, "precious" is a constant reminder. My first children's hospital visit bringing fun to young patients, when I was a teenager myself, was eye and heart opening.

Regarding "Memory Lane" I wasn't sick nor did I have a medical reason to be in the hospital as a kid. Rather the idea came to me when I was a teenager on the pro tennis tour having an enormously successful career. Before and after I became the #2 ranked professional tennis player in the world at the age of 16, I wanted to share what I had, be of some of service to the world and make the world a better and brighter place in addition to playing tennis.

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Little Star Foundation can deliver monthly updates & announcements directly to your email.

You can get every monthly issue by simply providing your email address. Email me, Andrea Jaeger, at info@littlestar.org and together we can save printing, mail costs and trees while you stay informed and enjoy the good being done together.

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* You can mail a check to:
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Suite 103 #343
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

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Not yet old enough to have a driver's license I sat in a pro tournament transportation car after winning a match when I noticed a toy store we were about to pass. I decided, "I will buy bags of toys and be like Santa Claus for kids in a hospital so they can have some fun while they are sick in the hospital."

So that's what I did. It took some convincing. Back then it was uncommon to do that for strangers in a hospital. Hospital staff members although confused, were thrilled about my visit. We greeted each other in the lobby and when I said, "Where do we go so I can bring toys to the kids? Do we go room to room?" I was met with looks of surprise on their faces. My teenage passion and enthusiasm continued, "I am happy to spend time with kids who are sick. Let's go bring them some fun." It wasn't a normal thing to do back then, but seemed normal to me.

The memories from that hospital continue to be etched in my heart. Kids in wheelchairs, children with IV poles, no hair from chemo treatments, surgery maimed limbs, all hesitantly came into a makeshift playroom arranged for our visit. Very soon the laughter heard was loud, inspiring and playful coming from our fun together. I could see medical clothed adults peering in with amazement and lines of others wanting to come in. We were on to something.

At that moment I promised myself, as much as to children in hospitals I had yet to meet around the world, that when I grew up I would help kids in hospitals. God and the Universe heard me, showing me years later I was on my called path. When I started my Foundation I received its non-profit charity status approval stamped with the same day as my Birthday, June 4th. A destined calling for sure.

Every June, it is an increased celebration. Long, long ago I gave all my own pro tennis earnings, (millions of dollars), to help children and families. The only way Little Star Foundation's award winning programs continue year after year is with the help of your generosity. Every day matters, every child matters, every dollar matters. Thank you for your past support, hopeful continued support and I am also very grateful for your friendship.

Together for 39 years, we have been making important differences in the lives of children with cancer, their families, caregivers, and communities, in 38 states and around the world. I am as excited today as the first day and as committed too. Hope you are as well, as together we make a great team! :)

A Mom, Amy from Arizona, recently applied for financial assistance, stating, "Any funds received will help pay for our child's medical care and transportation to and from the hospital. Our 2 year old daughter was diagnosed with cancer and I had to stop working to be in the hospital and care for my child."

Little Star Foundation has a Podcast hosted by myself, Andrea Jaeger, and co-hosts childhood cancer survivor with a 2% chance of survival, Little Star Fdn Alumni, Karen Vazquez, and Hospital Out Patient Program Coordinator Specialist and Hospital In Patient Educational Content Creator for Hospitals and children worldwide, Adriana Solarova.

The Podcast brings inspiring guests, stories and educational opportunities to Program participants, hospital patients, caregivers, schools and audiences worldwide for free and has been greatly received. Episodes are available at www.littlestar.org in the announcements section



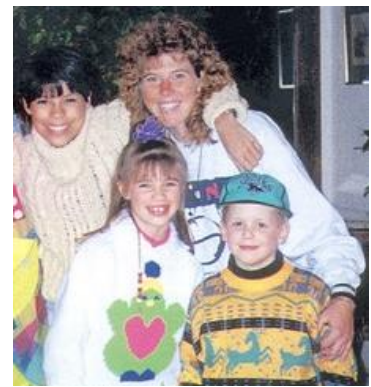
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Tennis Phenomenon
Andrea Jaeger

Another parent, Katie from Ohio, stated on her application to Little Star Foundation, "Our child was diagnosed with cancer just after her 10th birthday. It's been a tough year with hospital stays and our finances have taken a big hit. We would like to apply for aid towards groceries and mortgage help. Thank you for your consideration."

There are over 700 of these types of in hospital patient requests ready to be supported. Triple of that for outpatient requests. Applications on the waiting list go through strict processing and guidelines and once approved, and funding is in to support the request, the celebration begins for another child, family, caregiver and community to be helped. More than likely your city Children's Hospital patients have been past recipients of free Programs from Little Star Foundation and is on the waiting list awaiting funding for their next round of free Programs and financial assistance.



To continue this memorable issue here are a few pictures representing decades of children's cancer programs. The butterfly flower art is a gift we received from creator, Melinda from Colorado, pictured right of it, with fellow Fdtn Program participant, Pam from Oregon. Another child cancer Program participant, James, gifted us with his artistic "Thank You" bear and more art work. Alice from NYC and Sonia from Houston pictured left, are with Little Star Fdtn VP. Kids joining them are David, Keith, Nick and long ago special supporters, Ted and Paul, cheering us on in Spirit. Below, Adriana and I, Andrea, run Programs. Lindsay and Rhea's smiles, and all the children past, present and soon to be reached on the waiting list shine in our hearts, and with your help, they shine in your hearts too. Thank you!



Your donation is important, needed and greatly appreciated to bring emergency and long term care, fun and laughter. It is exciting to continue Award Winning Programs making an important difference together! Donate today at www.littlestar.org or at Little Star Fdtn's address to improve and save lives. With gratitude and blessings to you, your family & loved ones, and appreciative of our special friendship too! Andrea Jaeger – President Little Star Foundation 174 Watercolor Way Suite 103 #343 Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459 info@littlestar.org 800-543-6565

