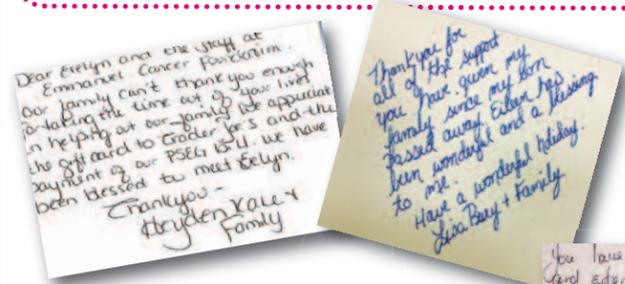


NOTES & PHOTOS FROM OUR FAMILIES



DAMIEN'S FAMILY... "Thank you so much for your generous gifts. Our kids were so, so happy. Thanks to everyone for helping and for making this happen. My kids couldn't believe that all the toys were for them! They had big smiles on their faces."



NICOLE, AUNT OF FORMER ECF KID... "I am writing to thank you for all of the wonderful support that you gave my sister, Kelli, and nieces while they lived in New Jersey. You were a tremendous help to them. Thanks again for the amazing work that you do."

Please accept our sincere thanks. Since 2008 our family has been fighting with our son Jason and from the very beginning this foundation has shown support & love. Evelyn has embraced me in many wonderful times. Giving advice. Shoulder when Jason had the stroke, helping to look for long period of time and financial help with bills we got out of that. During the holidays the understanding children's faces were priceless. We thank you! Our goal during this year is to continue to fight this disease & continue to keep positive!!
Cristylynn
Jason & Elizabeth
Mrs. Sankaran D

FAVIOLA, YOXAN'S MOM... "The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation is amazing. They are very thoughtful of everyone in need and are willing to listen if a suggestion is needed. I am really glad there are people who are kind enough and willing to get out of their comfort zone and help people who are sick and in need of help. Overall ECF is great at what they're doing. I hope for them to keep on helping people who really need it."

You have been our support and extended family for the past four years. We cannot find the right words to express how much you have helped us. The counseling, the help because using wheelchairs is so hard. We take this time to say thank you and be blessed this season and the others to come.
Mary Chabaz



"Emmanuel Cancer Foundation has been with our family from the start in 2005. They have helped us through it all. They have always been there for us."

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MEET JHONNY

THE FIRST THING PEOPLE NOTICE ABOUT JHONNY is his infectious smile. Multiple surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation treatments have not impacted Jhonny's ability to make anyone around him laugh despite all he has been through since his diagnosis. His treatment plan, recovery, and understanding of his illness are complicated by developmental delays and a hearing deficit which were diagnosed during early childhood. Despite these obstacles, Jhonny continues to fight his cancer through faith, determination, and the overwhelming support and encouragement of his parents.

CASEWORKER CAITLIN met with **Jhonny** and his mother shortly after his diagnosis, and realized the enormous financial strain facing them, since Mom was forced to leave her job in order to care for her son. Due to this loss of income, treatment copays, medication costs, hospital expenses, and bills continued to pile up. **Caitlin** immediately focused on providing Jhonny and his parents with emotional and financial support, and concrete resources to help with the burden of his illness. ECF delivered food baskets for the holidays and monthly groceries to this family for one year. Caitlin worked with **Laura** in the **Northern** Regional Center to provide the family with gift cards for groceries, clothing, and gas for hospital visit travel. Caitlin has continued to support this family emotionally. Mom is extremely grateful, stating, "You truly have a God given gift as every time we speak I feel so much better afterwards! It's almost as if you know exactly how I feel and what to say. I really feel a weight

being lifted off my shoulders every time we talk."

Jhonny completed treatment but continues with tests every few months to check the status of his tumors. His most recent test showed no signs of cancer! His life now includes attending school and doing an internship at **Edible Arrangements**.

Recently, Jhonny and his mother attended a fundraiser for ECF held by the **New School of Dance Arts** in Midland Park. NSDA Director **Jessica Morales** and a few of the NSDA grabbed the pair for this photo op. This event raised \$1,000 for families in the Northern Region!



THE COMMUNITY REACHES OUT

CO-OWNERS and brothers **DAVID** and **JOHN ZIEGLER** volunteered to host an all-day and night fundraiser, **Dock & Roll**, at Waters Edge in Bayville, this past August. Complete with live entertainment, auctions, special drinks, and a beautiful day, this was a unique treat for all who attended! We are so grateful to **Waters Edge, Ellen & Gary DiNallo** and all the volunteers, and to all those who arrived by land or sea, for making this happen.



A SEPARATE HOLIDAY PARTY, held in the **Southern** Region, was also a big hit with ECF families, largely due to the great musical talent of **Balaam's Ride**. Just ask young Charles, who, despite being wheelchair bound, joined the fun by dancing in his chair.

This party couldn't have happened without the support of the **Odd Fellows, Team Old Navy, Cherry Hill, Rowan University - Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Woodbury, Ronald McDonald, the Balloon Man, the Allen Family, VSR Limo**, and a host of **volunteers**.

ECF is so fortunate to have so many groups and individuals who donate grocery items to our pantries each year. Beginning in 1999, the students, faculty and parents at **Lake Tract Elementary School** in Deptford Township have been hosting a food drive for the **Southern** Regional Center. And each year, their goal is to collect more than they did the previous year. In the last two years the school has donated over 7,000 pounds of food which is always delivered at the height of the holiday season, allowing **ECF** to give generously to the children and families. Check out what over 3,500 pounds of food looks like! We salute **Lake Tract Elementary School** for their continued support and partnership. We challenge your group to beat this!



FRITO LAY, in collaboration with **ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL** in Metuchen, made sure our families had lots of fun on at their annual **Carnival** for our families. Activities, entertainment, food, prizes, and lots of volunteers made this an outstanding family outing. ECF mom Tisha wrote, "Thanks for a great time at Frito Lay. Nicholas and I enjoyed many fun activities. Thanks to Emmanuel Cancer Foundation who has helped and is still helping my family throughout our journey."

JOHNSON & JOHNSON World Headquarters in New Brunswick donated the space, and **Holiday Express** provided the entertainment, food, and gifts to make this a fun-filled **Holiday Party** for our families. Our friends at J&J Corporate Finance also raised over \$12,000 this holiday season to support our families!



In addition to the families who were there, ECF invited the authors of **Purpee the Purple Dragon**, **ANTHONY FASANO** and his daughter, **BRIANNA**, to attend the event and to bring books for the children. The authors gave out more than 75 copies of the book and had a lot fun in the process! We are also grateful to the hundreds of generous individuals and organizations who donated gifts to be distributed at this event and throughout the holiday season.

FAMILIES WHO GIVE BACK

WHILE WE NEVER ASK FOR OR EXPECT ANYTHING, some ECF families like to show their appreciation for the support they receive from us and do so in a variety of ways...



JOEY IPPOLITO, who was featured in a recent issue of **Outlook**, put together a remarkable fundraiser to benefit ECF. The Rutgers Dental vs. Medical Charity Hockey Game was held at the Prudential Center in Newark on March 20th, with Joey playing for the Medwings. Both the Medwings and the Bitewings played a great game, easily rivaling the professionals. And the snow and freezing rain did not detract the fans on either side.

Joey, now in his third year of medical school, was diagnosed with cancer when he was five months old. ECF helped his family back then, and along with parents **Eileen** and **Brian**, they have never forgotten us. Joey's mom recently sent us this photo of several outfits we sent them in their time of need.

We are grateful for this show of appreciation so many years later.

WE WERE SADDENED to learn of the passing of **ANTHONY "ACE" ESPOSITO**, who lost his battle with cancer at the young age of 29. ECF provided support to Anthony's family when he was first diagnosed twenty-five years ago, at age four. Recalling how critical ECF's intervention was for their family, Anthony's father had his company, **W20**, contribute \$10,000 to ECF, and also asked for memorial gifts to be sent to ECF in lieu of flowers. We are grateful to be remembered by the Esposito family in their time of grief and are honored by these meaningful gestures in memory of **Ace**.



If you want to learn more about ECF kids, upcoming events, or volunteer activities, visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/EmmanuelCancerFoundation

the faces of ECF

WE WERE SO THRILLED to get this great group photo of so many of us from ECF!



FROM L TO R: Joann Passantino, Eastern Regional Director; Deborah Halpern, Caseworker; Laura Savage, Northern Regional Director; Allison Kanarek, Caseworker; Caitlin Yanowitz, Caseworker; Aimee Lam, Development & Communications Manager; Barbara Kopel, Central Regional Director; Michele Miller, Caseworker; Eileen Appelbaum, Caseworker.

You couldn't ask for a greater group of people devoted to our kids and their families!

REFLECTIONS from the Managing Director

Dear Friends,

While over 30 years of experience has provided us with a successful formula for providing for New Jersey's kids with cancer and their families, we are constantly challenged by the depth of their needs. We recognize that to help each family there is not one simple answer, such as the emotional support provided by a Caseworker, or the bags of groceries and baskets of gifts sent by the Regional Directors. Rather, we find ourselves faced with a wide variety of serious and unique issues faced by each of our families, and we do our best to help them through every scenario with an individualized package of support.

Consider, for example...

- A three-year old autistic boy with cancer, whose father has multiple sclerosis. Mom is faced with being the caregiver for both of them.
- Jhonny, who is developmentally delayed and has cancer, and who you can read more about in this issue of **Outlook**.
- A young boy who, while battling pediatric cancer, recently lost his father after a two-year struggle with his own cancer.
- An 11-year old boy whose cancer is in remission, just learned that his only sister was diagnosed with a different type of cancer.

We prefer to share stories of hope with you, however the stories of these families are also an important part of the ECF narrative and show that families' needs are greater than ever. While our goal is to provide services to families for as long as we are needed, please know that none of this would be possible without you, our supporters and volunteers.

Your continued support will help fill the needs of ECF's current and new families. If you would like to make a donation, we have enclosed a return envelope for your convenience.

Thank you,

Carol Davis

CAROL DAVIS, MA, LPC
Managing Director

PS. Don't miss news and updates on ECF kids. It's easy to "like" ECF on Facebook: www.facebook.com/EmmanuelCancerFoundation.



The Impact of Your VOLUNTEER HOURS

PAIGE CRANDALL (L) and **LIZZIE KAMINOFF** (R), often operate as a team at the **Central** Region, where they have been volunteering for the past two years. Each week, they keep busy with a variety of computer projects, packing food and checking expiration dates, wrapping gifts, stuffing envelopes, and then asking what they can do next. They have also volunteered at regional events. Regional Director Barbara states, "They are always willing to help and bring laughter and fun to the task at hand. They are delightful to work with and will be missed when they graduate high school in a few months."



DEBBIE SOMERVILLE has been an integral part of the **Eastern** Region for many years. From assisting with events, to helping with the frenzy around the holidays, or simply in response to a general call for help, she is always ready and willing to lend a hand on tasks large or small. "She is dedicated and very thorough," says Joann, the Regional Director. "We are so lucky to have her!" As Debbie tells us, "It has been my pleasure and has brought tremendous satisfaction to me by volunteering for ECF over the years. I especially enjoyed bringing smiles to the children and their families associated with ECF, whether it be delivering the Birthday in the Box or Thanksgiving dinners."

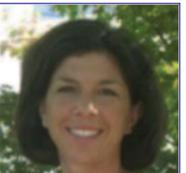
ANTONIO VALENTI from North Haledon has been donating his DJ services to the Bash, the **Northern** Region's signature fundraising event, for the past few years. Regional Director Laura swoons, "We are all so grateful, as are the attendees, who can't get enough of his Frank Sinatra voice." Antonio believes in volunteering, and is involved with other organizations which raise cancer awareness. He is also a volunteer firefighter, a professional fashion photographer, and loves playing bass in his band, *Reality Suite*. When he's not busy doing everything for everybody else, Antonio has a company that distributes commercial and residential windows.



BEVERLY STARR came to the **Southern** Region with years of experience from her family business, Starr Furniture. Her expertise in the area of office management allowed her to hit the ground running at ECF, as she started to connect with local businesses requesting their help by hosting food drives. Her hard work has paid off, as the pantry remains well-stocked. Beverly told us, "I really enjoy volunteering at ECF...it warms my heart to help others." It warms our hearts, too, Beverly!

REMEMBERING ECF IN YOUR WILL IS MEANINGFUL and quite simple. If you would like more information, you can contact your financial planner or attorney, or give us a call at (908) 322-4323.

To You



FROM THE DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

NEW JERSEY experienced arctic temperatures last winter, but at ECF we felt great warmth coming from you, our donors and supporters. For starters, you responded in record numbers to our year end appeal and matching gift challenge. In fact, you helped us raise more money than we have in any appeal since 2007! And thanks to your tremendous response, our matching gift donors, **Board President Joel Markel, Dr. Greg Menken, and The Westfield Foundation**, generously donated their entire challenge amount. We are incredibly grateful. During the past six months we were honored to receive many generous grants and gifts from the following organizations:

The Arnold A. Schwartz Foundation
Church & Dwight Employee Giving Fund
Ellis Family Charitable Foundation
The Hinman Foundation
Joseph L. Carley Foundation
JulieDance
The Meta C. Mergott Foundation
Margaret and Peter Chang Foundation
The Plymouth Rock Foundation
Saint Elizabeth's Church - Ridgewood
Select Equity Group Foundation
Shapiro Family Foundation
Thomas H. Hamilton Foundation
Thomas and Mary Ann Tizzio Foundation

Donations of every size are important to ECF. For example, \$25 can help pay for a parent's meals while at a child's bedside in the hospital and \$1,000 can help us provide our comprehensive package of services to a family for one year. So, while we cannot list every donor individually, we appreciate all who contribute - your support is critical to our ability to offer services.

Finally, we would like remember **Dorothy Zoschak** of Glen Rock. Since 2001, Dorothy had been a faithful ECF donor and during that time she quietly added ECF to her will. When she passed away last year, we were surprised to receive a sizable donation - a bequest - from Ms. Zoschak's estate. We appreciate this final, lasting gift which will help provide comfort and assistance to many ECF families in the coming year.

Thank you for supporting ECF's mission and for believing in the important work that we do.

DID YOU KNOW?



Last year, gift cards totaling \$17,775 were distributed to ECF families. Gift cards are donated by people like you who want to help our families purchase groceries, clothing, non-covered medical essentials, and a variety of other items. Having gift cards helps defray a families' expenses in the face of increasing bills and loss of income.

SEARCH THE INTERNET and HELP ECF!

Through a partnership with Internet search engine <http://www.goodsearch.com>, powered by Yahoo, you can help ECF every time you search. It's easy - designate ECF as the recipient charity (you only have to do this once when you set up your account), and each time you use the search engine, ECF will get approximately \$0.01.



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