The Community Reaches Out

ECF Board President Joel Markel has teamed up with Lou Russo and Liz Jeressi from The Morning Show at 94.3 The Point to do a monthly segment featuring an ECF kid. The first show kicked off with 17-year-old Chris Nozce (CJ), who was diagnosed with a brain tumor when he was 11 years old, and although he had many complications and is still dealing with medical issues, he is now a cancer-free high school graduate.

CJ and his mom, Angela, were delighted to have this opportunity. During the show Joel had promised to fulfill a wish for CJ, who asked if he and his mom could have a new deck put on their house. The employees of Joel’s company, Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services, Inc., came through with a gift card that enabled them to get their deck, just in time for CJ’s graduation party.

As Angela told us, “I am still in shock from yesterday. I couldn’t believe Joel gave Chris a deck. Then, DJ Lou called and told me about the phone calls that came after we left. Icried all day. You have helped us so much. Thank you!”

GJ’s Caseworker, Ilene, was at CJ’s graduation party, and the two of them took time out for a photo op. Sometimes, it’s all about the fun.

Lou attended CJ’s graduation ceremony, where CJ was a featured speaker, and arranged to get CJ the iPad he had wanted so badly!
Dear Friends,

I am thrilled and proud to celebrate ECF’s 30th year of providing free services to so many families in New Jersey who have benefitted from our programs. With your support we continue to assist families throughout the state in so many ways. But the best part of this celebration is keeping up with the triumphs of all the children, some of whom are now adults.

In this edition of Outlook you will learn more about Chris and his mom who are recipients of our services while simultaneously helping other families, and about some of the families you have helped, like Leslie’s and Henry’s. Each of our families has a unique and compelling tale to tell, and I am honored to be able to share their stories with you.

During our 30 years, ECF has provided free assistance to nearly 2000 families. Services begin where hospitals leave off, at home, where families find themselves isolated and missing the supportive network found in a medical setting.

To refer a family in need simply call ECF’s Headquarters Office at (908) 322-4323, ext. 16.

ECF is able to provide its unique services for free thanks to contributions from the community and countless volunteers. Opportunities to help at ECF are endless; please visit ECF’s website at www.emmanuelcancer.org, or call (908) 322-4323 to learn more. To help commemorate this milestone anniversary and to keep up with our kids in-between issues of Outlook, please “like” ECF on Facebook: www.facebook.com/EmmanuelCancerFoundation.

CAROL DAVIS, MA, LPC
Managing Director

PS. As we enter our fourth decade of service, your contribution of any size will help kids with cancer. For your convenience, we have enclosed a return envelope.

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A vehicle donation is a smart way to go!

Live in New Jersey, New York City or Southeast Pennsylvania?

Donate your unwanted, used vehicle to benefit ECF.


Be sure to mention the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation!

The Impact of Your Volunteer Hours

THE SHOCKING NEWS of her own grandson’s cancer diagnosis only served to strengthen the commitment of long-time volunteer Betty Dwarkin from ECF’s Eastern Region. For over 20 years she has devoted herself to meeting the needs of our families by delivering groceries, hosting her own fundraisers, volunteering at events, and filling holiday wishes. Even today, you’ll often see her on ECF’s Facebook page, offering to do whatever it takes. As Betty told us, “I believe there is no other organization in the area that does what we do. When Tony was diagnosed I realized how very important ECF must be to many families.”

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Volunteer Ivyette Martinez heard Zipporah, the Southern Regional Director, talking to another guest at the Center’s open house and jumped right in to save the day. She donated a much-needed mattress and bed frame for ECF kids, Michael!

A very benevolent couple has been anonymously donating gift cards and contributions monthly to help families in the Northern Region. This has been going on for years, and the impact of their generosity has been a great help to so many ECF kids. For several families, it has enabled us to provide specific baby supplies, such as formula and diapers that we don’t ordinarily have on our pantry shelves, as well as other personal care items.

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